

WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF INNOLDERS 2020

A YEAR OF GIVING





WELCOME FROM THE MASTER (2019-2021), KEITH HARRISON

We have all had a most surreal time during my first year as Master, and now, in a most unusual, even historic event, I have the honour of being elected as Master for a second year. The pandemic unfortunately delayed the 2019 Annual Review, so we have made this a double issue covering October 2018 to September 2020.

A little about my background. I was born in the North East of England, a long way from being Master of the Innholders in London. My first ever trip abroad was in 1962, aged 12, when we took an overnight steam train journey to Kings Cross, London, then a 13-hour flight via Paris, Lisbon and Tel Aviv, before finally arriving in Tehran, Iran. My father worked for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and was to be head of an engineering department in a new technical college in Tehran. We spent a total of three years in Iran, where I attended the British Embassy School, then an American Community School. A highlight of our time in Iran was the visit of the young Queen Elizabeth to open our new Embassy School hall, after which my father dined at the Golestan Palace

with the Queen and the Shah of Iran, as one of the guests of British Embassy. We returned to the UK on holiday, and while my father spent time in the Foreign Office, we visited London and that started my great interest in the city and its history.

I have been a lifelong industrial chemist and led a precarious life from the age of around four when I caused my first fire, burning the sofa and nearly the house. I still have the scars from when, still only 12, molten lead occasioned my first visit to a hospital. I acquired supplies of chemicals which I kept in our attic at home, and looking back, I made some 'interesting' gases, liquids, and unstable explosive materials. I met my wife Linda when we were both at Bradford University,

which we subsequently left to relocate south and continue our studies. I have to thank Linda for surviving years of my experiments at home, but the results have been three UK patents with European versions now pending. I run my own business, recycling waste paint and teaching other companies the process, as well as advising on recycling other types of waste materials.

My introduction to the Worshipful Company of Innholders came through my father-in-law George Russell, a stockbroker who was Master in 1981. I first came to Innholders' Hall around 1977, and it was quite a new experience for me, with the tradition, the lovely Hall, the food and wine, and in particular the friendliness of the members of the Company. After my father-in-law died in 1986, Past Masters Antony Mathews and Christian Whitby proposed me to the Company, and I joined the Livery in 1995. Linda and I have two daughters, Nicola and Amy, who are both Freeman of the Company. Linda is also a Freeman, and her brother Bill Russell is a Liveryman. Past Master Commander Hugh Evans is Linda's cousin.

Last year we were sad to lose our Assistant Clerk Gillian, and I know she is now enjoying her new job at the Drapers. Our new Assistant Clerk, Rebecca, is very welcome and has made her own impressive start. With the help of the Court, our Clerk Charles, our Assistant Clerk Rebecca,

and John the Beadle, I will focus in the year ahead on keeping the Company safely moving forward in these uncertain times. The Covid-19 pandemic has clearly caused huge disruption, and therefore much planning is needed for our charities and the Hall, not to mention the difficulties of holding events. I also plan to continue to be involved with our charitable giving, learning more about our charities, and helping to keep the Company informed of the work of the Patronage and Charity Committees. Herbert and his staff, who have provided such memorable dining for us, are struggling through the situation, and with help from the Court we are assisting him and his staff as much as we can.

I know we all look forward to the time when we can come together again to enjoy our events at Innholders' Hall.

KEITH HARRISON, MASTER

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Immediate Past Master Bill Christianson with the incoming Master Keith Harrison.



PATRONAGE REPORT 2018-2020

Charitable giving is one of the principal aims of the Company and we Innholders are fortunate to have been generously endowed by past members of the Livery. It is the job of the Patronage Committee to ensure that, within the objectives set by the Court, our charitable giving is as effective as possible. Our activities are divided broadly equally into three main areas: the young and furtherance of education; the elderly and their welfare; and the hospitality industry. Together with the relief of need, the Company's links to, and heritage within, the City of London, informs grant making decisions in all three main areas of support.

There are two committees that are concerned with charitable giving on behalf of the Company – The Patronage Committee and The Charity Committee. The Patronage Committee investigates suitable charities for which a donation of less than £5,000, would be appropriate and the Charity Committee reviews applications for which a donation generally in the region of £500 to £2,000, and less than £5,000 would be appropriate. You can read a report by David Brann, Chair of the Charity Committee on page 12 of this Review.

The work of the Patronage Committee in 2018-20 is illustrated by some examples below:

THE YOUNG AND FURTHERANCE OF EDUCATION:

During the years under review, awards were made to a variety of projects under this heading, with most of the funding going to provide educational scholarships and bursaries for pupils at schools with links to London. These include Christ's Hospital, City of London School, City of London School for Girls ('CLSG'), Guildhall School of Music & Drama, and the London Academy of Excellence, Stratford.

Other grants under this heading included a two-year award to Teach First to support its School Leadership Pathways programme. This has now been adapted in response to the pandemic to provide support to leadership teams in schools which have been identified as being particularly vulnerable to the effects of COVID-19. We have been supporting the newest Jamie's Farm project at Lewes, which has also had to adapt quickly since its residential type courses were not allowed under Covid-19 restrictions but we have received frequent updates about how they are adapting to socially distanced day visits.

Case study: A JOURNEY WITH THE INNOLDERS FOR 2 NEW APPRENTICES

Tharanjan and Jathushaa started their journey with the Innholders over 6 years ago as young scholars and recently completed their A' levels at CLSG where our awards support 50% of the fees of five named scholars each year. During their time at CLSG they enthusiastically attended the Company's annual Beckford Lunch, to which we invite the widows of liverymen, apprentices and scholars from the various schools supported by the Innholders.

Thanking the Innholders for our support, Tharanjan wrote about the opportunities it had afforded her to pursue her interest in STEM subjects: 'with your sponsorship, I can continue to progress academically, improve my skills and further improve my strengths. I enjoy the freedom in career choice and future I am given at the school and hope I can pursue my goals. I am very grateful for your support.' Jathushaa wrote of her plans for the future: 'MEDSOC is a medical club where I can gather information about the degree - medicine as I would like to become a doctor in the future. I plan to either do a course in midwifery or in neurology as these are the fields in medicine that intrigue me the most'.

As able scholars with bright futures, we were keen to continue our relationship with these young ladies after they had left school. We were therefore delighted that they were bound as apprentices (to Freeman Gillian Croxford and Freeman Tina Aird respectively) before the Court in December 2019 and then joined us for the Beckford Lunch afterwards. Regrettably, the Beckford Lunch will not be held in 2020 but we very much look forward to welcoming Tharanjan and Jathushaa, together with our other guests, to the Hall in the future as they continue to develop their academic and professional potential.



Jamie's Farm, Lewes

WELFARE GRANTS AND THE ELDERLY:

During the years under review, funding was awarded for a variety of projects under this heading, including winter fuel grants and welfare grants for the elderly through Hospitality Action, and the Licensed Trade Charity, and a co-ordinator for Silverline, the telephone helpline for the elderly.

Case study: LICENSED TRADE CHARITY

The Innholders have been proud to support the Licensed Trade Charity for many years. In 2018-19 we made a donation of £21,900 towards mental health training for people in the trade. In January and February 2020 some of that funding was used to hold mental health training sessions in London, Bath, Edinburgh and Watford. When Covid-19 struck all training was suspended when it became clear that this was a long term situation the LTC worked with the mental health training provider, Care First to develop on-line training.

This supports managers and supervisors to help their team members address their mental well-being if they seem to be struggling. It covers how to recognise the signs of a deterioration in mental health, how to have that first conversation, and how to direct them to get the support that they need. Online seminar style training is also being developed that addresses how to be resilient during Covid-19. Recently the charity has built successful partnerships with many pub companies, breweries, night club operators etc. With many more people in the trade continuing to lose their jobs and finding re-employment hard, and with uncertainty facing those who are still employed, trainers will offer support and advice on how to be resilient during this time and how to keep positive when feeling isolated during lockdown or disheartened when trying to find work.

THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY:

Among the awards made under this heading in the period were those to Springboard Charity, the Royal Academy of Culinary Arts and the Craft Guild of Chefs. Much of our support under this heading goes to the highly successful Innholders' Scholarship programme. This scheme is jointly funded by the Company and The Savoy Educational Trust, with additional support from the Master Innholder Charitable Trust and the Lord Forte Foundation. These scholarships enable rising stars in the hotel business to attend management development courses at either Cranfield or Cornell and is aimed at those making, or about to make, the change from assistant management into a general management role. The scholars have formed an alumnus society, called the St Julian Scholars which is now a network of some 250 young, talented hoteliers who meet twice a year for further professional development and networking.



Case study: NITIN RAMTRI, AN INNOLDERS SCHOLAR 2020

The Patronage Committee was delighted to receive a detailed report from one of our Innholders' Scholars, Nitin Ramtri who attended the General Managers Program (GMP) at the Hotel School, Cornell, in January 2020. Nitin explained that the programme is a 10-day transformational learning experience that aims to provide the participants with an in-depth perspective on complex issues facing the hospitality sector now and into the future, using a combination of interactive classroom discussions, informal breakaway chat sessions and theory-based ideas that the participants can apply to current issues in the industry. The other participants were CEOs, Managing Directors, General Managers, and owners of various hotels around the world.

Writing in January, Nitin said 'I will be able to apply a lot of learnings within my organisation as well as the wider industry. My hotel is going through a big change at the moment and I will be able to utilise my knowledge and skills by putting that into practice. During the change period, I will specifically tap into my learnings on Change Management and Value Creation for owners to assess the effectiveness of the investment in the hotel.' We were proud to hear that during the course Nitin was commended for his participation, knowledge and understanding and won three out of four assignments.

The hospitality industry is now going through changes that Nitin could not have anticipated when he wrote his report but we are confident that the course will have helped him and all our St Julian Scholars to develop the skills and knowledge which will help them through this difficult time. No Innholders Scholarships were awarded for 2020 and it is planned that the programme will resume in 2021.

GENERAL PROJECTS

Other projects with a London and/or hospitality basis that we supported in the period included The Clink Charity which rehabilitates prisoners through teaching them catering and hospitality skills and a new London City hub for the Samaritans. We also support a number of cooking and serving competitions in the armed services.

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COVID-19 EMERGENCY APPEAL

It is difficult to grasp the scale of the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had, is having and will have on our lives. There does not appear to be any area of our national life that is unaffected. As we head towards what will probably be the worst economic crisis in living memory, we are very conscious that the Hospitality sector is one of the hardest to be hit. Emergency awards were made to Hospitality Action and Age Concern early on, and as the severity of the pandemic became clear we set up the Innholders' Covid-19 Emergency Appeal. Thanks to many generous donations, the Appeal has raised more than £10,000 to date and has made awards to Salisbury Hospice, Hospitality Action, The Clink Charity, Livery Schools Link and Only a Pavement Away.

THANK YOU

We have had an incredibly busy yet rewarding year in the Patronage Committee and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my fellow committee members for their time, energy, expertise and help, and of course to all of you who have donated during the period.

**JULIA SIBLEY, PAST MASTER AND
CHAIR OF PATRONAGE COMMITTEE**





WELFARE AND THE ELDERLY

	2018-2019	2019-2020
Hospitality Action – Elderly Welfare Grants	£17,500	£10,000
Hospitality Action – Family Newsletter	£17,000	£18,000
Hospitality Action – Winter Fuel Grants	£30,500	£37,000
Hospitality Action – Marketing Support	£10,000	-
Hospitality Action – School Uniform Support	-	£15,000
Licensed Trade Charity – Welfare Grants	£7,500	£10,000
Licensed Trade Charity – Mental Health Support	£21,900	£21,900
Silverline Connects – Newsletter Coordinator	£21,251	£21,251
	£125,651	£133,151



THE YOUNG

	2018-2019	2019-2020
City of London School	£11,155	£9,470
City of London School for Girls	£45,960	£48,030
Ardingly College	£7,500	-
Guildhall School Music & Drama	£10,000	£10,000
Livery School Link	£125	£125
London Music Fund	£1,000	£1,000
Jamie's Farm	£20,000	£25,000
Teach First	£25,000	£25,000
LSO Music in the Classroom Programme	£15,000	£5,000
London Academy of Excellence	£12,500	£7,500
	£148,240	£131,125



THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY

	2018-2019	2019-2020
Net contribution to Innholders' Scholarships	£20,818	£71,381
Springboard - Kickstart Programme	£25,000	£25,000
Springboard - Graduate Education & Mentoring Support	£5,000	£6,000
Springboard - Careers Showcase	£3,000	£6,000
Royal Academy of Culinary Arts - Adopt a School	£5,000	£5,000
LVS - BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Hospitality	£10,000	£16,000
Craft Guild of Chefs - Cook & Serve Wessex		
Salon Culinare	£2,400	£2,000
Master Innholders Aspiring Leaders	-	£10,000
	£71,218	£141,381



GENERAL PROJECTS

	2018-2019	2019-2020
Lord Mayor's Appeal	£1,500	£1,500
Sundry - General Charity	£500	£500
Annual Gift - UGS Trust	£150	£150
Hospitality Action Back to the Floor	£1,500	-
Defence Food Services School	£750	£750
RAF Cook & Serve Competition	£2,150	£2,150
RN Best Steward on Course	£100	£100
The Clink	£30,000	£30,000
Combat Stress	£10,000	-
Samaritans London Hub	£50,000	-
	£96,650	£35,150

**TOTAL
PATRONAGE
GRANTS**

2018-2019 **£441,759**

2019-2020 **£440,807**



DECEMBER 2018

- **WANDSWORTH CARERS** **£1,500**
To provide art sessions for carers to give them a break from day to day caring.
- **SILVERFIT** **£1,600**
To provide 25 attendees for 24 weeks to attend Nordic walking.
- **ALIVE** **£1,000**
Training for care staff in order to improve the quality of life for older people in residential care.
- **ALEXANDER ROSE** **£1,000**
To assist rose voucher scheme where families on low income are given vouchers for their children to buy fruit and vegetables.
- **VOYAGE** **£1,000**
To assist disadvantaged 14 & 15 year olds to get a BTEC level 2 on Saturdays.
- **YES OUTDOORS** **£1,000**
Sporting equipment to get inner city youth interested in outdoor pursuits.
- **BLOOMING BLOSSOMS** **£1,000**
To provide equipment for special needs children.
- **TIM HENMAN FOUNDATION** **£1,000**
To provide educational enrichment programme including school scholarships, skills programme and assisting schools.
- **C POTENTIAL** **£2,500**
To support early intervention programme for 30 disabled children who are currently on a waiting list for support.
- **TEAM UP** **£1,000**
To train and co-ordinate volunteer tutors to provide tuition in English, maths and science at primary and secondary school level.

JUNE 2019

- **CAMPAIGN TO END LONELINESS** **£2,400**
For a video on addressing loneliness geared towards those that work in the hospitality industry.
- **SENSORY TRUST** **£3,500**
In support of Creative Spaces outdoor activity clubs for groups of people with dementia and their carers.
- **CREATE ARTS** **£3,300**
The project is for 30 people over 60 in the Southwark area to take part in art workshops in order to reduce isolation in the elderly.
- **TOWER HAMLETS PARENTS CENTRE** **£2,000**
Offers parenting skills courses, Saturday and Sunday homework clubs, educational advice and information, summer holiday programme and parents' educational workshops.
- **CLOWNS IN THE SKY** **£1,200**
To pay for two activity and sensory trolleys which contain creative art supplies for children in the oncology units within hospitals. The grants will also pay for 8 children's entertainer sessions for children bedsides when they are in hospital.
- **PAPYRUS (PREVENTION OF YOUNG SUICIDE)** **£3,000**
To provide 10 x 90-minute Suicide Prevention Over View Training sessions in local communities.
- **YOUNG & INSPIRED** **£2,000**
A grant towards the breakfast club feeding 80 children in Hackney before school and towards a fitness club for disadvantaged children in the local community.
- **THEATRE PECKHAM** **£3,000**
A grant towards musical theatre training to South London youths (aged 9-16).
- **ACTIVETEENS** **£1,000**
Provides health, fitness and sports projects; arts and music clubs; cookery and nutrition classes as well to children from disadvantaged backgrounds in the boroughs of Hackney and Haringey.
- **ALPORT** **£1,000**
Alport Syndrome is rare disease that impacts children's hearing, kidneys and eyes. The grant is towards a workshop which enables individuals and families to come together with scientific experts from around the world to connect, ask questions and get support.



DECEMBER 2019

- **MERRY OPERA COMPANY** £2,000
To help autistic children aged between 11 and 19 learn opera music with the aim of getting them to sing a chorus by heart.
- **YOUTH ON THE MOVE** £2,000
Towards Play Power, an annual stage showcase targeting 200 socially isolated and economically disadvantaged young women aged 11-16.
- **THE GIFTED ORGANISATION** £2,000
To support the Caring for Young Women in Care programme that supports and empowers young women aged 14-25 who are living in care or leaving care.
- **FOR JIMMY** £2,000
Towards the Young Citizens Programme working with young people aged 14 to 18 supporting them to recognise and develop their leadership skills through the delivery of a social action project.
- **THE NORTH LONDON FOODBANK** £2,000
Towards a new Holiday Fun playscheme which would provide nutritious breakfasts and lunches, with activities and trips, for deprived children who are hungry and bored during the school holidays.
- **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES PROJECT EALING** £2,000
To support the Kitchen@239 project which will develop formal training opportunities within the existing CAPE recovery point café where individuals with serious and long-term mental health needs are supported in the community.
- **HOTLINE MEALS SERVICE** £5,000
A new service Magnanimous Meals that will provide 1,000 meals to 25 frail elderly people, to fill both their physical and emotional needs and improve their overall health.
- **CLOTHING SOLUTIONS** £500
A unique service adapting and designing bespoke clothing for disabled people to enhance their quality of life.

JUNE 2020

- **BIG ISSUE** £5,000
Emergency Covid-19 grant
- **MARS ORG** £3,000
Towards a Haven for the Homeless, staffed by medical professionals, and created to accommodate rough sleepers and others discharged during the pandemic from hospital with nowhere else to go, and also elderly people who need to quarantine away from their families.
- **FREE TO BE KIDS** £2,000
To support Thrive Inside - a new project it has launched whilst schools are closed, to match existing volunteers with particularly vulnerable children in the most deprived south London boroughs to help them meet their full potential.
- **DEPTFORD ACTION GROUP FOR THE ELDERLY (DAGE)** £2,000
To support elderly people to volunteer to keep their bodies and brains active.
- **FULHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES** £1,000
Supports elderly people (over 75), including those with dementia with a range of neighbourhood services.
- **JUST KIDDING** £1,000
To support Learning Keys in Lockdown, a remote tutoring and buddy project based in Hackney and Haringey, that pairs up teenaged volunteers with SEN children to support their learning while schools are closed.
- **YOUNG AND INSPIRED** £1,000
To support the Corona Emergency Relief Campaign that is giving essential aid plus mentoring support to families based in Hackney and neighbouring boroughs who were previously managing but are now struggling.
- **UP N AWAY** £1,000
To provide kitchen equipment for educationally disengaged young people to provide nutritious meals for other young people attending after school club.
- **TIME AND TALENTS** £1,000
To provide emergency food supplies and support for elderly, vulnerable and isolated people in Rotherhithe and Bermondsey in response to the Coronavirus crisis.
- **CLOWNS IN THE SKY** £500
To fund an activity trolley in a children's hospital.



CHARITY REPORT 2018-2020

We have been well-served by our Assistant Clerks, Gillian Croxford and Rebecca Tomlin, and by Liveryman Justyn Herbert. Thanks goes to them for all the work they do behind the scenes, filtering the many applications in order to make the most of the limited time the Committee has. The online charity application form, which went live at the end of 2018, has streamlined the process for applicants, but the detailed research into the applicants' accounts remains a time-consuming process.

The Charity Committee distributed its 2018-19 budget of £35,000 in small grants of between £1,000 and £3,500. The majority of applications came from organisations supporting the young, so we proactively sought charities working with the elderly to ensure a fairer balance in the distribution of the funds entrusted to us. Even so, 70% of our grants went to charities working with young people (62% by value).

We were pleased to receive reports of a number of visits by members of the Committee to charities that we have supported. Gillian Croxford visited Docklands Settlements, to which we had previously donated £3,200 for the floristry group for the elderly. The centre runs a variety of classes and on the day that she visited there were Nordic walking and cheerleading sessions, which were well attended

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and very popular. The Master Bill Christianson and Justyn Herbert visited Wandsworth Carers, this is a very worthwhile charity doing great work supporting unpaid carers in the community. It facilitates in-depth assessment of carers' physical and emotional health by a GP with appropriate referrals and also provides a number of practical workshops to help carers manage the stresses of their selfless voluntary commitment.

Ben Aird visited YES Outdoors, which runs mentoring schemes and outdoor skills sessions for some of the most challenging secondary school age children identified as being at risk of joining gangs or serious offending. YES Outdoors was started by Tony Quinn, a sergeant in the Met Police, and their inspirational work builds trust in the police and positive community engagement. Kandy Maddock visited Alexandra Rose.

My wife, Barbara and I visited the Create Artlinks project at the Blackfriars Settlement in October 2019, where we took part in a ceramics workshop.

Although attendance at this particular class was low, we were reassured by the enthusiastic feedback about Creative Artlinks by the Chief Executive of the Blackfriars Settlement.

The Charity Committee most recently met in person at the Hall in December 2019, when once again, the majority of applications were from charities supporting young people. Nevertheless, we selected a range of worthwhile causes supporting some of the neediest young people. We also allocated a larger than average grant of £5,000 to Hotline Meals Service, a project based in Hackney, so that they could provide 1,000 meals to 25 frail, elderly people.

And then along came the Covid 19 lockdown and everything changed!

Responding to the urgent situation created for homeless Big Issue sellers, who lost their income overnight, we allocated £5,000 to The Big Issue Charity that supported them through the lockdown. Unable to meet in person in June 2020, we held our meeting online using the ubiquitous Zoom. Unsurprisingly, there were many more applications than usual and as our meeting approached, we ran a further check online to see if those charities that had applied for funding were actually carrying out their proposed projects. A significant number had ceased some or all of their activities, but others had adapted to the situation and were doing important work in supporting their clientele who were particularly in need due to the pandemic. One example was the Mars Organisation, which had created a Haven for the Homeless, staffed by medical professionals, to accommodate rough sleepers and others discharged from hospital during the pandemic with nowhere else to go, and also elderly people who need to quarantine away from their families. It is a shame that we have not been able to visit the charities that we support during the current restrictions, but we will ensure that they report back on how they have spent the money we have given them.

For 2019-20, our entire budget of £35,000 was allocated to charities supporting the young (50% by value), charities supporting the elderly (27%) and to other causes such as the homeless and families that are especially struggling due to the Coronavirus (23%). You will find a list of all the charities we supported through the Charity Committee on pages 10 and 11.

We were sorry to say goodbye and thank you to Kezia Hanson after her term on the Charity Committee at the end of last year and we welcomed Alex Clarke in her place. This year his place has been taken by our new Short-Term Assistant, Alice Jeffs. I am indebted to all members of the committee for their dedication and enthusiasm, but special thanks must go to Liveryman Justyn Herbert for his investigative work that is so important in our decision making.

The Charity Committee is a great opportunity for younger members of the livery to get involved in the important, life-changing work of the Company. We are planning to resume visits to the charities we support as soon as that becomes possible again. In the meantime, if you are interested in joining us, I would be delighted to hear from you.

DAVID BRANN, MIDDLE WARDEN AND CHAIR OF CHARITY COMMITTEE

ALEXANDRA ROSE CHARITY REPORT

I had the great fortune to meet up with Jonathan Pauling the Chief Executive of the Alexandra Rose Charity, the Innholders having made a small sum donation through our Charity Committee.

The Charity was set up by Queen Alexandra in 1912 who was shocked at the poverty and social deprivation she saw. Artificial roses were sold to raise money that provided healthcare for the most needy up until 1948 when the National Health Service was born and effectively made the charity redundant. The charity went into a steady decline until 2011 when it decided to tackle food poverty and diet related ill health.

Childhood obesity, rickets and early onset Type II diabetes are on the rise with high calorie processed food being three times cheaper to buy than wholefoods. Food stamps have been found to be extremely popular in the USA and to have a very positive impact. A pilot project was started in Hackney and Greenwich in 2014 which worked with existing local resources to distribute fruit and vegetable vouchers to families on low incomes. The vouchers can be used only for fruit and vegetables and only in local food markets not the supermarkets. A new app has been developed to digitize the reimbursement of Rose vouchers for participating traders. Not only are families getting a better diet with less waste, but they are helping their local food suppliers and also interacting with their community, a by-product that has benefited those who were previously very isolated.

The charity operates in Hackney, Lambeth, Hammersmith and Fulham, Southwark and recently has spread to Barnsley and Liverpool. The measured impact of the Rose vouchers are that the families they serve increase their fruit and vegetable consumption by 95%, decrease their convenience foods by 75% and 95% experience improved health and well-being.

I was very impressed with the achievements of a relatively simple idea in terms of promoting community cohesion and tackling mental health and childhood diet-related ill health. I felt the Charity echoed the Innholder's ethos of hospitality and hope we can help them again.

KANDY MADDOCK, LIVERYMAN





Gerald Sharp Photography

Immediate Past Master Bill Christianson with his consorts Gillian Croxford and Janet Bailey

IMMEDIATE PAST MASTER BILL CHRISTIANSON

Prior to my installation in October 2018 I was asked "What are you going to do in your year and what do you hope to achieve?" and the words of Lord Carrington speaking of his office struck a chord: "It is one which gives the chance to do things, to steer things perhaps very slightly, almost certainly very gradually, towards what a person believes right." With 505 years of history and all that has been given in service by so many to this great Livery Company, there is a chance to do things, albeit gradually, but above all, one has to be a responsible custodian of all that has gone before. I thought it should be an exhilarating, fulfilling and fun-filled year for all. It certainly was for me and hope that it was for others too. I also hoped to maintain and encourage charitable thinking in all its meanings. The entire year was a highlight, but of course there were outstanding moments.

Top of the list was undoubtedly being graced by Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal who joined us for the Court Dinner in July. Another was an invitation to enjoy the 'Back to the Floor' Master Innholders fundraiser at The Dorchester Hotel, where MDs, CEOs and other Master Innholders waited on tables to raise a large amount of money for Hospitality Action. A wonderful night included an impromptu Conga, and dancing in the aisles – such fun. There was the joy of meeting so many gracious and hospitable Masters of other companies and visiting their Halls. I also greatly enjoyed the visits to the charities that we support, from a pantomime performed by The Peckham Theatre Group, to a visit to Jamie's farm in Lewes, and a celebration of 10 years of success of The Clink – and much more.

I was greedy, but blessed, that Gillian Croxford, our Assistant Clerk, and Janet Bailey, my one-time PA at The Mission to Seafarers, agreed to accompany me through my year, they made it all most enjoyable. My thanks to all who have supported me and made it such a special year. The IPM has the opportunity to purchase an item generously sponsored by the Court as a remembrance of their year, and I chose an original work by Karin Lichtenegger, a young Austrian artist for which I thank the Court and Company.

Subsequent to my year as Master I have been appointed the Company's Almoner and it has been an honour and a privilege to be in contact with members in this capacity. In another link to my previous life of Seafarers and the maritime world, I was recently appointed the honorary Chaplain to the Royal Alfred Seafarers Society.

BILL CHRISTIANSON, IMMEDIATE PAST MASTER

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Gerald Sharp Photography

The Princess Royal with the Master, Wardens and staff of the Innholders.

DINNER WITH THE PRINCESS ROYAL

In July 2019, Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal joined us for our Court and Guests Dinner.

I knew that as President of The Mission to Seafarers, Her Royal Highness had visited the Hall on one or two occasions after attending functions at St Michael Paternoster Royal across the way.

But she reminded us, during her thought-provoking speech, that as a Liveryman of The Worshipful Company of Loriners, she had visited the Hall many times when they had dined at Innholders' Hall on a regular basis. She remarked how nice it was to be back in one of her favourite Halls with all its charm and hoped it would not be the last time.

We would, of course, welcome a return visit at any time after such a wonderful night which was enjoyed by one and all.

BILL CHRISTIANSON, IMMEDIATE PAST MASTER

INSTALLATION DAY SERVICE AND DINNER

OCTOBER 2019

Cast your minds back to the heady days when we were able to meet up as a group and enjoy one of Herbert's delicious meals!

Just over a year ago some of the company gathered next door at St Michael Paternoster Royal for the installation of our then new Master, Keith Harrison. After a warm welcome from The Revd Tim Handley and a rousing rendition of "Now Thank We All Our God", the Master dedicated himself to the leadership of the company to guide us through this year committed to "Charity"

Following the service, The Master headed back home to Innholders Hall to welcome the rest of the guests for the evening's celebration.

Once again, the foundation of the evening was Herbert and his team's wonderful dinner. The soft quails egg appetiser set out tastebuds off on a voyage of discovery through the Jersey plaice with the wonderfully light white wine, parsley, caper and anchovy velouté, the Supreme of partridge with confit of pheasant, there was more than one guest who surreptitiously asked for seconds! Finally, Tart Tatin of figs, all washed down with amazing wines.

The Past Master entertained the Company with some very funny stories, sadly they cannot be written down... they would lose their impact without his delivery!

The Master set out his plan for the year and his enthusiasm for all the things that we would do. Alas of course, a lot of which has had to be delayed.

Not to worry, we will be back soon to catch with old friends and new, and to enjoy more wonderful evenings at Innholders Hall.

RICHARD TURNER, LIVERYMAN

WILLIAM AUSTIN & FLORENCE BALLS DINNER

DECEMBER 2019

It is the dinner that every Company member wants to be invited to and this year was certainly no exception. The Freemans' dinner is the most joyous of the year, filled with laughter, singing and lots of Christmas merriment (not just talking about the wine...!)

Herbert put on a spectacular spread of sautéed John Dory and monkfish with Jerusalem artichoke puree, followed by supreme and confit of squab pigeon and seared foie gras with all the trimmings, finishing off with vanilla pannacotta and festive clementine coulis. Oh, and who can forget the Christmas petit fours? Those mini mince pies were as delicious as ever. As always, the wine pairing was exceptional. In fact, we Innholders enjoyed it so much, there wasn't anything left by the end of the night!

The evening entertainment was provided by 'Diverse' from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. They filled the hall with Christmas carols and brought smiles to all our faces. They led us into the 12 days of Christmas, which our very own Lord Thurso very much enjoyed leaping into!

Another spectacular Austin Balls dinner – it really is the perfect way to start the festive season, and it is with much sadness that we have to miss it this year. We all look forward to being back in the Hall for the Freemans' Dinner of Christmas 2021.

AMY BULGER, LIVERYMAN

"We all look forward to being back in the Hall for the Freemans' Dinner of Christmas 2021"

COURT & GUEST DINNER

FEBRUARY 2020

When we were invited to the February Court & Guest dinner, no one imagined that this would be the last dinner any of us would be attending for the foreseeable future.

Court & Guest dinners are always a great opportunity to catch up with different members of the Company, welcome new members and learn more about the charities that we support.

As always, Herbert pulled out all the stops and treated us to a feast. We started with a petit bouillabaisse with a saffron rouille and cheese croutons. That was followed by a galette of oxtail and prime Scotch sirloin, with the most divine shallot, bone marrow and Claret jus. He finished the menu off with a very retro-looking blood orange "Givree" and warm chocolate and pecan tart. I'm not sure we really had room for petit fours, but it didn't stop any of us digging in!

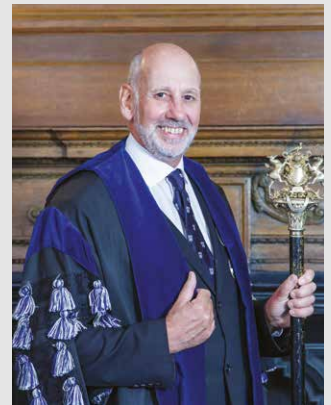
The speaker was Sam Gale from the Samaritans, who shared the wonderful work that they are doing and how our charitable donations are being used to help as many people as possible. The speech really highlighted the importance of the service that they provide and reaffirmed how proud we all are that the Samaritans is one of the beneficiaries of the Innholders Charitable Fund.

Writing about this dinner now, seems like a lifetime ago, and I feel very fortunate to have been able to attend the last dinner before lockdown. Since then we have missed out on the April Court & Guest Dinner, the Innholders Company Buffet Dinner in May and The Livery Dinner in June, to name but a few. Hopefully normal service will resume sooner rather than later, but until then, I have one question: is this the end of the Loving Cup?

AMY BULGER, LIVERYMAN



The Master and Wardens



Beadle, John Cash MBE

"...There is a long and historic link between the two companies"

COURT LUNCH WITH THE WATERMEN & LIGHTERMEN

MARCH 2020

The Court traditionally enjoys an annual lunch with the Court of the Company of Watermen & Lightermen of the River Thames, with each company inviting the other to their Hall on a reciprocal basis. In 2020 it was the turn of the Watermen and Lightermen to come to Innholders' Hall for what is always a convivial event. The Company of Watermen and Lightermen was founded in 1514, when the earliest Act of Parliament for regulating watermen, wherryman and bargemen received Royal Assent from King Henry VIII. 1514 was also the year when the Innholders' received their first Royal Charter, so there is a long and historic link between the two companies.

A splendid lunch of smoked haddock feuilleté, slow cooked shin of beef and lime meringue tart was matched with delicious wines from the Innholders' cellar. Mr Tony Maynard HMW, the Master of the Watermen & Lightermen, thanked the Master for welcoming his Company's Court to the Hall and for the Innholders' hospitality. Although it was clear by this time that future events were likely to be cancelled due to the looming pandemic, surely few of those attending the lunch that day would have expected it to be the last Innholders' event at the Hall for such a long time.

The Master, with Mr Tony Maynard HMW, Master of the Watermen & Lightermen, and Dr Ian Reid, Immediate Past Master of the Watermen & Lightermen, and the Beadle in attendance.



Gerald Sharp Photography

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF COOKS 100-YEAR SUPPER

The symbiotic relationship between the Cook and the Innholder has long been important, especially to a country where hospitality is a major contributor to the economy and a significant employer of people.

This special relationship was celebrated at the 100-Year Supper, celebrating the Worshipful Company of Cooks taking up shared residence of the Innholders Hall as a place for great food, drink and kinship. We even share our fantastic Beadle Mr C John Cash MBE!

The supper was especially poignant for me as my Father in Law, Lt Col Marcus Appleton, a cook by trade, was the current Master of the Worshipful Company of Cooks, my wife is a Freemaide of the Worshipful Company of Cooks and I am a proud hotelier and Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Innholders.

We are only too aware of the importance of the relationship, not only between the two companies but the two trades. In a time where the hospitality world is facing significant challenges the importance of both companies in supporting their trades and providing a real connection to the past is crucial.

To present day, where both companies provide shared support for various hospitality projects such as the Clink Charity, Springboard and the Royal Academy of Culinary Arts, this joint funding of such progressive charities symbolises the shared values and importance placed on initiatives of benefit to both companies.

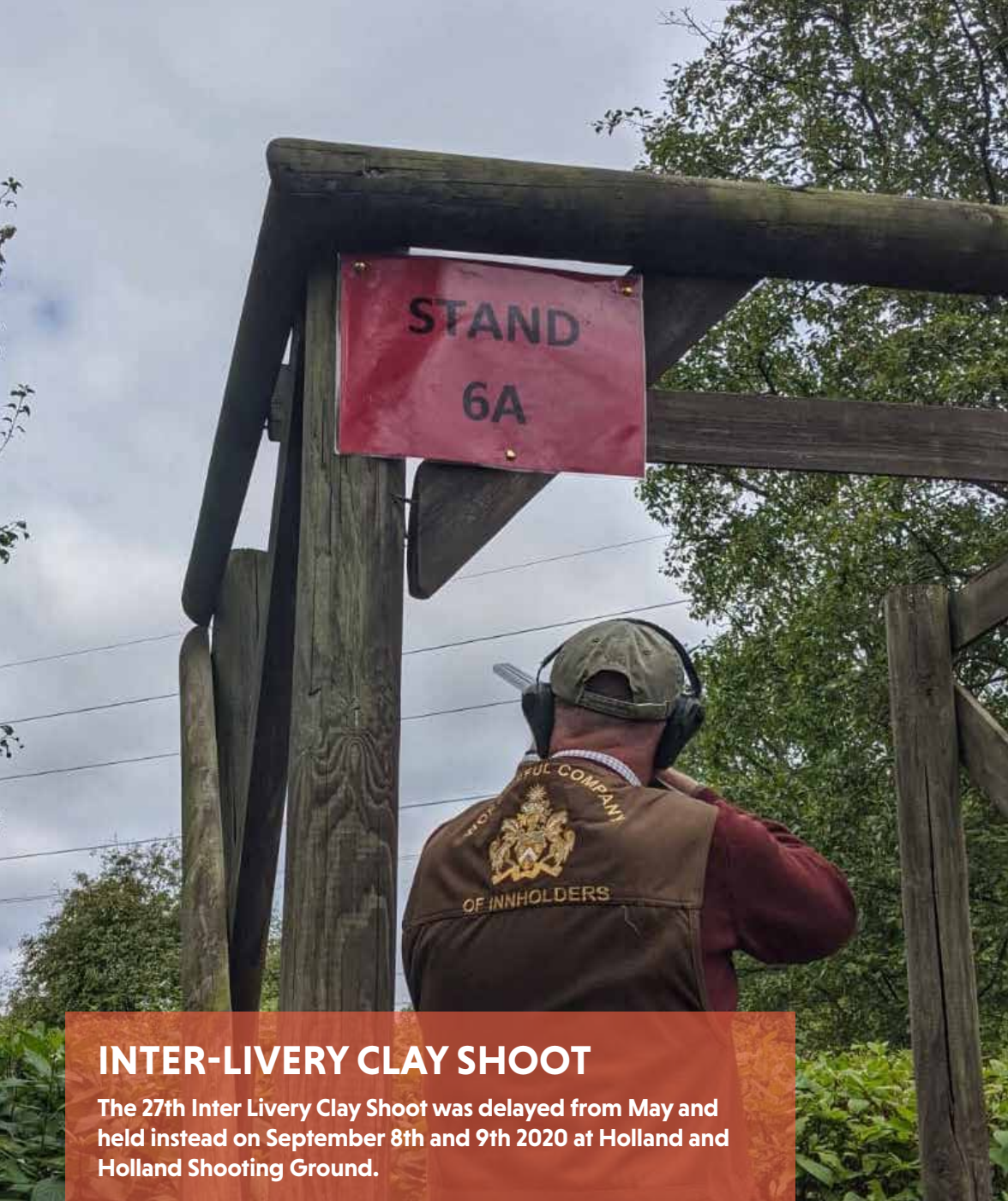
Here's to the next 100 years of sharing our home with one of our closest friends, and here's to the next 100 years of collective support, guidance and comradery which will be needed in order to delivery on our common objective and honour our rich heritage.

ADAM HERSEY, LIVERYMAN



HERBERT BERGER

Sadly, due to Covid-19 restrictions we had to close the Hall to events in March 2020. When those restrictions relaxed a little Herbert opened what promised to be a very successful 'Dining Club' which operated within social distancing rules. Unfortunately, before long the restrictions were tightened again and the Hall was forced to close once more. We very much hope to see Herbert back in place at the Innholders' Hall in Spring 2021.



INTER-LIVERY CLAY SHOOT

The 27th Inter Livery Clay Shoot was delayed from May and held instead on September 8th and 9th 2020 at Holland and Holland Shooting Ground.

Given the circumstances, the format was carefully adapted from previous years with fewer teams and outside dining but for all the social distance, it is both remarkable and a tribute to the careful organisation that we were able to gather safely in such numbers and enjoy a great day's shooting.

After a strong coffee and hearty bacon roll, we set off, each with our own hand sanitiser, to our first stand - the High Tower. Two targets, one very high over your right shoulder, the second slightly lower, faster and over your left, sail by to the polite, and largely unthreatening, applause of our double barrels. And so it goes on, next pair, next gun. We scored one in every four targets: at least we weren't blinded by the warm morning sun. It's the toughest way to start the day!

The rabbits on the next stand were not so lucky.

The shoot has 10 stands with each gun facing four pairs of two targets. There are a range of simulations from high driven pheasant (from the High Tower) to grouse, partridge, startled duck and springing rabbit. The team also lines up together to face an 80 bird flurry which challenges gun and loader a-like in a cacophony of spitting shells and singeing barrels.

We didn't win best gun, best team, 12th team or the wooden spoon (congratulations to the Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards B), but with a total score of 259 we were well in the middle of the pack and proudly lift the Quincentennial Trophy*. Darren Patt led the team with a strong 73% and my thanks to him, George Wylde and Dave Lewis (a late replacement for Damian Cleary to whom we wish a speedy recovery for his multiple fractured leg) for such good company.

Next year, we will shoot on Thursday 13th May. Anyone interested in representing the Company should get in touch.

ANDREW OVEY, LIVERYMAN

VISIT TO RAF 32 SQUADRON – THE QUEEN'S FLIGHT

FEBRUARY 2020

The Company has a longstanding affiliation with RAF 32 Squadron – The Queen's Flight, based at RAF Northolt, Middlesex. Earlier in the year the Master invited the Squadron's Commanding Officer, Wing Commander Caroline Viles, to Court dinner as his guest. During the evening Caroline encouraged the Master to visit Northolt soon, as she would shortly depart 32 Squadron for pastures new. This turned out to be very sound advice, as the Company managed to arrange a daytrip to Northolt in February, before Covid-19 stopped reciprocal visits and socialising.

We arrived at Northolt accompanied by grey skies and very poor flight visibility, but with the tantalising prospect of a possible training flight on the Royal jet if the weather improved. After coffee with Caroline and her officers, we assembled in the flight briefing room to learn more about the history and current purpose of 32 Squadron.

The Queen's Flight operates four short-haul BAe 146 aircraft, affectionately known as the 'flying-pigs'. Two are fitted-out for passengers and the others are ex-TNT courier cargo jets. A leased helicopter provides additional operational capability. The flying-pigs are relatively small and slow but designed to operate out of short runways and multi-surfaced airstrips. They date back to the 1980s and are at the end of their operational life. The Royal Flight is now predominantly used for logistical purposes, such as positioning defence personnel or small cargo. The planes are periodically used by government ministers and diplomatic staff and the flying-pigs have a proud reputation for extracting 'last out' defence and diplomatic staff from areas of conflict.

Then came our flight briefing. We would fly that afternoon to Exeter to simulate a landing without using ground-based airport navigation equipment – in other words, an old fashioned 'seat of the pants' landing approach to keep the pilot's skills fresh. We moved from the briefing room to the maintenance hangar for a detailed inspection of the aircraft. The Master familiarised himself with the cockpit knobs, buttons, levers and anti-missile defence equipment of his 'personal jet', just in case he needed to take control in an emergency.





Far left: Our aircraft – now missing a screw following the innholder hangar inspection

Left: Drinks at the squadron bar

The Station Commander, Group Captain Nick Worrall then welcomed us to the historic Officers Mess. This charming building was constructed in the 1920s and saw active duty in the Battle of Britain and the defence of London. Time for a quick curry and a chat with the officers before heading back to the runway to join the flight.

With the Master and his wife Linda comfortably ensconced in the Royal reclining seats, his courtiers made-do with the upright non-recliners – very easyJet. In sunny skies with perfect visibility we sped from London towards Southampton and the Isle of Wight, whilst the crew made us tea and served home-made cake – how quintessentially British. The routing then took us west over Bournemouth and the Mellery-Pratt households before circling and descending into Exeter airport repeatedly to simulate landing without using airport navigational equipment.

The return leg was the reverse of the outward trip, with a slight detour over the Devil's Punchbowl at Hindhead and Hampton Court. Permission was granted to fly across the Heathrow western approach, before circling North London when the Assistant Clerk was very excited to get an ariel view of her own home almost directly underneath the wings. The final approach to Northolt was over Wembley Stadium but unbeknown to us, the wind had picked up and gusts were being deflected around the old WW2 hangars at the perimeter of the runway. The landing became a white-knuckle ride, as the flying-pig morphed into a bucking bronco at touchdown.

The Squadron badge is adorned with the words 'Adeste Comites' or rally round comrades. Taking this to heart after the somewhat 'solid landing', we rallied round our new comrades over a gin and tonic in the Squadron Bar. At that point the flight's Captain explained the touchdown was at the limit of the plane's safe landing capability. Campaign medals and double gins all round!

The day formally concluded with the Master thanking Caroline and her team and accepting a commemorative photograph of the Squadron as a memento of the visit. A delightful, informative and exciting trip. In more sociable times we look forward to inviting 32 Squadron's new Commanding Officer to a somewhat softer landing at our Hall.

JASON ESSENHIGH, STA

"The landing became a white-knuckle ride, as the flying-pig morphed into a bucking bronco at touchdown"



LORD MAYOR'S CUP, COWES, 2019

3X(rs) 3K(rp) 3F(Is) AND FINISH.

It's not a GCHQ test (as far as we know) but interpreting it was debated long and hard by the crew of Innholder 1 at the annual Lord Mayor's Cup off Cowes in mid-May.

The sailors reading this will immediately grasp that the code comprises sailing directions with the uppercase letters/numbers indicating a mark or buoy and the lowercase letters how to sail around it. So 'rs' requires the skipper to go around the mark leaving it on the right-hand side of the boat, 'rp' means around to port and, the key one, 'Is' means leave to starboard. But there is no statement about how far one leaves the mark to starboard.

"...The decision got them to a bar several hours before they would otherwise have done and that this may have influenced their thinking..."

The course describes a triangle starting just above Cowes, heading up towards the mainland at Lepe Spit then down towards the Isle of White again to the west of Cowes.

Innholder 1, having struggled with rest of the fleet in winds officially described as 0 to 0 knots N, took the view that sailing straight back to Cowes from 3K self-evidently left 3F to starboard ... at least two miles to starboard in fact! The flaw in their thinking was that the Committee Boat, responsible for checking finishing times, never saw them and so, officially, they were recorded as Did Not Finish. Others noted that the decision got them to a bar several hours before they would otherwise have done and that this may have influenced their thinking.

Innholder 3 also bobbed around a bit before making an early return to Cowes due to the lack of wind.

That left Innholder 2, helmed and navigated by Luke and Emma McEwen, to take the Ann Glover Cup for the

winning Innholder boat and a respectable fifth overall. The Plumbers won the Lord Mayor's Cup and sailed well to find what wind there was and, more importantly, dodge the faster bits of the tide which always seemed to be running in the wrong direction.

The racing was somewhat tame but the weekend as a whole was hugely enjoyable, encompassing an excellent evening with the Dyers, lunch on the boats in Osborne Bay before the race (or a tour up-river for Innholder 3), and the formal dinner at the Royal Yacht Squadron after the race which was organised, as ever, by the City Livery Yacht Club Regatta. Special thanks for those who joined the delivery runs bringing the boats up from Poole and back again – we had a good sail on the way up before the wind died away for the weekend and, had we been paying more attention on the way back, a controlled explosion of a WWII mine. Good company throughout.

For the record these were the crews:

Innholder 1: David Brann (helm), Bill Christianson, Gillian Croxford, Charles Henty, Penny Henty, Alice Jeffs, Chris Jeffs, Julia Sibley, Tim Edom.

Innholder 2: Luke McEwen (helm), Emma McEwen, Charles Attlee, Annie Attlee, Duncan Hall, Kandy Maddock, Darren Patt, Alistair Seville, Adrian Thomson, Oli Vardy.

Innholder 3: Hugh Evans (helm), Dominic Bolas, Sarah Bolas, Delma Evans, Bill Russell, Gill Russell.

Support boat - Wysh: Tim Mellery-Pratt, Amanda Mellery-Pratt, Peter Dowling

CHARLES ATTLEE, PAST MASTER



INNOLDERS, ARCOS AND "THE SPIES FROM THE CO-OP"

A small scrapbook of faded newspaper cuttings kept with the old deeds for our Moorgate premises sheds light on Innholders' connection with sensational events of 100 years ago which engulfed the premises and our tenant who became internationally notorious.

In 1921 the Innholders' Moorgate property had just undergone redevelopment by The Moorgate Property Company Limited in return for the grant of a new 96-year lease at a ground rent of £2400 per year. This excluded the Company's adjoining 72/3 Coleman Street but included a small additional area of Moorgate frontage owned and separately let by the City of London. The new building became known as 49 Moorgate, and the new lease from Innholders was granted on July 28th 1921.

The day after the grant of the new lease, it was assigned to The All-Russian Co-Operative Society Limited (known under the acronym "Arcos") and Innholders received formal notification after the event. Over the next eight years as Innholders' tenant, the activities of Arcos would attract a spotlight of publicity which dashed any expectations of a Livery Company quietly seeking to nurture its letting asset.

Arcos was a British trading company whose shareholders were entirely Soviet Russian citizens. It had been recently formed as the official buying and selling agency of the Soviet Government in the UK. In 1923, the Arcos Bank was formed as a separate legal entity, operating independently of the trading company but sharing their business premises at 49 Moorgate which was also by this time the headquarters of the Soviet Trading Delegation. 49 Moorgate was built to Arcos requirements and became "Soviet House".

The 1920s were febrile times for suspicions of international espionage, particularly in relation to the new Communist regime of Soviet Russia. The first Labour Government had fallen from power at the 1924 General Election amid accusations that it was "under the heel of communists" and Russian influence.

By 1925 when Stanley Baldwin's Conservative Government was in office, the British authorities had become suspicious that the business conducted at Soviet House was a front for "espionage and subversive activities", and in early 1927 MI5 received a tip-off that secret agents had stolen a document containing classified military information which was being held in the basement of the Moorgate offices for copying by its "photostatic apparatus".

Baldwin's Cabinet was divided on its response to this grave security breach. There were doves and hawks in the Cabinet, the leading dove being the Prime Minister himself who believed it better to keep the Moorgate activities under surveillance rather than to confront Arcos. Events proved this to be prescient, but the Cabinet hawks were in a majority, and a raid by Scotland Yard and search of the Moorgate offices was decided upon and ordered by the Home Secretary.

The following is a description of events from Wikipedia as collated from various sources:

"At 4.20 in the afternoon of 12th May 1927, a large force of uniformed and plain-clothes police officers entered the headquarters of Arcos and the Soviet Trade Delegation, located at 49 Moorgate in London. The police took possession of the telephone exchange, detained all employees and made a thorough search of documents on the premises. Drilling machinery was brought in to open locked rooms and strongboxes. They immediately proceeded to the basement they had been tipped off about, recovered numerous classified documents, found it to be rigged with numerous anti-intruder devices and notices forbidding entry, for which the employees had no satisfactory explanation.

"A secret cypher room was discovered, that had no door handle and could only be entered with a key, wherein workers were hurriedly engaged in burning papers. A struggle then ensued when police tried to arrest remaining papers from staff..."

Reports of the number of policemen taking part in the raid vary from 75 to 200 and the premises remained under occupation for four days.

Newspaper accounts make clear the extent of damage being inflicted on the premises by the authorities,



51 MOORGATE

"According to American sources, the Chairman of Arcos was later sentenced to death and shot in Moscow."

under its headline "The Arcos Raid: Police search for missing State Document" showed vivid photographs of the raid and its results, adding "It is doubtful whether there are more massive strong-rooms outside the Bank of England than were found here."

While much incriminating evidence was found in documents removed in the raid, the police did not find what they were looking for and the documents obtained did not reveal anything other than information already known to MI5.

In an attempt to justify the raid, Prime Minister Baldwin only made matters worse by reading aloud in the House of Commons from a handful of deciphered telegrams that "proved Soviet guilt of espionage" thereby alerting the Russians to the fact that their communications had been intercepted and deciphered. The Russians promptly changed their encryption codes which were never again deciphered until after the Second World War.

Relations between Britain and Russia were in shreds. Despite not finding the missing document, the raid confirmed British suspicions

of Soviet espionage activity in the UK and by the end of May 1927, Britain had severed diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union. These would not be restored until after Ramsay MacDonald's Labour Government had come to office in 1929.

A crowd of British well-wishers and political supporters cheered and gave bouquets of flowers to the departing Russian delegation at Victoria Station, a send-off that was not matched by the reception when they got home. According to American sources, the Chairman of Arcos was later sentenced to death and shot in Moscow.

On 28th January 1929, Innholders received notice that Arcos had assigned their lease to Moorgate Offices Limited for the residue of the term. The landlord-and-tenant relationship between Innholders and Arcos was over. Arcos had gone to ground.

Accounts of the Arcos controversy and transcripts of Parliamentary debates on the affair are readily available for all to read, but what of the reactions of Innholders to this assault on their property? Court minutes? Outraged correspondence with the tenant? Who picked up the bill for the grievous damage to the Moorgate offices? Compensation claims? We have little or no information on any of this.

One thing we do have however is that meticulously prepared scrapbook of daily newspaper cuttings compiled on behalf of the Company recording the raid and the Parliamentary debates as they happened. Whatever else may be unclear about Innholders' attitude to these events, it shows that the Company was keeping a very careful watch.

PETER DENLEY, SENIOR PAST MASTER

FOOTNOTE:

Reports in the London Times in May 1927 on the Arcos affair were read in Berlin with great interest by the famous film director Fritz Lang who used aspects of the raid as inspiration for his film "Spione" (Spies) which was then in production. This entirely fictional silent film released in 1928 concerns a bank in a non-specific location which acts as a front for espionage activities until it is finally raided by police armed with pneumatic drills, while staff in desperation are destroying documents. Any resemblance between this fictional raid and the Arcos raid was entirely intentional. Like much of Lang's work in Germany and later in Hollywood, the film was influential and can still be seen on DVD and Blu-ray.



The reception area of 51 Moorgate, showing the green wall.

51 MOORGATE UPDATE

It is only when you delve into the history of the properties owned by Innholders that you get an appreciation of how the Company has wisely managed our interests over the centuries.

At what is now known as 51 Moorgate, which was bequeathed to us by Thomas Bayly in his will of 1543, there has been a continual evolution as the City of London developed from a medieval town into the international financial hub of today. In 1647 the company purchased various leases at the property and took vacant possession of their freehold interest. This followed a successful defence of a Chancery suit for possession from Michael and Judith Warner who were descendants of Thomas Bayly.

New building leases were granted following the construction of Moorgate Street in the 1840's and in 1914 the tenant of the combined leases, Frank Wainwright, obtained Innholders consent for the redevelopment of the land but this was interrupted by the First World War. It was not until 1921 that a new office development finally took shape with a lease to ARCOS. (See Peter Denley's fascinating account of the ARCOS affair on page 24).

In the mid 1980's vacant possession was again obtained, and an additional small (but important) area fronting Moorgate acquired. The property was redeveloped with a modern office building, this time by Wates City of London Ltd, and occupied for many years by Westdeutsche Landesbank.

In 2015 the head leasehold interest was purchased by Skanska UK Ltd for their UK headquarters. Extensive negotiations led to an agreement for a new 150-year lease which enabled a refurbishment of the building with additional floors to provide 25,000 square feet of office space with two retail units on the ground floor. The offices are designed to maximise natural light and solar gain with a Building Research Environmental Assessment of 'Excellent' and a WELL certification which promotes health, wellbeing and productivity in the workplace. Details of the new building can be found at 51moorgate.com

Following the completion of this major building project, Skanska UK are now in occupation of three floors with the other five floors available for sub-letting. One of the retail units is let to Benugo restaurants. The head leasehold investment has now been purchased by Deka Immobilien Investment GmbH which is a major German investment fund.

This is a very satisfactory next step in the long history of Innholders freehold ownership of this important City property and enabled the Company to transfer an additional £1 million to its charitable funds.

My thanks to all the members of the Innholders Property Committee, past and present, who invested so much time and work into achieving this result.

TIM MELLERY-PRATT, PAST MASTER



Some of the WCI Moorgate team taking a tour of the development August 2019.

THANK YOU TO TONY LORKIN

OUR TREASURER RETIRES

Tony Lorkin's timeline as an Innholder, which starts in 1951, reflects a lifetime of involvement and commitment to the Company. Apprenticed to his second cousin and future Master Michael MacDonald, he became a Freeman in 1957 and joined the Livery in 1961. When he married Liza in 1966, Innholders Hall was the reception venue. In 1989 he joined the Court and his year as Master was 1998/9.

As a Chartered Accountant and Finance Director, Tony's value to the financial affairs of the Company was soon apparent. Upon joining the Court, he was an immediate recruit to the Finance and General Purposes Committee, which had recently been formed to manage the increased income generated by the 1985 Moorgate scheme. Tony describes that period, during which the Company's prosperity revived and grew as "a wonderful journey", and after his year as Master he chaired the committee with great distinction throughout most of the next decade. Sadly, ill health compelled him to relinquish his role and apparently brought to an end his time as a key advisor to the Company.

Or so we thought. Despite impediments to his mobility, Tony made clear his strong wish to continue service to the Company for which he had such affection, and accordingly he took on the role of Treasurer. This role included overseeing the Company's accounts, and working on the Company's tax affairs, which in turn led to his involvement in property transactions, particularly the 2019 Moorgate redevelopment for which he was a crucial member of the negotiating sub-committee. The catalogue of Tony's work is incomplete without mention of his work on the Investment Sub-Committee which he chaired for four years.

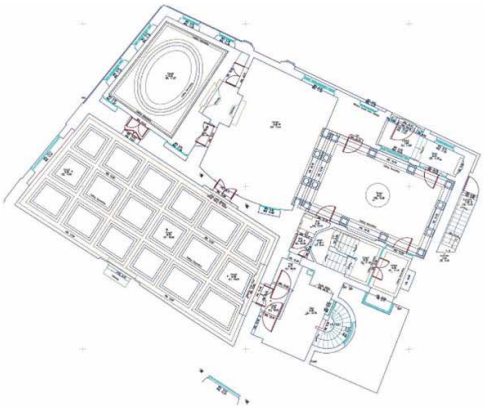
Senior Past Masters are generally not expected to make further significant contributions to the business of the Court - to make sure of that, they are allotted the notoriously uncomfortable window-seats in the Court Room! But Tony has continued to be among the most proactive of all Court members. He has often said that his work for the Company "is what keeps him going". He has generously and voluntarily given his professional time, and his kind and genial disposition has endeared him to those at the Company who have worked with him. The Assistant Clerk mentions her gratitude for his unfailing help when she took over some of his duties.

And life away from Innholders? "If not Innholders then its motor sports" has summarised the two abiding passions of his life. He inherited his love of cars and driving from his parents who were both car enthusiasts, and he fondly recalls his first car, a Morgan, and several other high performance "hot numbers" which he has driven in car rallies and club competitions.

Now he has relinquished the position of Treasurer, but few at Innholders will be able to recall a time when Tony was not a guiding hand behind the governance of our Company. A lifetime of commitment to Innholders indeed. We shall miss the active participation in Company affairs of this very special Innholder, who continues to show an endearing willingness to be consulted! Has there ever been a more devoted servant of the Company than Tony Lorkin?

PETER DENLEY, SENIOR PAST MASTER

"...Tony has continued to be among the most proactive of all Court members"



HAPPY BIRTHDAY INNHOLDERS HALL – 350 YEARS OLD

As lighting all those candles was clearly impractical, we bombarded the Hall with lasers as a birthday treat! Although the exact dates are unclear, the Hall was rebuilt quickly after the 1666 Great Fire of London, and the date of 1670 is commemorated in a corner of the ornate ceiling in the Old Court Room. Earlier this year the Court agreed to give the Hall a 350th birthday present – a 'health check'. Specialist surveyors examined the fabric of the building and our core mechanical and electrical facilities, such as the lift, heating and ventilation units and electrical circuits. The resulting survey condition reports will inform a refreshed Hall Planned Preventative Maintenance schedule which will be a roadmap for the maintenance and longer-term renewal of core elements, such as the roof.

So why survey the Hall with lasers? Until recently we had only old paper floor plans and no accurate measurements of our heritage fabric, such as the wall panelling and the ornate ceilings in the Old Court Room and the New Court Room. Precise laser measurement has provided us with a three-dimensional digital record of the entire building. While for day-to-day purposes we will only need two-dimensional modelling, if the ceilings or panelling suffer severe damage, the three-dimensional measurements can be used for restoration or conservation.

For the technically minded, two high-powered laser scanners were used to prepare the Hall's digital record. The photograph shows technician Stefano operating the Leica RTC360, the fastest colour imaging scanner currently on the market. Costing approximately £55,000, this scanner uses six rotating camera lenses for 360-degree high definition imaging and measures a million points a second with a maximum laser range of 60m. The second scanner is a Leica C10, used as a control point for exterior scanning and to measure stair and lift shaft cores. This scanner cost £85,000 and although it only measures 50,000 points a second, it has a maximum range of 300m. The downside is the weight, a massive 13 kg of equipment to lug around, so it is only used when really needed.

These images and dimensions have been uploaded into a simple Building Information Modelling digital data store (BIM) where they can be accessed by contractors and consultants to price and programme their work at the Hall more accurately. We have already used the technology to identify the location of a hidden pipe run and to flag the location of a core drain rodding point. BIM will also enable the Company to upload information and documents detailing relevant repairs and improvements, so that we have a permanent digital archive of Hall information.

**21st Century technology will help us preserve our 350-year-old Hall.
Happy Birthday and many happy returns!**

JASON ESSENHIGH, STA

SIR MALCOLM CHAPLIN CBE – 1934-2020

MASTER 1992-1993

'There was nothing', recalls Past Master Tim Mellery-Pratt, 'that Sir Malcom enjoyed more than plotting property deals, usually with my father.' As first Chairman of the Company's property committee, Sir Malcolm was responsible for clarifying the provisions of the Moorgate lease which ultimately resulted in the recent successful transaction in the property. He also dealt with the sale of the Company's nursing homes at Tunbridge Wells and Wimbledon and the Innholders' charities have benefitted substantially from all of these deals. 'Indeed' says Tim, 'our last conversation was when he called a couple of years ago to say how pleased he was that we had finalised Moorgate.'



Sir Malcolm was educated at Rugby and then Trinity Hall, Cambridge. Before going up to Cambridge he did his National Service in the Navy, where he learned Russian. An excellent sportsman, he held the school records for 220 and 440 yards for many years, and at Cambridge held a full Blue for the 440 yards. After taking a degree in Estate Management he joined the West End office of Jones Lang Wootton & Sons and after qualifying he moved to the family firm of Hilbery Chaplin. He married Janet, who he met at Cambridge, in 1959. Together they had three sons, Christopher, Jonathan and Nicholas, all of whom continue the family tradition and practice as Chartered Surveyors.

Sir Malcolm's family has strong connections to the Company. His father, Sir George Chaplin, was a liveryman and served on the Court until his death in 1975, at which time he was Middle Warden. Sir Malcolm joined the Company as a Freeman in 1955, progressed to the Livery in 1957, joined the Court in 1985 and became Master in 1992. He chaired the Property Committee and was Senior Past Master on the Court in 2007-08. His three sons are all Liverymen of the Company, and Chris is also a Court Assistant. Of his grandsons, Toby and Oliver have been apprentices and Hugo is a Freeman.

Sir Malcolm received a CBE in 1984 and was knighted in 1991 for long service to the Conservative Party culminating in the role of Party Treasurer in 1993. A member of several clubs, he was an active school governor and trustee of several charities. In recent years he and Janet rekindled their love of travel, taking an annual cruise to far-flung corners of the world as well as spending the winter at their second home in Cape Town.

Our thoughts are with Lady Janet and the Chaplin family.

WILLIAM SPOUSE – 1939-2019

MASTER 2004-2005

When conversation at Livery dinners inevitably strayed into hobbies and pastimes, William Spouse would proudly answer, "I have had a lifelong interest in sailing, shooting and fine wine". When subsequently asked which vintage to purchase, William would reply "Buying Claret is child's play compared with



Burgundy, but getting this right is both satisfying and rewarding." William was born in 1939 and attended Felstead school. He developed a passion for sailing at an early age and his father, Liveryman Alec Spouse, kept a yacht at Burnham-on-Crouch, where the family would happily mess about in boats in the muddy waters of East Anglia at any opportunity. Just after William's 17th birthday, the Spouse family were due to sail to Holland for the summer holidays. At the last minute, Alec could not come and instructed William to "get the boat over to Rotterdam". This was to become William's first cross-Channel trip as a teenage skipper.

After Felsted, William completed a two-year hotel and catering management course with work experience in London, including the Savoy and Innholders Hall, where he was placed under the supervision of Gordon Marsh. William rapidly progressed from pot washing to assisting as a Hall chef. A memorable task was preparing the Company's famous cheese soufflés, which at that time were cooked in the oldest working gas oven in the City. In his late teens, William was a wine waiter at Hall functions and this forged his lifelong interest in wine.

A change in career beckoned. William decided to become a Chartered Accountant and was articled to Past Lord Mayor, Sir Harold Gillett. Assignments across Spain, Gibraltar and North Africa followed. During generous periods of leave William filled his spare time as a temporary chef and worked at the Rock Hotel, Gibraltar and Chez Max, a frenetic French restaurant in Tangiers.

William subsequently founded a software company that developed database applications and started an air taxi company at Southend Airport in association with his brother John, a commercial pilot. William also assisted his wife, Frances, with her banqueting and catering business in Chigwell.

Apprenticed at the age of 14, William became a Freeman of the Company at 21. He subsequently joined the Livery in 1973 and was installed as Master in 2004. In 1968 William became a Master Mason member

of St Julian, serving as Secretary from 2000 to 2003. He became Chaplain of the lodge in 2005 and was awarded the Grand Rank of PAGDC that same year.

Through his association with the London Wine Trade Club, William attended numerous buying trips to various wine growing areas and proudly held the rank of Commandeur in the Confrérie du Chevaliers de Tastevin in Nuits St. Georges.

Relishing his role as Chairman of the Company's Wine Committee, fine wine was an important theme during his year as Master. Tasting evenings were reintroduced as Livery events and various Court and committee wine-themed visits followed. Writing in the Company's 2004 Annual Review, William fondly recalled his early days as a Hall wine waiter. "We had run out of pre-war Port. On opening the Taylor's '48 I was told that there could be trouble. The Livery is always unsettled when the Port changes". Plus ça change!

Sailing continued to be a big part of William's life and he keenly organised the Company's representation at the City Livery Yacht Club Regatta in Cowes for many years. After his year as Master, William and Frances moved to America where, in Chesapeake, they purchased a 54 ft yacht, Alexia. Then followed a decade of sailing the Intra-Coastal Waterway along the East Coast of America, with the summers spent cruising the Bahamas, usually with various friends aboard.

Our thoughts are with Frances and the Spouse family.

MICHAEL VASS – 1933-2019

MASTER 1991-1992

A popular raconteur and brilliant humourist, Michael Vass's warmth, wit and welcoming personality epitomised the WCI ethos of hospitality.

Born in London in January 1933, Michael attended Merchant Taylor's school and discovered an early passion for playing rugby, which ignited a lifetime love of competitive sport. After completing his mandatory National Service in the Intelligence Service, he joined his father's employer, Shell Petroleum.

Finding the oil business not to his liking, Michael quickly moved on to the Cerebos Salt Company, where he discovered a flair for grocery sales and marketing. The pharmaceutical sector and health and beauty industry beckoned next. Michael honed his retail sales and marketing skills at Warner Lambert, before embarking on long-term executive appointments at Wella GB and Schwarzkopf.

The prospect of a slow, leisurely and quiet retirement in 1988 was not Michael's style and he considered the next professional period of this life to be the most fulfilling. Already a keen gardener, golfer and tennis player Michael was eager to take on new roles and responsibilities.

Introduced to WCI through his father and the Bishop family, early retirement gave Michael the opportunity to join the Court, where he enthusiastically supported engagement with the hotel industry. Michael was an instrumental player in setting up the Master Innholders' Scholarship Programme and took great pride in the achievements of the St Julian Scholars. He was also a keen supporter and trustee of the Licensed Trade Charity and a governor at the Licensed Victuallers' School.

Michael is fondly remembered by former Court Committee Members for his chairmanship skills, giving all participants an opportunity to get varied and diverse points across, before expertly distilling the key issues for resolution.

As a natural bon vivant Michael was popular at the numerous livery events he was invited to attend during his Court years. When asked whether he had any dietary preferences Michael would quickly respond "I promote the Vass diet – just buy a bigger suit". His golfing legacy to the Company and his 'drop rule' is remembered in this year's WCI annual golf report.

Outside Court life, Michael's previous experience working for Wella GB and Schwarzkopf was put to good use when he accepted the position of General Secretary at the Health & Beauty Association, a post he held for sixteen years. In 1974 he joined the board of directors of a family-owned investment company, Phoenix Property, and latterly served as Chairman for 8 years before finally retiring in 2017.

Michael was certainly not shy in coming forward. A confident performer, he was completely undaunted when asked to take to the stage and perform a witty and impromptu speech, usually at very short notice. Friends describe Michael as having the wonderful ability to lift the mood in a room and make people feel good about themselves. They have no doubt this was a result of his own inner contentment with life.

Michael had three children from his first marriage, his eldest son Andrew predeceased him, Melanie lives in Dorset and Robert currently lives in Australia. There are eight grandchildren.

Michael met his second wife, Jill, when Simon and Garfunkel's 'Bridge Over Troubled Water' was receiving popular airplay. Jill recalls "It is a beautiful song and the words meant a lot to both of us. I was his bridge and he was certainly mine".

Michael Vass died in Berkshire on the 25th February 2019. Our thoughts are with Jill and Michael's family.



CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE

It has been a time when the notions we have of hospitality have been changed, challenged, altered. The 'Rule of Six', curfews, restrictions, all deemed to be necessary to control the levels of infection and protect us against the virus have had a devastating effect upon the hospitality industry but also much else that makes society function. Every vicar knows the joy of going on a pastoral visit, into someone's home, sitting down and having a cup of tea and a biscuit. And in that hospitable environment we get to know each other. It is how most people function, in relationship.

As a Company which has the Bethlehem star at the top of our crest, the star that hung over the biblical place of hospitality, we will have suffered alongside everyone else and facing up to the challenges and helping each other face the challenges is an important piece of work. I was delighted a few weeks ago to go to the hotel managed by one of the Master Innholders. We met, distanced, over a coffee, in his hotel, to talk about how he and his staff might help the homeless in the area around the Cathedral. Many hotels have been providing emergency accommodation to those without a home during the lockdown. But what do we do about the Robes Project, the cold weather shelter project that Southwark Cathedral helps to run, this year? The model we use is of 'dormitory' accommodation in church halls and other venues, each night for the winter months. That is not something we can do this year. We had a really helpful meeting. That MI displayed something of what is at the heart of our commitment to hospitality and that has to be an open door.

We are fortunate at the Cathedral where I am Dean that we have a tradition of being open to all. That means that anyone can come in, and that can be a challenge. But twelve years ago a little cat finally came through the open door and with tentative steps entered the big space. She had been hanging round the churchyard for a while. Our hospitality had gone out to her as the vergers left her bowls of food and water, not in an effort to entice her but simply to make her feel welcome and cared for. She became known as Doorkins – Doorkins Magnificat to give her her full name. From those first tentative steps she made God's house her home.

Sadly, at the very end of September she died. She had retired from life in the Cathedral a year before. One of the vergers opened his home to her. She relaxed on his fitted carpets and slept by the radiator, an old lady needing some of the comforts of life that the big stone cathedral could simply not offer. Her eyesight was failing but she was ok. And then she suffered a stroke and her health within a couple of days deteriorated until the inevitable happened. It has been deeply saddening to many thousands on people who loved her, particularly at this time when so much has been taken from us.

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But we will continue to tell her story of arrival and welcome because whether it's a cat or a person we need open doors that others can come through and a welcome that will await them. That is the essence of hospitality and that must be what we restore when the restrictions are relaxed and more than six can sit at a table, and more than one family can enjoy time together, when we can simply enjoy being close to one another again, when distance is no more but the embrace that means 'welcome' is everything.

**THE VERY REVEREND
ANDREW NUNN, CHAPLAIN**



CHAPLAIN'S
MESSAGE

ST JULIAN SCHOLARS UPDATE

For more than 20 years, Innholders' Scholars have been fortunate to attend courses at Lausanne, Cranfield and Cornell. The Master Innholders administer the scheme and the Innholders' Scholarships are awarded by the Worshipful Company of Innholders, with generous funding from the Company, the Savoy Educational Trust, the Master Innholders' Charitable Trust and the Lord Forte Foundation. With each place now costing over £11,000, Innholder Scholarships are highly sought after and often described as "life changing". On graduation, scholars join an alumnus group called The Saint Julian Scholars. Many St Julian Scholars have gone on to become Master Innholders and are successful General Managers, Managing Directors and Chief Executives in the hotel industry.

The St Julian Scholars have their own managing Committee which besides mentoring new St Julian Scholars and those graduating from the Master Innholder Aspiring Leaders Diploma programme devotes considerable time to organising two educational meetings every year in order to stimulate the continuing professional development of its members. With the theme of *'The Human Element'*, the meeting held on 15th November 2019 at the Royal Lancaster London was attended by more than 90 Scholars and was widely regarded as the best yet. The programme included a brilliant session entitled *'Mindfulness and Emotional Intelligence'* by Jutta Tobias Mortlock PhD, a lecturer from Cranfield. Her session could have gone on all day (which she would have wanted!) but that wouldn't have left any time for *'Talent Acquisition in Today's Competitive World'* with Liz McGovern, *'Building a New Employer Brand'*, with Sean Wheeler, *'Diversity in Hospitality, Travel and Leisure'* with Joanna Aunon, *'Managing High Performing Teams'* with Micah Willbrand or *'The Power of the Mind'* with Dan Richards. It was a powerful, thought provoking and memorable day which was enjoyed by everyone who attended, followed by a most enjoyable dinner as always, at Innholders' Hall. The meeting was such a great success, it would have been a difficult act to follow for the Spring meeting due to take place in April 2020.

Of course, no one knew then that, just a few weeks later, the dreaded Coronavirus was due to impact so heavily upon our lives and work. It became apparent as we went into lockdown in March, that the Spring meeting could not take place in April, but it was thought that this would provide additional impetus for another great Autumn meeting. Sadly, however, Covid-19 has played havoc with the hotel industry in particular and the wider economy in general. Some St Julian Scholars have either found themselves furloughed or, worse still, made redundant as hotels seek to manage their costs against a massively reduced turnover. Hotels are now restructuring, reopening and rebuilding their businesses, and St Julian Scholars, as talented and experienced individuals will be in demand again sooner or later. Having donated £5,000 to Hospitality Action's Covid-19 Emergency Appeal, the Committee have decided to cancel the proposed Autumn meeting, allowing members to concentrate upon their own livelihoods for the remainder of 2020. In the meantime, the St Julian Scholars are looking forward to being able to support the Master Innholders virtual Hotel Leadership Conference in January 2021 and, circumstances permitting, plan for the Spring meeting in April 2021. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 and the lockdown, it was not possible to invite applications for Innholder Scholarships in 2021, therefore, interviews will be held next Autumn for scholarships in 2022.

WALLACE VINCENT, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MASTER INNHOLDERS



Meet New Apprentices, Freeman and Liverymen 2018-2020

FREEMEN CLOTHED IN THE LIVERY

ANDREW BOXER MISSEN

Sqn Ldr Andrew Boxer Missen introduced 32 (The Royal) Squadron to the Company, which resulted in the current affiliation between the two organisations. On his retirement as Commanding Officer of the Squadron, the Company made him a Freeman in 2012. He now works as Director of Flight Operations and Accountable Manager for Voluxis Limited specialising as a VVIP private jet Captain. Living in the New Forest with his wife, Kate and their children, their 4 horses and 2 chocolate Labradors, he enjoys vintage motoring, mountain biking, skiing, shooting and wine.

CONRAD DA CUNHA

Conrad da Cunha gained a Masters in Chemical Engineering from Cambridge, and subsequently has built a career in investment banking and wealth management. He has been at Deutsche Bank for the past 10 years and is currently the Global Treasury COO and Head of Change & Strategy. To date, he has worked in London, New York and Dusseldorf during his 21-year career, but home is very much in Greenwich with his wife and 3 young kids. He is currently the Chair of the Board of Trustees for MeWe360. Conrad became a Freeman in 2014 having been introduced to the Company by Graeme and Anne Groom.

DAVID HALL

David Hall has a long family relationship with the Company, being the grandson of Norman Hall, son of Brian Hall and nephew of Henry Seville. He joined the Freedom in 1995. After earning his doctorate, he has followed a career in science which included managing the critically endangered pink pigeon in Mauritius. He is now Senior Account Manager with Lewis Business Media.

ADAM HERSEY

Adam Hersey is a Hotel Operations Manager with eight years' experience in the hotel industry. An MI Aspiring Leaders alumnus, Adam works with Hospitality Action via their 'Golden Friends' scheme and is a Member of the Institute of Hospitality. He became a Freeman in 2014 and has family connections with the Cooks' Company.

EDWARD JOHNSON

Edward Johnson was admitted to the Freedom in 2015 having been introduced by his father Liveryman Stuart Johnson MI. Edward is also in the hotel business and is currently at the Berkeley Hotel.

ANDREW OXLEY

Andrew Oxley MI is a St Julian Scholar who has worked in the hotel industry for nearly 25 years. Andrew started his career with Historic House Hotels and is currently General Manager of the Burford Bridge Hotel in Dorking, Surrey. He was admitted to the Freedom in 2016.

RICHARD TURNER

Richard Turner was made a Freeman in 2015. His long career in hotels has been spent in London, Oman, Dubai, and Ukraine. He now runs his own company, The Bladon Project which specialises in luxury representation and consultation for the Hospitality Industry here in the UK. He enjoys London life, especially history, tradition, and live entertainment in the form of theatre, opera and concerts.

NEW FREEMEN

Ben Auty	Harry Mulligan
Daniel Beresford	Darren Patt
Gillian Croxford	Charles Sladdin
Claire Dowling	Joanne Taylor Staggs MI
Nicholas Ford	Michael Voigt
Stephen Hedley	Miles Wates
Elena Leva	Chris Watson
Mark Lewis	

NEW APPRENTICES

Two City apprentices, formally Company scholars at City of London School for Girls were formally bound before the Court at its December 2019 meeting:

Miss Jathushaa Suthaharan was bound to Freeman Tina Aird

Miss Tharanjaa Sivarupan was bound to Freeman Gillian Croxford

CLERK'S REPORT

Completing the deal on Moorgate was a huge achievement and one which exemplifies the foresight of some past members.



That deal means that the Company is well positioned to carry on its main purpose of charitable giving for many years to come, which is after all what we're about. My first full year was tremendous fun with Bill as Master. Not only does he make an excellent cup of coffee, he is an excellent navigator. He was a very good member of the Clerk's office as he was hardly ever out of it!

Gillian has now headed off to pastures new, and not a dry eye in the house was seen when she left. We all wish her every success with the Drapers. As with every goodbye comes a warm welcome which we all extend to Rebecca Tomlin who joined us in August 2019 and has her hands very full learning the intricacies of the company. Thank you all for helping her to settle into the role quickly. Meanwhile John keeps a beady eye on everything from preventing intruders, choreographing important occasions, to fixing lavatory seats - the list goes on and on. Most importantly of all keeping the Clerk in line for which I am most grateful. As your new Clerk I started the year intending to continue to develop my involvement with Patronage matters. I feel that it is vital that we get out and see the impact we're having with our charities and that they feel we are taking a real interest in what they do. The Patronage committee positively encourages people to go to visit charities we are involved with and once we can resume this, we would encourage you to get in touch with the Clerk's office if you would like to join visits to any of the good causes we support.

Starting the new year 2019-20 we had expected things to continue to roll along in much the same tradition as you would expect for a Company with such a long history. The Installation for our new Master, Keith went smoothly on 1st October 2019. It was shortly followed by the familiar pattern of Audit Court, Spectacle Makers and a visit to the Samaritans' City Hub which was shortly to be the beneficiary of a very large company donation. After a moving Remembrance service in St Paul's churchyard and a tour of our Moorgate property on the 21st November we heard the dreadful news of the incident at Fishmongers' Hall in early December. This meant we had to re-visit our security and contingency plans and this led to a re-assessment of how we could work remotely if the Hall was subjected to a similar incident or caught up in a cordon of one nearby, this resulted in quite a bit of IT work and testing over December and January which has more than proved its worth in the intervening months. After a superbly enjoyable day with the Queens Flight and a strong attempt to keep going as long as we could, the Hall was forced to close in March as the Covid-19 lockdown began.

De-camping home was quite fun to begin with, all of us hoping this would only be for a short while. The systems worked and we were able to cope with a few adjustments. The only downside, apart from the social element, was the exponential rise of emails which reached nearly 300 per day at one

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Discarded pour memoires for 2020's cancelled events

point. Like any other business we embraced Zoom as our chosen platform, and it has worked very well for our purposes. Fortunately, we have not decided to attempt a virtual White Tie Banquet in our own homes. On the serious side the work of the Charity and Patronage committee has been in great demand as we ensure that we deliver the grants we promised but as you can imagine the number of requests for help went through the roof. After much re-casting of budgets, we have now reached a deliverable position, though with the market so uncertain we must trim our cloth. That said, our charitable giving will still be considerable and judging from the many letters and emails we have received, greatly appreciated by those in need.

Over the summer we have taken a fresh look at the state of the Hall by way of a full M&E survey which will form the basis of a forward-looking works plan for the next 5-10 years. With Herbert being so successful until Covid-19 struck, such high footfall increases the wear and tear so there are some major works to be done and the roof also requires attention.

Looking ahead, as I write, we all hope to get back to some sort of normality soon, but it certainly feels unlikely before the New Year. I shall be going up to the Hall every now and then if only to see the team in person. It has been a challenging year and a great disappointment for the Master being unable to get out and enjoy what the Livery is about so let's hope this gets under better control in 2021 and we can start to enjoy the new normal whatever that might be. Last, but not least, I would like to thank John and Rebecca for their untiring efforts in keeping the show on the road in terms of the Hall condition, the various surveys, committees, Court meetings and charitable requests. I won't mention the budgets! You've been brilliant thank you.

CHARLES HENTY, CLERK

NEW ASSISTANT CLERK'S REPORT

NEW ASSISTANT CLERK, REBECCA TOMLIN

The first anniversary of my appointment as Assistant Clerk to the Innholders passed recently and I can say that, as for all of us, the year has not gone at all as I expected.



Gerald Sharp Photography

I would like to start by thanking you all for the warm welcome that I received from the Company. Gillian was a hard act to follow, but she gave me a great hand-over and has been on the end of the phone/email whenever I have needed additional help, my warm thanks to her. With the support of Charles and John I rapidly got up to speed with the Assistant Clerk's duties and now, besides learning all about the Innholders' traditions, I have been working with them to adapt as far as we can to the new circumstances as they arise. My thanks also to the Master, Wardens, members of the Court and committees for their support, with a special mention for Treasurer Tony Lorkin, who has been tremendously helpful as I have taken over many of the accounting matters that he looked after so well for many years.

My work experience before coming to the Innholders has been varied, but it all helps with the wide range of duties that fall to me as Assistant Clerk. As an Economics graduate, I trained as a Chartered Accountant and Chartered Tax Adviser at what was then Stoy Hayward, then moved to PricewaterhouseCoopers where I was a Senior Manager in the Real Estate Tax Practice for many years. While working part time and with two young children I also managed to fit in studying for a BA in English in the evenings. In 2008, as the crash worsened, I took a sabbatical to take an MA in Renaissance Studies, eventually choosing to move on to a PhD in sixteenth and seventeenth century drama rather than returning to the world of tax. After achieving my doctorate, I went on to work on a research project in the English department at the University of Cambridge for a couple of years, taught at various universities and eventually ended up at the Society of Antiquaries in Burlington Courtyard – a mere newcomer of an organisation compared to the Innholders, having been founded as recently as 1707! From there I found myself at Innholders' Hall, my main criteria for the new job being that I didn't want to be bored, and I certainly haven't been, although the challenges presented by Covid-19 have been far beyond anything I could have imagined.

Although there have been few events taking place, I have been busy working at home through the pandemic. I am enjoying supporting the Company's charitable work, writing the newsletters, and making sure the accounting is in order, while also working with our committees and carrying out the many other tasks that keep the Company and the Foundation running. I'm very much looking forward to being back at the Hall and seeing you all there as soon as that is possible again.

REBECCA TOMLIN, ASSISTANT CLERK

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DIARY OF EVENTS

2020/21

2020

Regrettably, events for the period to 31 December 2020 have been cancelled due to the Corona-19 pandemic. The following dates remain provisional, subject to on-going restrictions.

2021

TUESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY	Court & Guest Dinner
TUESDAY 2ND MARCH	Court Luncheon
TUESDAY 27TH APRIL	Court & Guest Dinner
TUESDAY 11TH MAY	Company Buffet Supper
FRIDAY 21ST MAY	United Guilds Service & Luncheon
TUESDAY 1ST JUNE	Court Dinner for the Master Innholders
TUESDAY 15TH JUNE	Livery Dinner with Partners, Masters, Prime Wardens & Clerks
TUESDAY 6TH JULY	Court Dinner to the Masters and Clerks
TUESDAY 20TH JULY	Court Dinner with Partners
TUESDAY 3RD AUGUST	Election Court Luncheon
TUESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER	Court & Guest Dinner
TUESDAY 5TH OCTOBER	Installation Service & Dinner

2020-21

THE COURT OF THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF INNHOLDERS 2020-21

MASTER:	Mr Keith Harrison
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RENTER WARDEN:	Mr Ian Mullins
THE IMMEDIATE PAST MASTER:	The Reverend Bill Christianson FNI
THE SENIOR PAST MASTER:	Mr Peter Denley
PAST MASTERS	Mr Ian White
	Mr Timothy Mellery-Pratt
	Mr Tony Brighton
	Mr Graeme Groom
	Mrs Julia Sibley MBE
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	Mr Nigel Fox
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	Mr Jason Essenhigh
	Mrs Alice Jeffs
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CHAPLAIN:	The Very Reverend Andrew Nunn
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