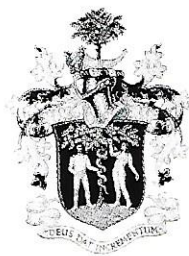


The Fruiterers' Company NEWSLETTER

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Livery to the Fore at the NFU Cherry and Soft Fruit Show

The NFU Cherry and Soft Fruit Show is one of the major attractions of the Kent County Agricultural Show at Detling, near Maidstone.

A splendid array of mouthwatering exhibits is on show to the public, and these can be purchased for collection at the end of the second day.

Varieties have changed over the years, with Elsanta and the new ever bearer Evita replacing such strawberries as Royal Sovereign and Red Gauntlet.

The cherry classes see the magnificent modern large black

cherries replacing many of the traditional varieties. Stella, Van and Lapins from North America, and Hertford and Colney from UK breeding are now widely grown, instead of the more romantically named Noble, Bigarreau Napoleon, Amber, Victoria Black and Emperor Francis.

Cherries and strawberries, however, are not the only fruits on show. There are classes for raspberries, gooseberries, black and redcurrants, plums, blackberries, and novel soft and stone fruits.

Although the majority of classes are for 'show fruit', there is a strong market pack section with a selection of containers taken at random from entrants' farm or packhouse.

The Fruiterers' Company has long been associated with the show and annually presents a silver medal for the 'most meritorious exhibit having regard to all of the circumstances' in both the cherry and soft fruit classes.

This year the soft fruit medal went to Grove Farm, Harwell, Oxfordshire for an exhibit of Leo raspberries, and the cherry class medal was won by J A Worley Ltd of Kent with a basket of Hertford.

The Livery was well represented among the prizewinners with Liverymen Bryant, Redsell and Wakeley, and Past Master Doubleday all having some success.

Notable among past and present liverymen who have been and are prominent in the organisation was, of course, the late Jim Worley, who was chairman for 39 years and did much towards the revival of the English cherry industry.

William Wakeley is the present chairman, and Tony Redsell is vice chairman, and among the judges one finds Past Master Lewis, Liverymen Taylor, Flegg, Kelsey and Kemp.

The show is unique and held in high regard by both the industry and the public.

The 1994 and 65th show will be held at Detling in Kent on July 14th and 15th.

OBITUARY

The late Shaw Eiloart

Our last issue briefly reported the sad death of Past Master Brigadier F.S. Eiloart, OBE on June 14, 1993.

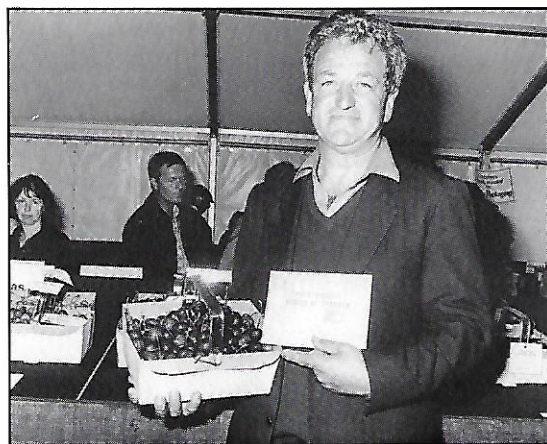
Shaw was Master in 1964 and was, as far as is known, the first active serving officer to be the Master of a Livery Company. He served as Master a second time for part of the year 1981.

Both his father and his grandfather also held the office of Master Fruiterer. He will long be remembered for his charm and good humour, but many will not be aware that he was an international judge and member of the Coaching Club.

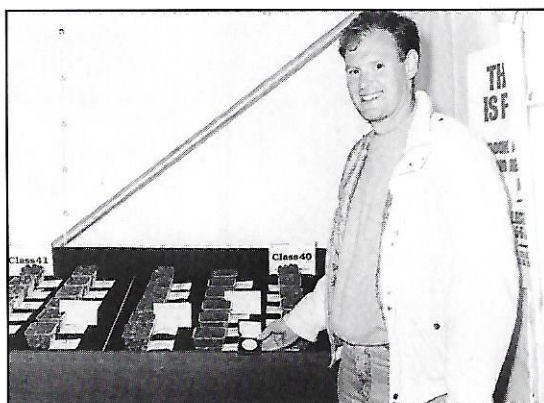
He had an impressive war record. He joined the army via the territorials and went on to be Brigadier, Royal Artillery in Singapore in 1966 and became ADC to the Queen.

From 1970 to 1980, following his retirement from the army, he was County Director of the Essex Red Cross.

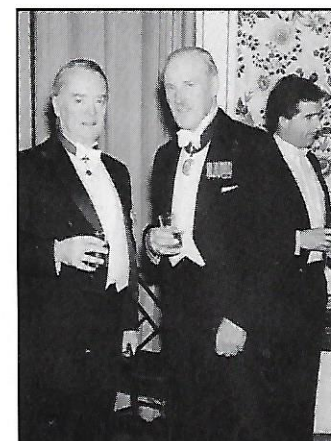
His widow, Helen, survives him.



Left: Doug Worley (son of the late Jim Worley) with his medal winning basket.



Right: Paul Roberts, manager of Grove Farms.



Our photograph shows Shaw (right) at a Fruiterers Livery Banquet.

Summer Court Dinner aboard HQS Wellington

The Company was privileged to hold this year's Summer Court Dinner in the permanent home of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners on July 22, 1993.

It was a delightful ladies' evening in superb surroundings. The Guest Speaker was Mr. J. Lawrence-Mills, BSc, Master of the Worshipful Company of Plumbers.



Above left: The Master with his wife Mary aboard H.Q.S. Wellington. Above right: John and Betty Bardsley about to go aboard. Below: The Master in conversation with the Wardens at Kew during the Summer Function.



Election of Sheriffs - 1993

The result of the demanded
Poll on Thursday, July 8th,
was as follows:

BROADBENT	635
CHALSTREY	1,220
GOTCH	651

The number of attendees is
disappointing having in
mind the duties of Livery-
men to attend elections.

James Flaherty - retired Chamberlain's Beadle

Liverymen may be aware of the recent retirement of the Chamberlain's Beadle, Mr. James Flaherty. Such was his presence in his office that at least 25-30,000 Liverymen from all walks of life must have sworn the Freedom before him.

One such incident is recalled by him at a swearing ceremony when, momentarily, James turned his head. As he looked back across the desk, he called: "Where are you sir?" - the moment had been too much for the candidate who had passed out and was out of sight on the floor!

After serving in the RAF Police, and in fact representing the RAF

in boxing tournaments, he joined the City Corporation as a messenger at Billingsgate and in 1961 was promoted to the office of Beadle, in which he has served for over 30 years.

He was known as a character in our City of London wearing his top hat and dress suit, regularly carrying the City purse to the Bank of England, where he has the distinctive honour of being the only outsider to have his photograph on the Drawing Office walls.

We wish him a happy retirement in the full knowledge that his gentle understanding and capability in handling people will still be put to good use in the community.



Our photograph shows the Beadle escorting Col. Tommy Tucker.

Crossword results

There was no correct answer submitted to the Clerk for the competition in our last issue. The learned Clerk can be recorded as having outwitted all our readers. The solution is given below.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEPTEMBER 29
Common Hall

OCTOBER 6
Golf Society Meeting

OCTOBER 21
City Banquet

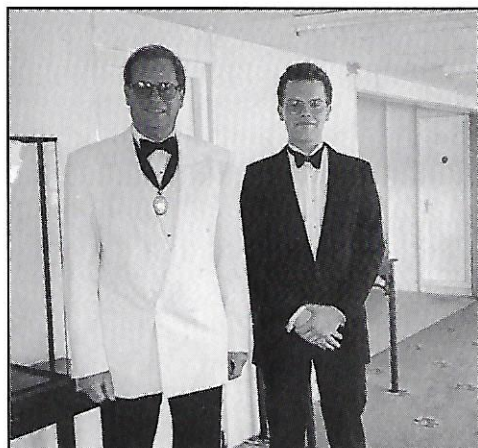
OCTOBER 27
Marden Fruit Show

OCTOBER 28
Presentation of Fruit

NOVEMBER 11
Master and Wardens Dinner

1994
JANUARY 27
Annual Banquet

New Freeman



Left: Past Master David Hope-Mason with his son, Justin.

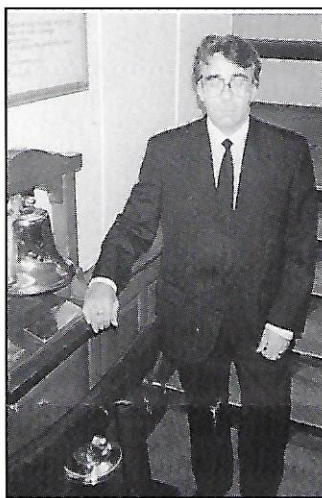
Below: Michael Culver.

At the Summer Court Meeting the following were elected to the Freedom of the Company:

Michael Culverwell
Justin Hope-Mason

Michael Culverwell is the present superintendent of the New Spitalfields Market and maintains the link between the holder of that office and the Company (Charles Lodemore and Ted Chalmer, his predecessors, are also Liverymen).

Justin Hope-Mason is the son of Past Master David and his grandfather was Past Master Gordon.



Editor's Acknowledgements

The Editor would like to thank Tony Redsell and John Dunham for their contributions to this issue and to the Master for his photographs.

Best wishes

Liverymen will be glad to hear that Elizabeth Abbott, Nigel's wife, is making a good recovery from her recent serious illness.

Nigel wishes us to say how much he has appreciated all the good wishes from our Fruiterers.

Congratulations

Mr Denis Butt, winner of the Ridley Medal this year, was awarded the OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

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Jacques Onona has been awarded the Officier de l'Ordre National du Mérite in recognition for services to France.

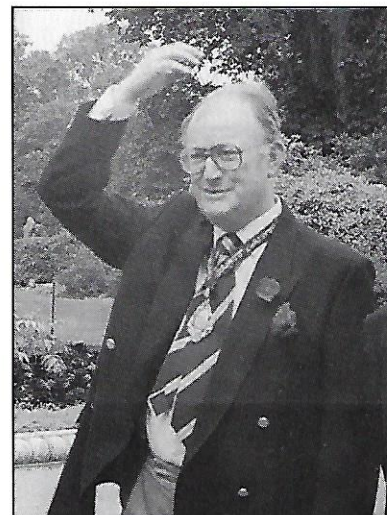
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Ian Rainford has been presented with the award of Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite Agricole.

Livery visit to Kew Gardens

A joint visit to the famous gardens at Kew with the Gardeners' Company, held on June 17, proved

to be a great success and was recorded by joint tree plantings by the respective Masters.



Right: Our Master at Kew Gardens.

Below: The joint Livery tree planting.



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We are sad to record the death in July of Auriol, wife of Commander Michael Styles, Clerk of the Company, after a long illness.

We send our condolences to Michael and his daughters at their sad loss.

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