The Fruiterers' Company
# NEWSLETTER
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# ROOT AND BRANCH — MAY WE FLOURISH FOREVER!

*A group of our new Livermen*

The Master, Michael Tanguy, speaking at the Master and Wardens Dinner held at Cutlers Hall on November 14th, expressed his delight and encouragement at the number of new applicants coming forward and seeking admission to the Company. This year we have seen the largest number admitted to the Freedom and the Livery for some years, and by St Paul's Day we are expecting a record.

The Master's Committee, which advises the Master and the Wardens on recommendations for election, has been impressed by the calibre of candidates, whose experience and talents extend across the Fruit Industry and the Commercial World at large. Three Lady Freemen have been admitted, two of whom have already been granted the Livery. This is in addition to Dr Joan Morgan, who was granted the Honorary Freedom in the Summer.

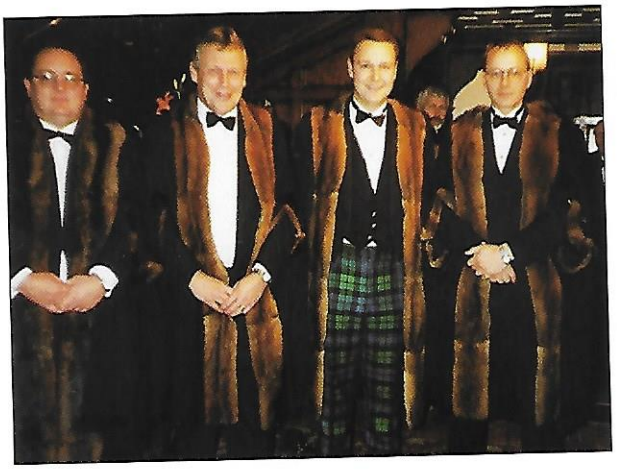
*Margaret Charrington, Marion Regan and Shirley Anwyl*

Family connections remain strong; Malcolm Campbell's son, Graham and Garth Doubleday's eldest son, Edmund have completed their admissions, and it is a particular delight that Hugh Lowe's daughter, Marion, who is now running the family fruit businesses, has become a Freeman.

Each Master lays down Seed Corn for his successors and the "surge" is partly attributable to earlier years and applications which have taken time to come forward.

The Company has an increasing wealth of talent and discussions are ensuing to see how this can be harnessed for the good of the industry and for the benefit of the Company.

It remains vital that those who seek to join the Company are aware of the obligations to the Master and to the City into which they are required to enter. Active and supportive members are what we are seeking.



## Best Wishes to and from the Master

The Master is at present recovering from a hospital visit. We send him our warmest wishes.

He and Elizabeth send their best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all Liverymen.

## Dates for your Diary

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| February 13 | Annual Banquet Mansion House |
| March 14 | United Guilds Service and Lunch Stationers Hall |
| May 1 | Fruiterers Golf Day Kingswood Golf Club |
| May 22 | Audit Court Dinner |

The Editor wishes to apologise for the error in the last issue when St Paul's Day was incorrectly stated.

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# A LIVELY COMMON HALL

32 Fruiterers attended the Common Hall held at the Hop Cellars on Monday 30th September 1996.

After a brief opening address by the Master, Liverman Tim Bullivant gave a resumé of the duties carried out by the Finance Sub-committee of which he is chairman. A copy of the Corporate Fund Income & Expenditure Account had been circulated prior to the meeting and Liveryman Bullivant invited questions and comments.

Honorary Assistant Hugh Kelsey detailed the activities of the Livery and Communications Sub-committee which he chairs, emphasising that two way communications was of prime importance if more Liverymen were to become involved in the events of the Livery.

*Common Hall — 1996*

Past Master Alan Todd gave a review of the current awards presented by the Livery, and emphasised the importance of these to the future of the fruit industry.

The first part of the meeting was concluded by the Clerk who ran through a number of "housekeeping" points, including the importance and convenience of making payments to the Company by Direct Debit.

Prior to the meeting a question regarding the possibility of paying a 'lump sum' Life Quarterage had been submitted. The Master stated that the matter would again be considered. In response to a question as to the availability of the Annual Accounts, the Master stated the copies remain available to members on request.

Other questions were raised in connection with the Income and Expenditure Account of the Corporate Fund. This developed to the matter of medium to long term strategy as to the building further and retention of the Capital Funds, both of the Corporate Fund and those of the various charities.

It was suggested that the existing funds were sufficient for our purposes, and that part of the appreciation of recent years could be realised and disbursed if thought appropriate. This met with a strong plea that the targets should be to build further and to protect certain legacies which had been received. The matter will be developed further over the coming months and a report of the findings will be conveyed to the Livery.

It became clear that there was still a need to improve the literature provided to the Livery contemplating a candidate for invitation to join the Company.

The Master also gave our Lady Liverymen the good news that they would be given a scarf of the Livery in lieu of the Tie given to male members, and that this was currently being researched.

The Master closed the meeting by thanking all those who were present for what he described as "a well worthwhile meeting" and members adjourned for Supper. There was general agreement that The Hop Cellars had proved to be a very satisfactory venue.

# A CITY EVENING AT CUTLERS HALL

The Master and Wardens Dinner was held on 14th November at a changed venue. For many years The Innholders was our venue, but The Master decided on a change, partly to accommodate the new Freemen and Liverymen. We therefore returned to the Cutlers Hall, in Warwick Lane, which is delightful and we received a warm welcome.

*Enjoying our Fayre at Cutlers Hall*

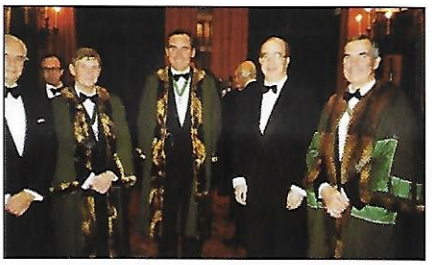
The theme of this dinner was maintained, although it was disappointing not to be able to arrange a Past Lord Mayor to be among our guests We were however able to meet the Sheriffs, who had completed their year on Michaelmas Day, and whom we had in fact not met earlier during the year due to other commitments. Alderman Sir Peter Levene K.B.E. and K. E. Ayres graced out table and the Master recorded the thanks of the Livery for their year of service to the City.

We were also able to meet representatives of ENZA (sponsors of the August newsletter) and Nobby Price, our Fruit Porter.

The Guest of Honour was Fred Whitsey, well-known and well-read gardening correspondent of the Daily Telegraph and a vice-President of the RHS.

In his reply to the toast of "The Guests", Mr Whitsey made specific reference to the still limited range of Apple Varieties available to the housewife, and praised the work being done at Brogdale, where root stocks of some 2200 varieties are maintained. Hugh Kelsey proposed the health of "The Master and Wardens" and Tony Redsell, Renter Warden replied.

Conrad Leonard, as fit as ever, provided the music, and it was good to see John Coomb, an old friend of the Company, supervising his catering.



*The Master and Wardens with some of our principal guests*

## OUR GREEK CUP

The cup pictured right is one of the Livery's prized possessions. It is an exquisite Victorian portrayal of a Greek Original in Silver Gilt and was presented by Past Master Robert Sice and his father, Frank, who was one of our first Honorary assistants back in 1959.

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# MARDEN FRUIT SHOW 1996

At the Marden Fruit Show dinner, the Master, Michael Tanguy, presented this year's Fruit Industry award to Eric Gunn.

*Mr Gunn receives his award*

In his remarks he referred to the award "this year going to someone who has had more influence over orchard systems than any other in the country"...

Eric has worked his way through advisory posts, starting in 1962 at Efford under Hilary Hughes. His most significant achievement is considered to have been the setting up of FAST in 1987.

The adjudicators wish to recognise Eric's considerable service to the Fruit Growers Industry as an adviser and consultant, in particular for his skills at passing on information and techniques. Our award acknowledges his innovative and challenging approach.

The Fruiterers medals this year were awarded as under:-

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| Best Exhibit of Dessert Apples | Mr J Scott<br>Grove Farm, Hunton |
| Best Exhibit of Culinary Apples | Mr J Scott<br>Grove Farm, Hunton |
| Best Exhibit of Pears | Howard Chapman<br>Broadwater Farm<br>West Malling |

# CRAFTSMAN AWARD 1996

This award has been revived with joint sponsors and this year was presented to Mr J Simmons, of Teachers Farm, Hadlow Place, which was visited by the adjudicators.

The other sponsors are Will Sibley and Burton McCall.

## IN MEMORIAM — JAMES STEAD

Past Master James Stead died on the 7th August after a long and adventurous life. He was born in 1904 in Hawkhurst, Kent. He was the second son of a Doctor and attended Wye College from 1924 to 1927. Subsequently he joined the Solignam Chemical Company and at the outbreak of the Second World War he was invited to join the SOE which was a fore-runner of the present SAS. Neither his Family nor Friends know what he did because he took an Oath of silence but it is known that he had several very narrow escapes. After the war he joined T J Poupart and in 1971 was Master of the Company — a year which he enjoyed enormously and during which he made many firm friends. He stayed with Poupart's until he had seen them successfully move into New Covent Garden and then retired to Kent where he thoroughly enjoyed himself in his garden and was looked after with exceptional care and love by his wife Ray until he died peacefully in his sleep at home. The Fruiterers were well represented at his Funeral in Goudhurst and my family were delighted to see them all.

George Stead

*The Fruiterers Team*

# THE FAN MAKERS TRIUMPH AT ADDINGTON

The weather was kind to the teams representing the Carmen, Fan Makers and ourselves at the Joint Golf Day held at the Addington on 2nd October. The day was marred by a most unfortunate accident, when David Hope-Mason slipped on a raised tee and broke his leg in two places. Our thanks to the Club for getting him to hospital quickly, and we are pleased to report that he is recovering well. We all send him our best wishes.

Brian Banks, Carman and joint organiser, led a strong challenge, but our team could not match the performance of the Fan Makers.

Despite everything, it was a great day.

There may be a problem over a repeat of this function in its existing format. All Golfing society members will receive alternative proposals for 1997, when an Autumn Meeting may be arranged. There are also initial thoughts for an overseas visit in the Autumn of Millenium year. Do not be concerned. Our affection for Kingswood remains as strong as ever. We shall meet there on May 1st 1997, and The Master-Elect is intending to play!

*Frank Stansil (Captain, Fan Makers) receives his prize from Alan Fabes whose wife is President at Addington*

# A COLOURFUL DISPLAY FOR THE LORD MAYOR

*The Presentation*

The traditional annual Presentation of fruit to the Right Honorable the Lord Mayor in settlement of our agreed "bargain" took place on 31st October at The Mansion House.

The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress were accompanied by Sheriff Keith Knowles and the wife of the Aldermanic Sheriff. Col. "Tommy" Tucker was the Officer of the Day.

*The Presentation*

The intermittent rain and the building works taking place outside were a deterrent to the outside display, which has become a custom in recent years, but Ivor Robins and his team, energetically supported by the Fruit Porter, created a splendid display in the Ground Floor hallway.

After the formal handing over of the Fruit to The Master for presentation, The Lord Mayor was delighted to receive our "payment in lieu of tolls".

The proceedings moved upstairs where the traditional Loving Cups were drunk and the Livery invited for refreshment.

*The Master with The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress*

The fruit "Surplus to the Lord Mayor's personal requirements" was donated to St Botolph Without - Aldgate at the Lord Mayor's request.

The Master would like to record his thanks for the contributions from the many liverymen who participated.

It is now the agreed procedure that the entertainment by the Lord Mayor is given at The City Banquet. The Master together with the Wardens and the Clerk, and their ladies, enjoyed an evening at The Mansion House in October.

# SCOTS, WHA HAE

The Master's wish — the livery should plant fruit trees in the arboretum of the University of Strathclyde (Department of Horticulture) Auchincruive, was fulfilled on Thursday 26th September last. He is seen here planting a Medlar tree with Professor Geoff Dixon (Head of Dept.) and the learned Clerk.

A selection of Apple, Pear, Plum, Cherry and Mulberry trees were planted in the shelter of the stone wall to which a plaque recording this, our first planting in Scotland, will be embedded. The Livery and the Master's Guests were entertained in the impressive Adam's House — OSWALD HALL — used as a Conference Centre, followed by a conducted tour of various centres of research and the Gardens of this unique estate. The educational research with its advisory extension approved by the Scottish Office. Our sincere thanks are sent to Geoff Dixon and his staff who with traditional Scottish hospitality gave an additional flavour to the day when they took us to Robert Burns Cottage, his Museum and Monument.

# THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF UPHOLDERS: A SHORT HISTORY

Members of the craft of upholder (or upholsterer) are recorded at very early dates, the earliest being Henry le Uphelder (1258). The name of the craft and of the practitioners has been variously spelt — sometimes within the same sentence! The first mention of upholders acting as an organised group occurs in 1346 when they petitioned the King for protection against unfair competition from France. They obtained ordinances and recognition as a separate mistery in 1360 and a grant of arms from the College of Arms in 1465 — one of the earliest of such grants.

Throughout the 15th and 16th centuries they sought to consolidate their position by obtaining Acts of Parliament to outlaw bad craftsmanship such as the use of materials other than properly treated feathers for stuffing pillows etc.

The Company, along with many other City Companies, supported the colonisation of Virginia in 1608 and the plantation of Ulster in 1609. The Upholder's Company received its first Royal Charter (now unfortunately lost) from Charles I in 1626. A new exemplification was obtained in a further Royal Charter in 1668 from Charles II when John Hodgson was Master. The Charter laid down standards of craftsmanship and gave enforcement powers to the Company in respect of all upholders within the City of London and a seven mile radius. One of the powers granted was that of search so that improperly made products could be seized and destroyed.

For most of its existence the Company made use of the Livery Halls of other Companies. However, in 1645 Andrew Yardly, a Liveryman, made a gift of £500 for the purchase of a Hall which unfortunately was destroyed in the Great Fire of London in 1666. Houses were built on the site from which the Company derived rent for many years. Ever since the loss of the Hall the Upholders have enjoyed the hospitality of other Companies in using their Halls for livery dinners.

The Peter Jackson Charity is the principal charity supported by the Company and dates back to 1707 and a donation of £800 by Mr Jackson. The Court minutes refer to his "extraordinary kindness and bounty" and to the acquisition of property as the main investment for the charity whose purpose was to pay each year on St Andrew's Day a sum of money to necessitous upholders. The charity and its work continue to this day with fund raising and disimbursement adjusted to modern circumstances.

In 1750 an Act of Common Council was obtained in order to ensure all those practising as upholders (otherwise known as upholsterers) in an around the City should become Freemen of the Company. This had the useful effect of increasing the size and influence of the Company.

A proud moment for the Company came in 1801 when one of their members, William Rawlins, was elected Sheriff of the City of London. He served as Master on no fewer than six occasions and was knighted in 1802. Although his business was upholstery he also founded an insurance company which became Eagle Star. More recently, Past Masters Sir Sidney Wishart, Arthur Ley and Jonathan Charkham served as Sheriff in 1920/21, 1964/65 and 1994/95 respectively.

The last time a Liveryman of the Company served as Lord Mayor of London was when Alderman William Hunter (Sheriff in 1844/45 and Master in 1845/46) reached the Civic Chair in 1851/52. There were other Upholder Lord Mayors in earlier centuries but the distance in time means that details are sparse and uncertain.

In more recent times the Company has sought to encourage both traditional and innovative upholstery by awarding prizes to designers and to manufacturers as well as bursaries to trainees.

The Worshipful Company of Upholders, one of the City's more ancient Livery Companies, dating from the 14th century and 49th in the order of precedence continues to this day in fulfilling its duty to support the Lord Mayor of London, the craft of upholstery, charitable works through the Peter Jackson Charity, and — until her recent decommissioning — HM submarine HMS Upholder. Long may the Company continue to do so.

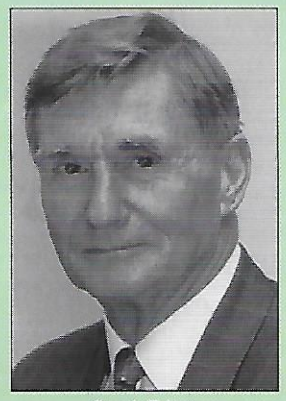
*Peter Allocca, Liveryman, is to become Master Upholder in Spring 1997. We send him our warmest wishes for his year in office.*

## MEET OUR NEW MASTER

Derek Tullett has been nominated as Master for 1997. He was born in Dulwich, London, the only son of Percy, an administrator in the fruit industry.

He was educated at Whitgift School in Croydon where he gained his love of sport and the Arts. After active service in the Queen's Royal Regiment, from 1953-56 he joined the ANZ Bank in London as a junior dealer.

His drive and ambition has resulted in his now being the President of a large, successful, worldwide money broking company, whose head office is in the City of London. He founded this company in 1971 with 15 staff and now has approximately 3,000 employees worldwide, with offices in every major financial centre.



*Derek Tullett*

In his year as Master he aims to continue to encourage the promotion of the horticulture industry and improve ties with his European counterparts. He also aims to extend the scholarships, bursaries and awards for the education of young horticulturists.

Derek travels extensively on behalf of his company and promotes the livery company wherever possible.

He has played county rugby and squash and continues to play squash regularly, competing in Veterans events with great success. Anita, his wife, is also a talented sports lady, with an enthusiasm for squash and golf. She has a low handicap and is regularly invited to play in pro-am events. They also have a joint interest in the ballet and opera.

This very athletic couple have, between them, 4 sons, 2 grandsons and 2 granddaughters. All the boys seem to have been blessed, both academically and athletically, not forgetting eldest granddaughter, Emily, aged 8, with aspirations of playing at Wimbledon!

He is a Director of Polka Theatre for Children where his company has sponsored the Christmas production for the past 11 years. The theatre also gives its time and expertise to work for children with special needs. In December 1997 all livery members and their families will be invited to jointly attend a seasonal production with the senior executives of Tullett & Tokyo Forex International Limited, their clients and families.

He is a Trustee of the Airborne Forces Charities which assists past and present servicemen and women.

Derek is also a Trustee of the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Development Trust and there is a Livery visit and tree planting planned for his year of office.

## New Freemen — November 1996

Peter Stewart Lester Brice, John Anthony Giles, Douglas Wallace Henderson, Arnold Douglas Lewis, Marionn Frances Regan.

## New Liverymen — November 1996

Shirley Ann Anwyl, Margaret Ann Charrington, Graham Malcolm McLaren Campbell, Edmund Garth Doubleday, Derek Filmer, Roy Thomas Hook, Simon Peter Lane, Michael Tom Harold Styles, James Richard William Wakeley.

## St Paul's Day 1997

Preparations are in hand for the celebration of our Patron Saint. The Church service at St Mary Abchurch will be at noon and our Preacher will be the Venerable Malcolm Lesiter, Archdeacon of Bedford.

The traditional Lunch given to the Court will be at Innholders and all spare places will be available to the Livery. There is, of course, a restriction to the number that can be accommodated and some disappointments are inevitable if demand exceeds supply.

## Renter Warden 1997

We are pleased to announce that His Honour Judge Donald Cryan has been nominated for election on St Paul's Day.

## Congratulations

Our Hon Chaplain, the Reverend Nigel Abbott, has been appointed an Honorary Canon of St Alban's Cathedral and Abbey Church of St Alban.

## It's Good to Talk!

Our dear Bishop, James Adams, who is now in a nursing home in Chippenham, has had a telephone installed in his room and has his own direct line. He would always be pleased to hear from you. The number is 01249-462543.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