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COURT OF THE COMPANY

Wardens and Court from 7th June 2017

MASTER - John Mansfield

UPPER WARDEN - Andrew Mayes

RENTER WARDEN - Frances Blois

UNDER WARDEN - Graham Maltby

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CHARITABLE TRUST - Frances Blois

Cover Image

There are several reasons why it's believed Saint Florian earned the title of patron saint of fire and firefighters: legend says that during his life, St. Florian put out a massive fire with only one bucket of water, saving a village from ruin.

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From the Master

John Mansfield



Earlier in the year I had an interesting discussion with Past Master Jeremy Beech who told me that he was part of the team which was negotiating our Coat of Arms with the Herald at the College of Arms. Jeremy remarked that he found this challenging because people there spoke a rather unusual version of English. I remembered that conversation when the College of Arms very helpfully provided me with the following explanation of the Armorial bearing of the Aldermanic Sherriff, Tim Hailes and I quote verbatim:-

“The arms are described as such: the blazon of the arms is: Per Chevron Azure platy and Or a Fleur-De-Lys in base Gules. The blazon of the crest is; Or a wreath Argent and Gules. A griffin sejant erect Gules winged Azure platy beaked and legged Or holding in the dexter forefoot a sword erect Argent hilt and pommel Gules and resting the sinister forefoot upon a bezant.” Obviously!

Apart from having to concur with the perceived wisdom we all recognise exists within

our cadre of our Past Masters, what else have I learnt in my first three months as the Master Firefighter? I am honoured to say that everywhere I have found absolute and profound respect and appreciation for the profession of Firefighter. It makes me proud of you all, if a little guilty that your Master is really masquerading as a Firefighter since, as most of you know, I was by profession a Corporate Banker. In my defence, I can at least claim a direct (if admittedly rather tenuous) link to the Great Fire of 1666 in that I once worked in the offices of Lloyds Bank which had been built on the exact site of Thomas Faryners bakers shop in Pudding Lane.

At the time of writing, I have attended 17 events on your behalf. The most enjoyable for me thus far proved to be an invitation from the Clockmakers Company to attend a Freedom ceremony for Herr Thomas Krosnchang who is a German Fire Chief. I received my own Freedom on the 10th October 1985 and I had not been in the Chamberlain's Court since that date. I am sure that the various explanations provided by the Chamberlain did not happen back in my day. Whether they were making a special effort because he was German I do not know but I am glad they did. Chief Krosnchang was accompanied by several members of his watch and it was interesting to talk with them (their English was frankly a lot better than my German) and to find that their experiences are very close to ours. At the conclusion of the event the Chief presented me with a bronze of St Florian which can now be seen in the office.

All members of the Company should be justifiably proud of the achievements of our Charitable Trust which does magnificent work. Nevertheless it remains of concern that some members of the company do not support the Charity with donations. Part of my mission for my year will be to contact those members who do not currently support the Trust to ask them to consider doing so. To misuse Tesco's slogan “every little helps”.

Those of you who attended Common Hall in July were I think a little surprised to learn that, as well as masquerading as a Firefighter, I also masquerade to an extent as an Englishman since, in my more wistful moments, I also consider myself as a Viking. The fact that I am rather handicapped by being neither blond nor blue eyed is not evidential of this clearly, but my mother's family all came to England from Denmark just under 200 years ago - it seems EU migration is not such a new phenomenon as we believe. My mother's family remain Amundsens to this day. Although not himself a Viking, my father also had a Viking name because he was Eric, and whilst I was named after Eric's own father John who served in the Royal Navy until his destroyer was blown out of the water at the Battle of Jutland, I still feel that my delusions are fair enough. And as I go forth as your Master over the next 9 months or so, what do I expect? I have no idea but as my ancestors would have said “Wyd Bir Ful Araed” which means fate is inexorable.

John Mansfield
Master.

Worshipful Company of Firefighters

COMMON HALL 2017

Master, Wardens and Officers of the Company



Common Hall Master, Wardens and Officers. From Left to right: John Norris (Beadle), Frances Blois (Renter Warden, Andrew Mayes (Upper Warden), John Mansfield (Master), John Kempton (Standard Bearer), Graham Maltby (Under Warden and Steven Tamcken (Clerk).

Common Hall is the meeting of livery members when the new Master and Wardens, duly elected from among the Members of Court at the Election Court make their Declarations of Office and when they assume their respective duties and are properly gowned as a visible demonstration of their new positions in the Company.

It is an opportunity for the Past Master to review their year and to give thanks for the support they have been given in their year and for the New Master to present their vision for the coming year. There are also ceremonies performed such as the weighing of the Chain of Office to ensure the Past Master has not substituted the precious

material with an inferior quality. You'll be pleased to know that all was well with the weighing and the new Master and Wardens commenced their year with plenty of good will from the assembled Company. Common Hall is followed by the rededication of the Company and new Master at the Company church St. Mary-Le-Bow church.



The Master (John Mansfield) and Mistress Firefighter (Lesley Mansfield) with their daughters Kerry (left) and Laura (right)



Weighing of the Chain of Office

Upper Warden

Andrew Mayes



Andy's interest in the City was first awakened by many late-night discussions with his father-in-law, who worked in the City for over 50 years in the Insurance Industry, concentrating on fire-risk.

Andy trained as an accountant, and spent over thirty years working in business across many industries including IT, manufacturing and fire safety. He was appointed a Magistrate in 2004 and sits in the Adult Court as well as on the Family Panel. He is a member of the Independent Monitoring Board for prisons in Cambridgeshire. In 2015 he was appointed a member of the Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee. Andy has served as a school Governor in both Primary and Secondary Education.

He became a Freeman of the City of London in 2007 and joined the Worshipful Company of Firefighters in 2008. He was clothed in Livery in 2010. Married in 1976, he and his wife Carol have four grown-up children.

Renter Warden

Frances Blois



As a mathematician, Francis worked for BP in a variety of roles from Operational Research to Exploration, and is still a trustee of the BP Benevolent Fund. Francis joined the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry in 1979 and is still a member as a Callout Operator. As a Westminster City Councillor, Francis was the Borough Representative on the LFCDA from 1994 to 2000 and, as Lord Mayor of Westminster, Francis was honoured to be granted the Freedom of the City of London as Citizen and Firefighter in 2003. She is the current Chairman of the WCOFF Charitable Trust.

In addition, Francis is Chairman of her Local Safer Neighbourhood Panel, a Trustee of the Spinal Research Trust, an Honorary Steward at Westminster Abbey and a longstanding Governor of St Peter's Primary School, Eaton Square.

As Renter Warden, Francis is looking forward to progressing to be the second Lady Master of our Company in 2019.

Under Warden

Graham Maltby



Graham joined the Kent Fire Brigade rising through the ranks to become Kent's Commander Central Operations in 1992.

He then became Deputy Chief Fire Officer of Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service. He obtained a Master of Science Degree in Fire Command and was awarded the Queens Fire Service Medal in the New Year's Honours List in 2005. Graham joined the National Pro-curement Agency for Fire and Rescue Services retiring in 2014.

Graham joined the Worshipful Company of Firefighters in 2000 becoming a Liveryman in 2004. He was elected as a Court Member in 2013, Under Warden in July 2017 and is Vice-Chair of both the Charitable Trust and the Education and Training Committee and recently has chaired the Fire Lecture Coordinating Group.

His hobbies include cricket, model railways and listening to music. He has been married to Barbara for over 40 years and have a married daughter.

From the Trust

Chairman France Blois



Frances Blois Chairman WCoFFCT

The Charitable Trust meets four times a year, in between the Trustees are in email touch and can request further information in order to ratify a potential decision at the next meeting.

Decisions taken in 2017 include the following:

Grenfell Tower

A donation of £1k was coordinated by the Worshipful Company of Bakers on behalf of the Livery Companies £115k. In addition a donation of £7.5k was given to the LFB for additional counselling following the tragic fire.

Essex Fire and Rescue

At the October meeting, Donna Finch MBE and Matthew Hill gave an excellent presentation on the work of Essex Firebreak, which they are likely to extend to additional Fire Rescue Services. They are engaging with youth, prisoners, young carers as well as the disabled. Following the presentation, the full amount of their request for £20k was agreed.



1 week training course in Chisinau at the invitation of the CPESS of Moldova.

The Burns Camp was a beneficiary of the City Dinner on November 7 2017. A cheque for £10k was presented and one of the Burns Camp beneficiaries spoke movingly of her future career in cosmetic makeup.

Other Applications

Sponsored by the Worshipful Company of Firefighters Charitable Trust and organised by FIRE AID, a team from SARAID and Avon Fire & Rescue Service delivered a 1-week training course in Chisinau at the invitation of the Civil Protection and Emergency Situations Service (CPESS) of Moldova. *"It was great to be able to share our engineering USAR knowledge and experience with such an enthusiastic group. We covered a lot of different techniques during the week and really felt like the training was appreciated,"* said SARAID volunteer Mark Scorer.

Fundraising (City Dinner)

The total amount raised was £20k and again was a very enjoyable evening hosted by XL Caitlin with 100% of all the money raised going directly to

the Charitable Trust in support of Fire related Youth Training, Education & Support schemes. The focus was again on the work of the Burns Camp and their work supporting young burns survivors.

New Trustees

New Trustees are particularly welcome to join Charitable Trust. Education and Training is an area where we would like to see more applications.

Core Charities

The Charitable Trust's objectives are unchanged but the review of Core Charities endorsed the importance of applications in line with the Objectives.

JM FINN

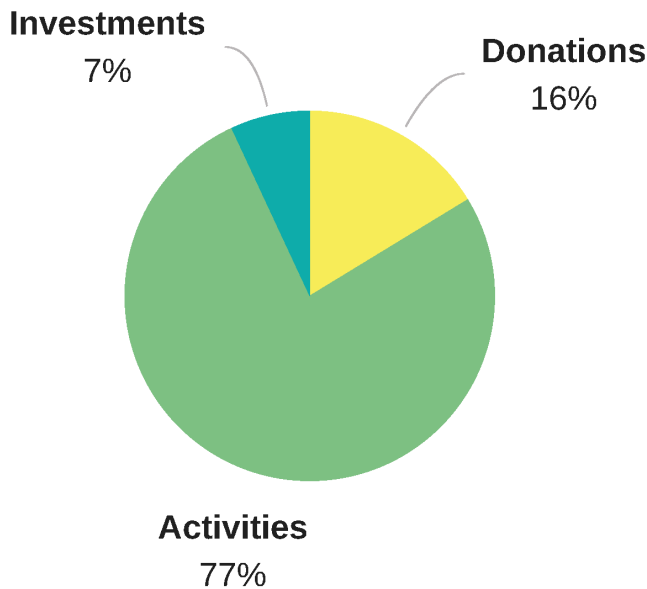
JM Finn are performing well in line with the market and the portfolio is well managed and amounting to £365k at the latest valuation.

Read more on Fire Aid's work in Moldova: <http://www.fire-aid.org/news/fire-aid-partnership-usar-training-moldova>

Frances Blois Chairman.

Worshipful Company of Firefighters Charitable Trust

WCoFF CHARITABLE TRUST FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR YEAR END 31st AUGUST 2016



INCOME STREAMS

LEGEND

Investments:

Fixed Asset Investments

Donations:

Donations & Legacies

Activities:

Charitable Activities

TOTAL INCOME: £95,146

The investment policy of the Charity is to maximise the investment income which is available for charitable giving, whilst at the same time preserving the capital against excessive risk, and preserving both the capital and income against the effects of inflation. The investments are managed by JM Finn & Co. in accordance with these objectives. The Trustees meet with JM Finn & Co. on a regular basis to discuss performance against the stated objectives.

GRANTS PAYABLE

LEGEND

Massey Shaw:

Massey Shaw & MV Preservation Society

NES Museum:

National Emergency Services Museum

RAF Cadets:

2243 Squadron (Air Cadets)

Fire Cadets:

Fire Service Related Cadet Schemes

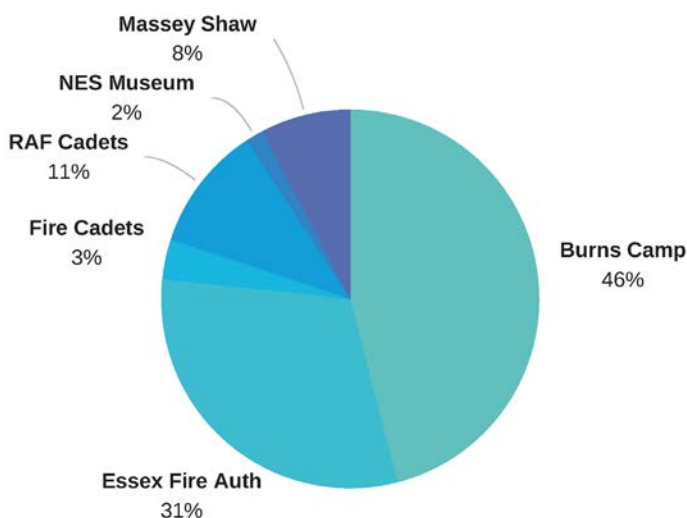
Essex Fire Auth:

Essex Fire Authority

Burns Camp:

Burns Camp Charity

TOTAL GRANTS PAYABLE: £32,616



The Charity's main objective is to continue to advance education of the public in fire safety matters and to continue to support its "core charities". A number of functions and events have been organised throughout the coming year to enable the Charity to meet its objectives.

Channel Tunnel Visit

A unique visit for our members hosted by Mark Rist of Kent Fire & Rescue Service



Members from left to right: Liverymen Brian Eves and John Lowndes, Renter Warden Frances Blois, Beadle John Norris, Caroline Willes, Area Manager Mark Rist, Liveryman David Holt, Past Master Alan Wells and Liveryman Jeanne Brinton,

In June 2017 Company members were treated to a unique visit organised by Liveryman Mark Rist, Area Manager, Kent Fire & Rescue Service.

After assembling at Rochester Fire Station we were taken by brigade transport to the KFRS Channel Tunnel fire station, where Area Manager Martin Skeet gave us a very informative presentation on the organisation of fire and rescue services in the tunnel, the processes for liaison with his French colleagues and a description of major incidents that have occurred in the tunnel. This information was supplemented by some fascinating insights from three of our own members on the visit who had been involved in the original design and emergency response for the tunnel. After the talk we toured the fire station with Station Manager David Clipstone, before we boarded one of the Service Tunnel Transportation System

vehicles. After passing through the air lock we entered the Service Tunnel and drove a mile or so into the tunnel to view one of the cross-passage doors, used to evacuate passengers from the running tunnels.

“I left more confident of my safety as I make the crossing”

Following this, we were able to view the Rail Control Centre and the Incident Control Centre, where we gained an insight into the management of the trains through the tunnels and how emergency responses are co-ordinated by the various services in the event of an incident. As a frequent user of the tunnel I, for one, left more confident of my safety as I make the crossing.

The final part of our visit was to the Road Safety Experience Centre on the new Rochester Fire Station site. This is a unique centre within the UK,

run by KFRS in collaboration with Kent Police and Highways England (<http://www.kent.fire-uk.org/your-safety/road-safety/road-safety-experience/>.)

The Centre offers young people a number of interactive experiences and scenarios designed to make them more aware of hazards on the road and to improve their skills on the road, whether as a driver or other road user. We saw an impressive presentation in the purpose built lecture facility, with a graphic set-up of a road traffic collision and the response by the emergency services. We were also able to visit the full-time crewed fire station at Rochester, which shares facilities with the ambulance service.

Our sincere thanks to Mark for arranging such an interesting and enjoyable day.

David Holt
PR & Marketing Committee.
 Worshipful Company of Firefighters

The Fire Industry Charity Ball 2017

The Annual Charity Ball this year was held at the Oxfordshire Spa : Golf : Hotel



An early Beatles portrait taken by Tom Hanley sold by auction at the Charity Ball. The people in the photo above from left to right are Roy Woolford, Tony Hanley, Paul McCartney, George Harrison, Ringo Starr, John Lennon and David Murfitt

The Fire Industry Charity Ball was held at The Oxfordshire Golf Club and Spa on the evening of Friday 29th September 2017.

The event was held in partnership with the Fire Protection Association (FPA) and the Fire Industry Association (FIA) and Hosted by Ian Moore (CEO FIA).

The venue was perfectly positioned in the rolling hills of the Chilterns. It has been home to prestigious events on the European Tour. A change from our normal evening at the

Portman Hotel in London.

The evening was perfect to meet old friends with some great food drink and entertainment.

An Auction was made for a genuine Beatles picture that was taken at a quickly gathered photo shoot by photographer Tom Hanley (Father of Liveryman Tony Hanley). The auction was very competitive and the last two guests to go head to head were Roy Woolford and David Murfitt who together raised £580 for the Charitable Trust.

TringPark School for the

Performing Arts provides an environment which allows for a fusion of natural talent and creativity combined with fine teaching and training.

All this performing, training and learning requires a great deal of dedication and commitment from both staff and pupils and this creates a stimulating environment within a supportive community.

The Singers went through a number of memorable songs from Broadway and their professionalism was very apparent.

Johnny & The Zephyrs were the band for the evening and have been entertaining people with chunky Rock n Roll from artists such as Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, Little Richard, and many more for over 30 years. This evening was no exception.

More Photographs on our Flickr Account

Colin Simpson
PR & Marketing Committee.
Worshipful Company of Firefighters



TringPark singers from left to right are: Ben Middleton, Alicia Gould, Joe Griffiths-Brown, Lulu-Mae Pears & Charles Waddell

St Florian's Installation Banquet

This year our banquet was held at the very impressive Saddlers' Hall



Our Master (John Mansfield) with Alderman Sherriff (Timothy Hailes JP)

This year's St Florian's Installation Banquet was held on the 20th October and, with the kind permission of the Prime Warden and Court of the Saddlers' Company, the dinner was held in the Great Hall of the magnificent Saddlers' Hall.

Our Company's recently installed Master Firefighter, John Mansfield, along with his lovely wife, Lesley, the Mistress Firefighter, hosted the event. The principal guest and speaker was Detective Chief Inspector Mike Neville who is Head of Cyber Crime Investigations at Scotland Yard and an author of several books on a range of topics. The evening was a splendid affair and enjoyed by all who came.

The opportunity to see and admire the new Badge of Office and Shrieval Chain worn by Alderman Timothy Hailes JP was taken at the dinner and Timothy was kind enough afterwards to provide us with some detail on the design. Alderman Timothy Hailes's

coat of arms were designed by Somerset Herald, David Vines White.

The rationale of the design: the fleur-de-lis is taken from the arms of the County of Dorset, native county of Alderman Hailes and his family on both the paternal and maternal sides. The white roundels on the shield (set in diamonds on the badge) and in the wings of the crest are a pun on his surname ("hailstones").

The Shrieval Badge of Office was designed the City goldsmith, Grant McDonald and made in his bankside workshop. The badge design has the coat of arms at the centre of a stylised Guardian Griffin (which replicates the crest surmounting the arms). The griffin, with the body and tail of a lion and the head and wings of an eagle, is traditionally the fierce guardian of precious treasure and priceless possessions. The gold roundel in the crest represents banking and the sword symbolises both the law and the City of London - thereby



The Shrieval Chain & Badge of Office

connecting three key strands in Tim's life and his passion for linking and protecting each in both his civic and professional careers.

Radiating out are the shields of the International Bankers', Solicitors', Pewterers', Fire Fighters' and Paviours' Livery Companies together with Kings College London where he read a degree in history. Rising up from the tips of the wings and connecting the badge to the City of London coat of arms is a Pewterer's hammer and a Firefighter's axe - two Livery Companies located in the heart of his Ward and stalwart supporters of his civic career from the outset. The oval ring with the City arms has behind it a hidden symbol of the Prime Meridian as a link to Greenwich, the home of Alderman Hailes, and his family's maritime connections. The motto 'Sagax, Integer, Fidelis' translates as: Wisdom, Integrity, and Fidelity.

Robert Farquhar
PR & Marketing Committee.
Worshipful Company of Firefighters

The City Dinner 2017

The prestigious city event held at XL Catlin Head Office



The Certificate of Achievement was awarded to Community Fire Cadet Purusotha Thuraisingam-Thambiyah by LFB CFO Danny Cotton and John Mansfield (Master WCoFF)

In November, the Worshipful Company of Firefighters held its annual black-tie fundraising dinner, in support of fire related youth training, education and support schemes. The focus of the dinner was on the Fire Cadet activity and the Burns Camp, which supports young burns survivors.

The Master, Chair of Trustees and Officers of the WCoFF, as well as VIP's from Government, the City, Insurers and major Fire Industry organisations, over 120 guests in all, enjoyed an evening of food, wines, convivial company and good entertainment. Over £20,000 was raised for some very vulnerable people and some very worthwhile causes.

The Government's Chief Fire & Rescue Advisor, Peter Holland CBE QFSM FIFireE, hosted the evening. Dany Cotton, Commissioner of the London Fire Brigade, Ian Dyson Commissioner of the City of London Police and Martyn Emberson, Chief Inspector

of Scottish Fire and Rescue, were also attended. Particularly moving were presentations by the recipient of the WCoFF Fire Cadet certificate, Purusotha Thuraisingam-Thambiyah, and Libby, a young burns victim. Purusotha gave an amazing insight to the how his Fire Cadet training has given him a wide range of both mental and



physical experiences, giving him the "I can do it" confidence for today's life challenges. Libby, who suffered life-changing injuries from a scalding incident when she was just 18 months old and has endured over 60 operations in her short life, wanted to let our guests know how the Burns Camp brought

boundless happiness and opportunities to many young people like her, from so many different backgrounds, in a safe and non-judgemental environment.

Faryl Smith and three friends from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, collectively known as EnFour, provided the evening's entertainment. The performance commenced with the "Arms of the Angel", a tribute to those who lost lives in the Grenville Tower fire, especially poignant as two members of the London Fire Brigade involved in the incident were at the dinner. A rendition of "Pomp and Circumstance" with a flag-waving finale closed the evening.

The WCoFF wishes to express their gratitude to XL Catlin who have so generously supported the dinner for over 8 years and to everyone who attended and donated cash, pledges and personal donations to help the Trustees continue their work.

Stuart McEwan
PR & Marketing Committee.

Worshipful Company of Firefighters

Public Relations & Marketing Committee Retirement

A look at Past Master Viv Jones achievements whilst being the Chairman of the PRM

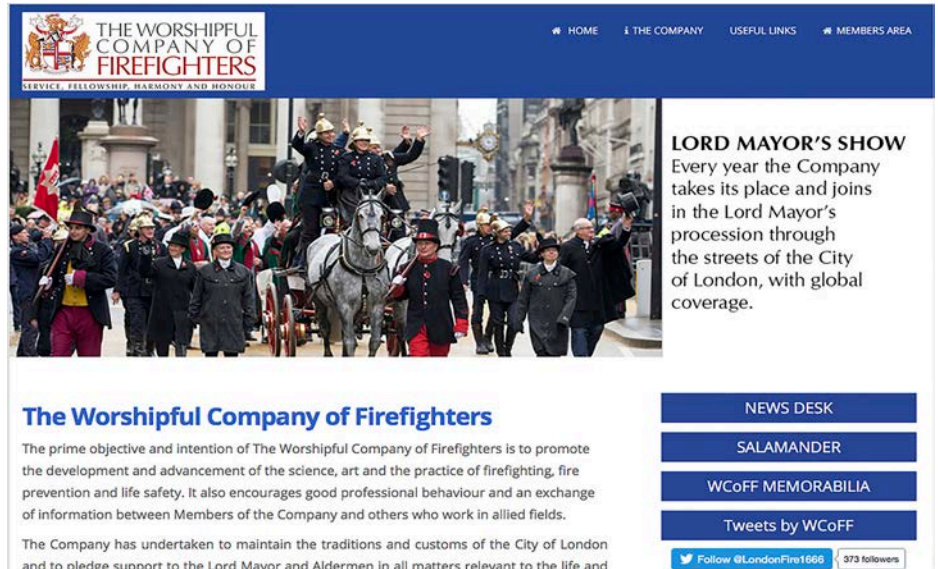


Past Master Viv Jones 2007/08

A change has occurred at the PR and Marketing committee. Past Master (2007/8) Viv Jones has retired from its chairmanship after guiding the work of the team for almost 6 years.

Viv took over the chair of the then PR and Marketing working group in October 2011 from Steve Neville who had originally set it up as a working group of the events committee.

Viv was liveried into the Worshipful Company of Firefighters in 2001. He had been involved in the instigation and management of the annual Fire Industry Ball which has been one of the most successful areas of fund raising for the Charitable Trust. Viv's connections within the Fire Industry (founder and former CEO of Vimpex, one of the UK and Europe's leading suppliers of sounders and alarms) were important in encouraging many of the UK's Fire Industry to support the event. He also developed a good working relationship with UBM, the main organisation behind international fire shows such



Home page from our website showing our presence at the Lord Mayor's show

as Firex, as a result of which, the WCoFF was given free exhibition stands and was often one of the preferred charities for funds raised by UBM at their awards dinner. Viv had also re-started the very successful "Meet the Firefighters" events. Viv recognised the importance of good and regular communication of the Company's activities to its members, Fire Industry, the Fire Authorities and the City. He drove the working group to develop better newsletters, both printed and on-line versions. One of Viv's key successes was the drive to improve the Company's website, not only as a source of information on the Company but also as a tool for members to use to book up for events and to order memorabilia. He was also keen that a Member's directory would prove useful as a skill and capability data-base for members to use.

Viv steered the working group, widening its scope to becoming a committee in its own right and reporting into the management board. Viv was an important driver of

the Company's involvement in celebrating the Company's 25th anniversary, the Queen's golden jubilee celebration and in marking and celebrating the 350th anniversary of the Great Fire of London of 1666. Viv also helped to create a good memorabilia offering for members, often using the good auspices of Vimpex to store and post articles on behalf of the Company.

The PR and Marketing committee would like to record its thanks to Viv for all his efforts for the committee (often having to get to meetings with his foot in plaster), particularly for his guidance, humour and friendly cajoling of members in their actions. Although Viv is retiring to live in Portugal, we hope he will continue to be a source of help and support to the committee for many years to come.

Robert Farquhar
PR & Marketing Committee.
Worshipful Company of Firefighters

The Lord Mayor's Appeal 2017

Past Master Alan Wells Abseil of the Leadenhall (Cheesegrater) Building



Past Master Alan Wells (left) and Mile End Climbing Club Instructor Tom (right)



Teams abseiling Leadenhall Building

The Lord Mayor's Appeal 2017 supported the LSO Discovery Programme to encourage young organists, Music in Hospitals and St Paul's Cathedral Music Outreach. Fund raising was achieved by inviting people to participate in a variety of activities. One was a 629ft abseil of the Leadenhall (Cheesegrater) Building in the City, which I and 96 others, took part in on Friday 8th September. Once checked-in, I donned my Worshipful Company of Firefighters tabard, was fitted out with harness, helmet, gloves, soft overshoes to protect the glass wall and introduced to an instructor, Tom, from the Mile End Climbing Club which was running the activity. We took a lift to a small flat roof section, four floors from the top, where three sets of descent ropes were rigged from a scaffold structure.

The moment of truth arrived when Tom went forward to secure himself to a set of descent ropes. When beckoned forward I stepped up onto the platform where the guy in charge promptly snapped a clip

onto my harness which was attached by a short rope to him and to the platform to prevent me from falling over the edge, or perhaps, running away! My harness is checked and tightened, I'm ushered forward; my harness is attached to the descender device on a rope, another short rope clips me to Tom. The guy on the platform releases me from his rope and I'm invited to turn, face the building, allow the rope to begin to take my weight, place my feet on the edge of the building and lie back into the void. The descent begins.

Tom talked me through getting moving. Surprisingly, the weight of 600 feet of rope hanging beneath you tensions the rope threaded through the descender device to provide sufficient friction to prevent the rope moving. Tom tells me to lift the rope hanging beneath me, I do and the descender device attaching me to the rope, starts to slide down with each lift.

Soon I'm told to grip the rope and let it slide slowly though my gloved hands to control the descent and we slowly start our

journey downward.

Before long it's time to look down and there below is the ground reception team waiting to receive us.

Feet on the ground, a sense of relief and I'm unhooked from everything that made the descent safe and secure. Helmet and gloves off and shake hands with Tom who made it interesting, safe, fun and enjoyable. Then greet Chris, a Basketmaker who had sponsored me and came along to watch with a fellow Basketmaker and my Grandchildren who, with Mum and Dad, came to watch Grandpa and take photographs. Through a JustGiving.com account and individual payments by cheque and cash I raised £1105 for the Appeal. Sincere thanks to all those who gave so generously to the Appeal through my adventure. I enjoyed it and I'm sure those who benefit from the proceeds of this abseil event, which raised over £160,000, will be grateful.

Alan Wells
Past Master 2005/06

Worshipful Company of Firefighters



A 2433 Squadron cadet using the new Part Task Training (Flight Simulator)

The Air Cadet Organisation (ACO) has officially changed its name to the Royal Air Force Air Cadets (RAFAC). Another change is the use of electronic media - 2433 Squadron now have a busy Facebook page and Twitter feed. Significant changes have also occurred in aviation training within the ATC. Non-powered flying i.e. gliding, had been “paused” for some 4 years meaning that most currently serving Air Cadets will never have been airborne in a glider. However, airframes are now returning to service. There have also been challenges in powered flying as a shortage of pilots and air traffic control have also reduced the amount of hours on offer. Hopefully this will also be rectified soon to allow more cadets to experience powered flying. To alleviate some of these shortfalls, 2433 Squadron embarked upon an ambitious plan to build a Flight Simulator called a Part Task Trainer (PTT) in our training centre. Beginning with donated and old equipment, staff and cadets began to convert three rooms

of the training centre into an aviation training suite. Initially a single room was converted into a training room with a number of terminals allowing cadets to learn the basic techniques. This also saw the cadets take their first steps towards creating air traffic control, giving them a full range of training options. It was at this point that the Worshipful Company of Firefighters came to our aid with a generous donation from the Charitable Trust. This donation allowed the purchase of everything from a computer to drive the main training room, through flat screen TVs and a lectern for the briefing room. Finally, painting, power, cabling and all the accessories were connected. The practical construction of the facility was carried out by both staff and cadets as part of the overall project, everyone getting their hands dirty painting, sawing and generally getting stuck-in. Although progressing well, the cadets and staff received a bit of a shock when they were informed that 2433 Squadron had been nominated

as the top Squadron in Kent as part of the annual Morris Trophy competition for 2017. By the time of the first inspection however, the PTT was up and running. We were all extremely pleased to be confirmed as top sqn out of over 160, and nominated as finalist for the region in the national competition, where the Inspecting Officers were extremely impressed by the PTT and the team who built it. 2433 squadron were particularly pleased to be supported by the presence of members of the Worshipful Company of Firefighters during each visit. We were placed in the top three nationally (out of nearly 1000), an achievement of which we are very proud. The thanks of all ranks at 2433 (Ramsgate and Manston) Squadron go to the Worshipful Company of Firefighters for their ongoing support and we look forward to working with the Company for many years to come.

G R E Hobbs-East
Flight Lieutenant MBIFM RAFVR(T)
 Officer Commanding
 No. 2433 (Ramsgate & Manston) Squadron



Stavros Marangos, Kia Clemens, Megan Munns and Tiernan Routledge

Three of the London Brigade's Fire Cadets have recently returned from their once-in-a-life-time opportunity trip to Nepal, which they completed with cadets from Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service.

Fire Cadets Megan Munns (17), Tiernan Routledge (18) and Kia Clemens (18) were accompanied by Volunteer Cadet Instructor and Special Operations Group Watch Manager, Stavros Marangos. Their 16 day expedition through Nepal included trekking 135 km through rough terrain in the Himalayas, a flight over Mt. Everest, and exploring the city of Kathmandu.

The key purpose of the trip was to help finish the build of a six classroom school in Kangel, that was being built by the international charity called Classroom in the Clouds. All London Fire Cadet units actively fundraised over the past 12 months to pay for the build of one of the classrooms. "The building of the school has given the children of Kangel and neighbouring villages the opportunity of an education,

a chance to escape poverty, to help their families and to empower the local community", said Stavros. "We didn't "just" provide a school. Classrooms In The Clouds also trains and funds the teachers and, crucially, ensures that standards are maintained or improved upon, with regular follow up visits, inspections and training." Nepal has been a life changing experience that t h e cadets will never forget. For Megan, it was her first journey outside of UK. "The thought of it being so far away made me feel quite anxious. However, a feeling of excitement and calmness filled me as we landed, our eyes lit up and we were stunned by how beautiful Nepal really was

- pictures do not do justice! When we made it into Kangel, where the real hard work and dedication took place, the smile on the children and villagers faces upon our arrival will be something I will always remember. It was touching to see them so overwhelmed." Kia said "I have learnt a lot about the way other people live and



LFB Fire Cadets have recently returned from their once-in-a-life-time opportunity trip to Nepal

their culture. As a society we take things for granted so it was eye opening to see how other people live. You never truly understand the meaning of beauty and life until you take the time out to explore it."

LFB Youth Engagement Manager, Sara Perez, says, "The incredible experience that our Fire Cadets were able to have was down to close partnership that we have with Cheshire Fire Cadets and Classrooms in the Clouds . We'd really like to continue to support this amazing charity and offer further life changing opportunities for more of our Fire Cadets in the future." As for the team, they came back with a new appreciation of the lives they live here in London, and immense pride and determination that LFB Fire Cadets will be able to make a difference to many more children's lives.

Agnes Wong
London Fire Brigade
Youth Engagement Coordinator
Hackney, Newham and Lewisham Units

Firefighters & Fire Cadets Awards 2017



Lord Lieutenant Mrs Helen Nellis presenting the Tom Smylie Memorial Trophy to Watch Commander John Murphy with Chief Fire Officer Paul Fuller

On Wednesday 6 September Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service held its annual awards evening celebrating its successes during the previous year.

This year's honours included Watch Commander John Murphy who released a young boy crushed by a car and Fire Cadet Charlie Beresford who put out a fire in the chip shop where he worked.

Councillor Colleen Atkins, Chair of Bedfordshire Fire & Rescue Authority, said: "It was an honour to present the awards that recognise the tremendous achievements by members of our Fire & Rescue Service whose dedication and commitment helps keep the people of Bedfordshire safe.

"The array of awards is impressive and they are well deserved. It is right that we recognise and reward our staff properly for the contribution they make to our community.

"Many of these achievements demonstrate Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Service's ever widening role in the community and how we are working closely

with our blue light partners, embracing collaboration and continually driving forward improvements to help make the service even more efficient and effective.

"In paying tribute to all our Operational and Support staff, I want especially to mention our 'on-call' firefighters and the employers who release them to do their important lifesaving work in our community. We are always looking for more on-call firefighters and would urge people to give back to their community by considering joining our firefighting family.

"The families and loved ones of all our staff deserve thanks too. Recent events in London have bought into stark relief the difficulties firefighters can face and the support and love of their friends and family is a very important part of their ability to cope.

"The Awards Ceremony was an excellent evening and highlighted the crucial role of the Fire and Rescue Service in Bedfordshire." Paul Fuller CBE QFSM, Chief Fire Officer, added, "This was an outstanding

evening. I was pleased everyone was able to celebrate the marvellous achievements of our Firefighters, support staff and Fire Cadets. Their actions and activities were in keeping with the spirit of everything we in the Fire and Rescue Service stands for."

The Tom Smylie Memorial Trophy is presented annually to a member, or group of members, of the Fire and Rescue Service who, in the opinion of the adjudicating panel, made an outstanding contribution to the public or Service in one of a list of designated areas.

This trophy was donated to the Service by Mrs Isabella Smylie in 1985 in memory of her late husband, Assistant Divisional Officer Tom Smylie, some of the family were at the awards.

Watch Commander John Murphy received this award for his outstanding actions following a collision between a car and a 12 year old boy in March 2017 in St Ives, Cambridgeshire.

John was on his way home after a tour of duty at Kempston Fire Station when he witnessed a car leave the road and collide with a boy who was on his bike, pinning him to a lamp post.

Recognising the severity of the situation, John took control of the scene by first announcing himself to the onlookers and instructed people with appropriate action to assist him. He coordinated a group to release the handbrake from the car and remove it from the boy. He then provided medical assistance before sitting with the boy to monitor and comfort him until ambulance crews arrived.

Peter Hopkins
PR & Marketing Committee
Worshipful Company of Firefighters

Freedom of the City



CFO Thomas Krosnchang & John Mansfield (Master WCoFF)

“Guten Tag. Ich freue mich, Sie kennenzulernen und in London willkommen zu heißen”* was not something The Master ever anticipated he might have to say during his year .

He did however when he greeted Bavarian Fire Chief Thomas Krosnchang at the Guildhall on the 2nd October. The Master had been kindly invited to a Freedom of the City Ceremony for Herr Krosnchang courtesy of The Master Clockmaker and he realised that this was the first opportunity he had had to visit the Chamberlain’s Court since he obtained his own Freedom on 10th October 1985 .

The ceremony was conducted by Laura Miller, Deputy Chamberlain, who carefully explained many of the artefacts on display in the Court to the obvious delighted German visitors. At the end of the afternoon Thomas presented a bronze plaque of St Florian to the Master which can now be viewed in the office at Insurance Hall.

**Good afternoon. I am delighted to meet you and welcome to London*

John Mansfield
Master.

Worshipful Company of Firefighters

Devon & Somerset



Recruit training at the Severn Park Fire and Rescue Training Centre

The first new wholetime firefighters to join Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service for eight years have successfully completed their initial training.

The 15 new starters, five of whom are women, have all passed the initial recruit training at the Severn Park Fire and Rescue Training Centre, Avonmouth.

The recruitment campaign began in December last year and there were more than 2,822 applications. The process was seen as an opportunity to challenge and alter outdated perceptions of the role of a firefighter by attracting a broader range of applicants.

Chief Fire Officer Lee Howell said: “The Fire and Rescue Service in Devon and Somerset attend a wide range of emergency calls, including medical calls to patients having heart attacks, as well as providing major trauma care to people in need. The increasingly complex environment where the Fire and Rescue Service needs to be ready to deal with chemical incidents or terrorist attacks means that we need to train our Firefighters with a wider range of skills and techniques than ever before.

New MOU Signed



MOU supports exchange of staff with SWAST HART & DSFRS USAR/MTFA

Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service and the Hazardous Area Response Team (HART) have engaged in a collaboration that promotes both community safety and effective response in the case of emergencies.

Rowan Delasalle - Station Manager National Resilience, said “The benefits are that Urban Search & Rescue (USAR) and HART are trained in the same skills. If a terrorist incident were to take place we would respond together as one team. The USAR team will be up-skilled in our first aid ability and HART in their Urban Search and Rescue skills. We will be familiar with each other’s kit but the greatest benefit is that we get to know each other.”

The exchange involves staff from HART operative working their shift alongside USAR whilst a USAR/MTFA technician works their shift alongside HART. Each member of staff will remain under the command and control of their employer while working, training and responding with their host organisations.

Peter Hopkins
PR & Marketing Committee

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Dawn Whittaker

CFO East Sussex FRS



Dawn Whittaker is Chief Fire Officer at East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service (ESFRS), joining ESFRS in June 2016 as DCFO.

Dawn's career has been varied, beginning by studying Hotel, Hospitality and Tourism before joining the John Lewis Partnership as a graduate trainee in 1988. After 14 years, Dawn left to join Northamptonshire County Council as a Performance Manager, later becoming the Assistant Director for Public Protection, overseeing the planning and performance in Fire and Rescue, Trading Standards, Coroner's Office, Registration Services and some parts of community safety for the county. In 2006, she moved into an operational position with Northants Fire and Rescue when she took up the Area Manager Planning, Performance and Finance role. She went "back to basics" and started her operational training, qualifying as a Silver and Gold incident commander after a rigorous assessment process. She progressed to ACFO and then DCFO in 2008. She's had

what she describes as "many interesting experiences" as Officer in Charge of some fairly large incidents including floods, factory fires, a major incident on the M1 and as Gold Commander at Silverstone during the Grand Prix.

In 2012 she undertook a six month secondment to Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service to offer strategic support as their management team were in the midst of the Atherstone-on-Stour investigation. In April 2014 she was offered an opportunity for a secondment to central government (DCLG and then the Home Office) to support the Chief Fire and Rescue Adviser with some major policy work. She briefed ministers and liaised with various FRS during the Dec 2015 northern floods and also Bosley Mill and Didcot Power Station. Dawn has been the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) lead for Drowning Prevention and Water Safety since 2013 and sits on the new NFCC Prevention Committee. Dawn has also been a trustee of two charities and is currently the Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Royal Lifesaving Society UK.

Change

A key focus for Dawn at ESFRS is helping the Service transform against a backdrop of decreasing budgets and growing expectations. "It could be argued that fire and rescue services have never before faced so much significant change. We are preparing for a new inspection regime and a national fire reform programme is being pushed forward; we are also seeing changed models for governance across the UK

FRS, with Mayoral responsibility (devolution) and PCC's in addition to County, Metropolitan and Combined fire authorities. Collaboration is no longer a concept, but a legal duty across the country – whether with other fire and rescue services or different organisations. Dealing with this level of simultaneous change is challenging". Change management has always been a focus for Dawn throughout her career, in particular, helping people and organisations improve planning, learning and performance. She maintains that strong leadership and innovative thinking are vital to ensure that the fire service is future focused, that the public are protected and staff understand their changing role in delivering the best for communities.

At ESFRS, we are looking again at our strategic direction after assessing the evidence we have gathered about our risks and community needs. This will no doubt result in some changes and our staff and community need to be prepared for us to do things differently in the future. We have already moved into a new area of public safety - drowning prevention. Even although there are other agencies and charities already working hard to improve safety in this area, as lead officer for NFCC, I know just how many lives can be saved if we work with other parties - a significant amount has been achieved since NFCC were invited to join the National Drowning Prevention Forum.

Well being

In managing all this change, we must continue to prioritise

firefighter safety and staff welfare, in particular good mental health and well-being. As one of the champions for the MIND blue light programme, I have a keen interest in making sure we do what we can to make conversations about mental health and our wellbeing normal and part of the workplace. Even when an organisation is not facing change, stress and worries can overwhelm even the most robust individuals. It is important for me that staff know there is help available and they are not alone. Building resilience and a safe environment to talk about concerns is important. We have recently established a “healthy mind” group and our own workforce are helping to shape developments in this key area.

The unexpected

Some change cannot be planned for – the tragedy at Grenfell Tower meant we all had to change our short term priorities. We saw a significant increase in the number of queries from the public, concerned about their own homes and, with over 230 residential high rise properties on our patch, this has been a real team effort. On the ground, our Business Safety teams and our station crews carried out inspections and risk assessment checks alongside partner agencies and they were able to offer reassurance to the local communities, face to face. I know that their contribution when people were concerned was hugely valued. We also carried out many briefings, meetings with local authority leaders, local councillors and MPs about the issues and our approach. With the public inquiry

yet to begin and investigations ongoing, we do not yet know the full story behind this terrible fire and must be prepared for further work to come our way. I am really pleased that, through our Deputy Chief, Mark Andrews, the Service has been able to support the technical panel considering the fire safety testing and advice.

Health

Health is another area I am passionate about and offers opportunities to make positive changes for the benefit of the public. As a volunteer, I have been a community responder for four years and attended many Red 1 and Red 2 calls. In East Sussex, we are looking at how we can support Immediate Emergency Care Response locally, taking into account some of the reservations which have been raised nationally. But that’s not the only opportunity within health which represents a change for us. ESFRS has been working with local GPs to help reach some of the most vulnerable patients and we have been involved in smoking cessation programmes. We have also been commissioned to extend our normal home safety visits to install handrails and safety equipment in homes in East Sussex. Some may question whether this is a role for a fire and rescue service. There are however clear benefits, especially if we are already undertaking home visits as part of our fire safety programme. You only have to consider what would happen if an individual fell while cooking or smoking and was unable to save themselves. Preventing a fall also reduces future mobility

issues, minimises medical assistance needs and reduces pressure on the NHS.

Community Engagement

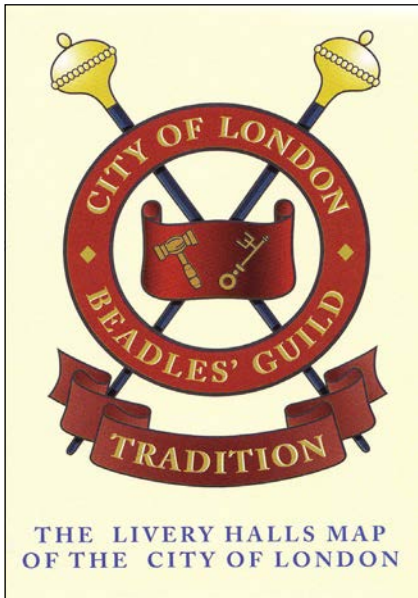
Being brought up in a rural community in South Wales meant that community work is intrinsic for me and I have inherited my passion for supporting charity work and fundraising from my mother. I currently fundraise for 5 charities. I firmly believe that Public Sector and Emergency Service strategic leaders have a role in Community leadership. I am thrilled that East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service has a vibrant volunteer section, with currently over 90 volunteers supporting road, water and fire safety, but also supporting our firefighters. We have some very talented staff who contribute their skills in many ways to strengthen community resilience, helping community groups to help themselves.

The future firefighter

For our operational crews and indeed for the public, this means that a firefighter is so much more than that traditional image of just fighting fires, even if that is still the element of our role that captures the media attention. They are involved in significant prevention activity and undertake risk inspections and educate and inform the public on a daily basis. It’s prevention rather than cure and we are uniquely placed to deliver real tangible improvements in the lives of the people we serve.

Peter Hopkins
PR & Marketing Committee
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Book Review



The City of London Beadles' Guild was formed in 1992, with the object of perpetuating the spirit of comradeship among its members, and enhancing the historic traditions of the Livery Companies they represent.

What is a Beadle? The word Beadle or Bedel derived from the church in medieval days. His duties at that time were to look after the church, its grounds, the houses and hamlets and the welfare of the parishioners within the ward.

When the Guilds of the City began to form Livery Companies, Beadles were appointed to look after the Livery Halls. Their

other duties were to find suitable Apprentices for their respective trades, organise their social and ceremonial functions, and act as disciplinarian on behalf of the Master and Wardens of the Livery Company where he holds office. Over the years, the office of the Beadle has changed dramatically but still responsible for the tradition and security of the premiss, alms houses and with some Livery Companies, their schools.

This handy pocket sized foldout map shows all the streets of the City and the location of Livery Company Halls.

www.thebeadlesoflondon.com

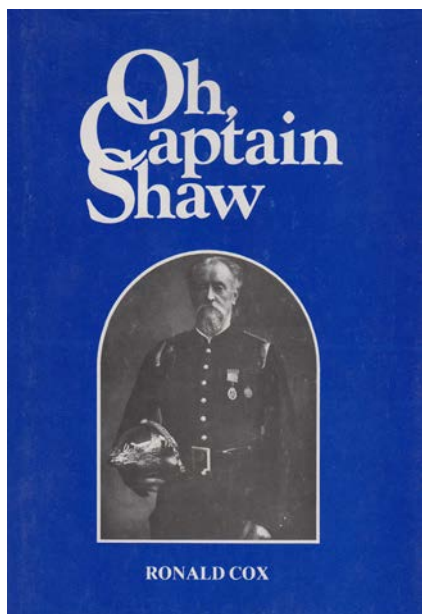
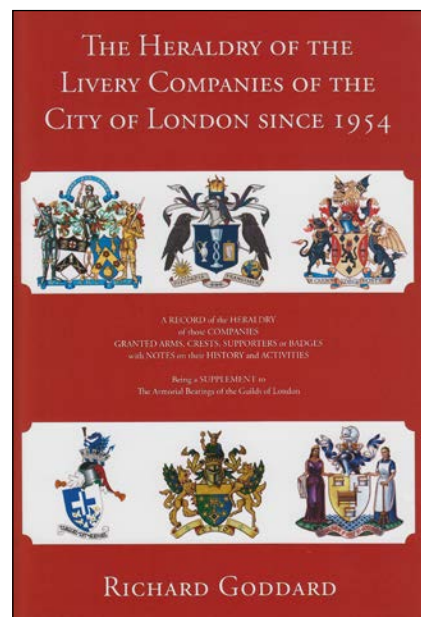
This book updates the definitive work of 1960 on the heraldry of the Livery Companies of the City of London. Since the original work was published 30 new Livery Companies have received Grants of Arms. In addition, other Companies have sought Grants of Badges since 1960. The heraldic descriptions have all been meticulously checked against the official records at the College of Arms by Windsor Herald.

His book not only describes each Company's heraldry in a wealth of detail and with copious

illustrations, but also offers an abbreviated history, tracing its evolution from the formation of a Guild, through the development of a City Company to the ultimate status of a Worshipful Company with Grant of Livery.

Reader may be interested in purchasing this book, Although priced at £50, Liveryman David Holt is able to source a limited number of copies at £35, plus post and packing (£4).

David Holt can be contacted at david@firefighterscompany.org.



Oh, Captain Shaw, is an authoritative biography of Captain Sir Eyre Massey Shaw written in 1984. Captain Shaw was the first Chief Officer of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, later the London Fire Brigade, and the famous London Fire Brigade Fire Boat, with which our Company has been associated, is named after him. When, in 1861 the Superintendent of the London Fire Engine Establishment, James Braidwood, died at a warehouse fire in Tooley Street, Captain Shaw was appointed to succeed him.

Captain Shaw was socially well-connected, and had a number of friends in high places, including the Prince of Wales, later Edward VII. His name was immortalised in a song in the Gilbert and Sullivan opera Iolanthe, used as the title of this book, a verse of which starts "Oh, Captain Shaw!" Captain Shaw was knighted by Queen Victoria in 1891, on his last day in service with the London Fire Brigade.

We have a first edition copy for sale at £6.50, plus £3.00 P&P. Apply to David Holt

david@firefighterscompany.org



8" Coupe Plate

Plate depicting a scene of the Great Fire looking towards St Paul's from beneath London Bridge. The image is a coloured aquatint after a painting by Phillipe-Jacques De Louthembourg (1740 -1812)

The plates are limited to an edition of 100 with an authentication certificate signed by The Master

£55 Including P&P

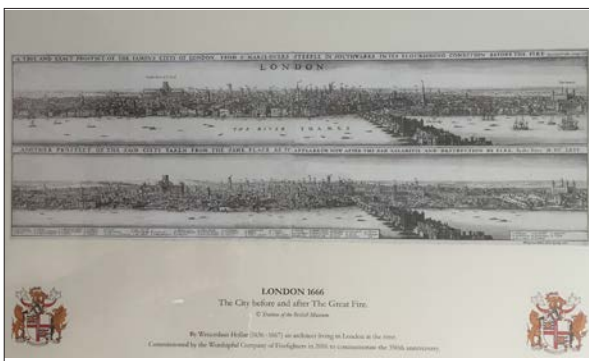
Great Fire of London Book

Paperback - £16.66 + P&P

Hardback - £24.99 + P&P

Faux Leatherbound - £166.60 + P&P

All profits from its sale will be donated to the Worshipful Company of Firefighters Charitable Trust.



Wenceslaus Hollar Print

As part of our contribution to the commemoration of the 350th Anniversary of the Great Fire of London, Liveryman Jeanne Brinton commissioned a limited edition print showing two views of the City of London, before and after the Great Fire. The views were drawn by the Czech artist Wenceslaus Hollar (1607 - 1677) and the original is held by the British Museum.

£19.50 Including P&P

First Day Cover Stamps

The Worshipful Company of Firefighters First Day Cover of Great Fire stamps postmarked with a specially commissioned hand stamp which is exclusive to the Worshipful Company of Firefighters.

The covers are limited to an edition of 350 and signed by The Master. The first day of issue was 2nd September 2016.

The 2 stamp set: £10 + £4 P&P



Company Archives

The Company has appointed Court Assistant David Holt to the position of Honorary Archivist. Assisted by our Beadle, John Norris, he is endeavouring to expand our register of documents over the last 30 years, covering the formation and growth of the

Guild into our current Company. To this end David and John are anxious to see any documents that touch on the history of the Company with a view to copying them electronically and preserving them for any historian who might wish to write a definitive history of

the Company. These documents include, but are not limited to, correspondence, accounts of Company events, early Company publications and photographs of events. Please contact David at david@firefighterscompany.org if you are able to help.

From the Clerk

Steven Tamcken



May I welcome you all to the 3rd instalment of the New Salamander, and hope that you are enjoying the information, news and reports that it contains.

As you can see it has been another busy period for the Company and also for the new Master and Mistress Firefighter, with Common Hall, Installation of the new Sheriff's, the Lord Mayor's Show, the Lord Mayor's Banquet to name but a few. Company-wise, we are now entering a new phase, in that the Company is in the process of re-locating – with our friends from the Insurance Hall, to new premises, which is in the final throws of being completed. The planned move to wherever it may be will take place most probably late spring or early summer next year, so please keep an eye out for more information as it becomes available.

The St. Florian's Banquet was a huge success, and may I thank all the members who attended and hopefully all will wish to come to the next Major dinner

which is the Massey Shaw Dinner on the 21st March 2017. But before that there are several other events that ALL members of the Company are invited to attend, these include the Carol Service, 15th December @ St. Mary Le Bow; the Pancake Day Races @ Guildhall Yard, 13 February 2018, (which thanks to the Immediate Past Master, Bruce Hoad, for his sterling effort, allows for a full team to enter – so I am looking for volunteers for the team!); and the United Guilds Service at St Pauls in March (details to be finalised).

There is one Dinner, however, exclusively for the Liverymen of the Company in the year, and this is on the 23rd January 2018, please put this in your diary now, and let me know if you do wish to attend as places are VERY LIMITED!

Moving onwards, the Company membership stands at OVER 200, but has room for more members. If you believe that you may know someone who would enjoy being a member, just like yourselves, then speak with them and let me know their names and the Membership Committee and myself will arrange a Meet The Firefighters event in March next year.

On our Affiliated ATC Squadron 2433 (Manston and Ramsgate), they were unlucky in their attempt to become the Top large Squadron in the Country, I am sure that the OC Flight Lieutenant Geoff will have them back and ready for another shot in a year or two. But I am sure that I speak for the whole Company when I say well done to all the cadets for all their hard work.

The Company's Charitable

arm has been busy throughout the year, as you will have read elsewhere, but please remember, that they can only "do good" on behalf of the Company, if you "do good" by donating to the Trust fund. The more of the membership that donate, the more the Company can help those less fortunate than ourselves.

As always, I would like to thank the team that support me here in the back office to provide the service to you all, the Beadle, the Sentinels and of course my Assistant Clerk, none of whom I could have managed without.

I must give a special mention to Liveryman Colin Simpson, for all the hard work that he does on my behalf on the IT side of the office; the website, taking of Company photos at events and so much more. Also to Alistair Milner, Alan Mabbutt, Nicole Hoffmann, Barry Sargent and Richard Bratton for their help and assistance at the LMS this year, along with the Master and Wardens.

Finally, may I inform you that the office will be closed from the 22nd December 2017 and re-open on 2nd January 2018. Therefore, can I on behalf of the Company and all my team, wish you all a Very Happy Festive Period and also a Happy, Healthy and prosperous New Year.

As always, I sign off with the following words: It is an HONOUR to be of SERVICE to you, I thank you for your FELLOWSHIP, and look forward to another year of HARMONY and fun working with you all.

Steven Tamcken
Clerk

Worshipful Company of Firefighters

Clothed in the Livery Forthcoming Events

June 17th 2017

Kenneth Palen

September 8th 2017

Rhys Powell
Mark Williams.

November 8th 2017



Michael Akers

Admitted to Freedom

June 17th 2017

Michael Rollings
Jeff Williams

September 8th 2017

Angus Nairn
William (Bill) Fulton
Carl Hunter
Dennis Livingstone
Michael Stillwell

November 8th 2017



Barbara Lane



Robert (Bob) Ward

December

Friday 15th @ 18:30

Carol Service - St. Mary-Le-Bow



St. Mary-Le-Bow

January

Friday 12th @ TBA

New Year City Service - St. Michael's Cornhill

Tuesday 23rd @ 19:00

Dinner for Liverymen - East India Club

February

Tuesday 13th @ 11:00

Pancake Day Races - Guildhall Yard

March

TBA @ TBA

Meet the Firefighters - Insurance Hall TBC

TBA @ 12:30

Members Informal Luncheon - Old Dr Butler's Head

Thursday 15th @ TBA

Lord Mayor's Banquet for Masters etc. - Mansion House

Friday 16th @ 11:00

United Guilds Service - St. Pauls

Wednesday 21st @ 18:45

Massey Shaw Dinner - Tallow Chandlers'

May

TBA @ 18:30

Annual Fire Lecture - Insurance Hall

Sunday 13th @ 11.00

Firefighters International Thanksgiving Service - Arboretum

Tuesday 15th @ 17:00

Festival of Sons of the Clergy - St. Pauls

DEATH

Freeman - Ian Brown



The Massey Shaw Dinner The Tallow Chandlers' Hall

Wednesday 21st March 2018
4 Dowgate Hill, London, EC4R 2SH

The Tallow Chandlers Company was formed in about 1300 to regulate oils, ointments, lubricants and fat-based preservatives and to manage candle making using tallow (animal fats). Over the next 150 years the Company expanded in membership and in influence, until King Edward IV granted it a coat of arms in 1456, and full livery status in 1462.

By the 1500s, the Chandlers were looking after London's trade in a wide range of domestic goods, including sauces, vinegar, soap, cheese and herrings. They were also intimately involved in the service of the City. Tallow candles played a key role in the compulsory street lighting for the City of London, and the Chandlers were supplying the City Watch with 60 men.

The Chandlers bought the site of the Tallow Chandlers Hall in 1476. The modern Hall, a Grade I listed building, was built in 1672 after the destruction of the original hall during the Great Fire of London. Having survived the Blitz, it is one of the few Livery Halls to remain unchanged since then. The hall is in regular use for charitable, trade and social events.

Captain Sir Eyre Massey Shaw

The Massey Shaw Dinner is held in honour of Captain Sir Eyre Massey Shaw, who became Superintendent of the London Fire Engine Establishment in 1861, then Chief Fire Officer of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade from 1866 - 1891. Our guest speaker for the evening will be Paul Jagger who is from the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists. Paul was presented with the City Livery Club's "Root & Branch Award" for 2016.

Paul's contribution is across a range of activities but one thing stands out as truly innovative, creative and exceptional, his "*The City of London Freeman's Guide*" This publication has become a best seller - all his own work and idea, and done entirely voluntarily with proceeds going to his Livery's charity

Tickets for this not to be missed event in the magnificent Tallow Chandlers' Hall will be on sale from 1st January 2018.

For more information please contact:

The Clerk

The Worshipful Company of Firefighters