



The Fruiterers' Company NEWSLETTER



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THE COMPANY IS MOVING FORWARD

The future of a modern Livery Company is continually under review, especially those Companies who are fortunate enough to be associated with a Live Industry.

All around us in every day life there are visible changes to the way we live and work.

Shopping, trading, the use of computers, mobile phones, so many things are different.

Our ancient traditions and the maintenance of them is a source of delight and pride to all of our Livery. We do need to continually review what we do and where we can give help. In his Christmas Message (see page 6) The Master notes that he has set in motion certain measures which he hopes will take the Company forward to the 21st Century.

Each Master in his turn makes a unique contribution to the well-being and advancement of the Company and the arrangements for a range of meetings and activities to enable Liverymen to participate and meet each other and to meet other people with common interests.

The basic guiding principle for our continuing existence is that we are a City Livery Company wishing to maintain our traditions while equally expanding our interests and our areas of support. The Livery is a Broad Church; the interests of one group should not be preferred to the detriment of another.

The Company has been associated with the modern Fruit Industry, particularly in areas of research for over 70 years. We have the opportunity to play a unique role as a non-trade and non-commercial organisation. This is continually emphasised and some of our social functions are designed specifically to provide an environment where persons with common aims can meet together.

The Master, speaking at Common Hall at the Inner Temple on September 28th, apologised to the Livery for the delays in bringing together the reports from the reviewing Committees and thus being unable to answer many of the questions put. There is to be an additional Common Hall to be held in London on 14th January 1999 to provide the required opportunity for the Livery to give their views on the proposals before they are finalised in a form for Court approval. This is therefore an opportunity which Liverymen should not miss. The date is the best available in the short remaining period of the Mastership.

The Working Parties were designated as to the Fruit

Industry and the Non Fruit Industry. The Renter Warden, Laurence Olins, chaired the first and Anthony Turnbull the other, and we are grateful to them and the small teams who helped them for the work and the time devoted.

The Fruit Industry party was asked to consider how the Livery might be made more relevant to the Fruit Industry. Conversely the second party was asked to report on the present and prospective roles of non-fruit related members of the Livery.

This article cannot summarise adequately all the thoughts and recommendations of the working parties. Certain items to which they refer are not novel but they draw attention to the need to re-emphasise certain concepts. The need to maintain the strength of the Livery and to attract younger members is paramount. The enormous changes that have taken place within the Industry have left the Company needing new sources of membership to substitute for some connections which are becoming more remote.

Equally, in the non-trade membership there are a number of skills which are capable of much further use. Those of management, finance and administration are just some of them. Often it is the non-trade members who can bring trade members together as well as bringing to the Company City and business people, which industry related members might find more difficult. There is a great deal to discuss and think about. We will need greater participation and direction from a wide range of members to ensure that the proposals are successfully implemented. Business Activity and pressures do not seem to abate and the time availability of many will need to be carefully considered.

Dates for your Diary

1999

January 14th	Common Hall, Fairfax House, Fulwood Place, London WC1.
January 25th	St Paul's Day Livery Service and Luncheon Innholders Hall
February 10th	Livery Banquet, The Mansion House
March 19th	United Guilds Service, St Paul's Cathedral
May 6th	Fruiterers Golf Day Kingswood Golf Club

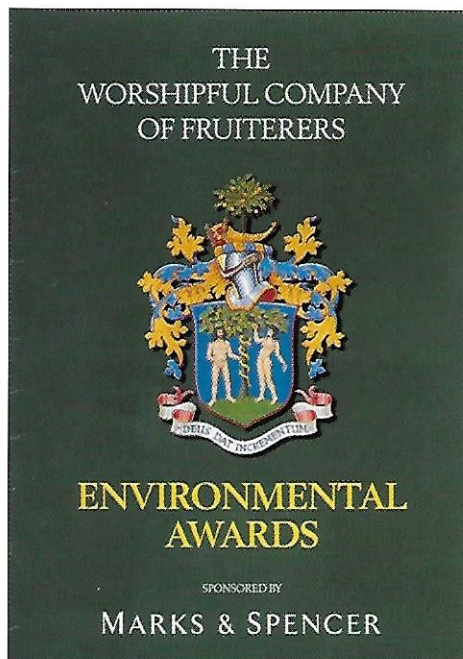
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NEW FRESH PRODUCE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS

A new award scheme, rewarding environmentally friendly methods of growing, supplying and distributing fresh produce, has been launched by the Worshipful Company of Fruiterers with sponsorship from Marks & Spencer and supported by Checkout Fresh magazine.

The 'Worshipful Company of Fruiterers Environmental Awards', has also received the backing of the National Farmers' Union and Ben Gill CBE, their President, is on the board of judges of the competition.



Tony Redsell the Master of the Fruiterers, states that, as a non-commercial Livery organisation, committed to promoting the pursuit of excellence in research, education and the growing and marketing of fresh produce in the United Kingdom, their remit ensured that the environmental award scheme would encompass both UK and overseas growers and suppliers.

"There are two key conditions - they must have made a substantial contribution to environmentally friendly practices - something the entire industry can admire and perhaps emulate and secondly, the produce or service must hold a significant position in the United Kingdom market."

The Fruiterers Environmental Awards will cover three categories of entry - fruit, vegetables including potatoes and salads, areas of the market valued at £2318 million, £2618 million and £763 million at RSP.

However, this scheme is not only aimed at growers.

"We want to include all those people and organisations whose work or activity has a notable effect on one or more of these three market areas. For example, advice organisations, pest controls system designers, pesticide manufacturers, transport companies, equipment manufacturing companies and specialist recycling or environmental organisations are all encouraged to enter under one of the three headings", explained Tony Redsell.

Research and development scientists and their establishments are to be mailed with details of the scheme as are all crop associations and NFU horticultural offices, overseas supplier marketing boards and UK wholesaler and retailer organisations.

The Awards

All the entries must be received by the 1 March 1999, and the judges will select three entrants for further scrutiny in each category - fruit, vegetables and salads. The winner of each category will be announced in Checkout Fresh in the first week of June 1999 and prizes of £500 each will be presented at the Fruiterers Summer Court Dinner in July which the winners and their partners will attend as guests.

The final overall winner, who will receive an additional £500, will be selected from the three categories winners and only announced on the night of the Dinner.

The Judges

The judging panel is made up from the Master of the Fruiterers, Tony Redsell; the Chairman of the Fruiterers Award Council, Alan Todd; Duncan MacIntyre, the Senior Fruit Produce Technologist at Marks & Spencer; Ben Gill CBE, President of the National Farmers' Union; Ron Parker, Chairman of the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable

Information Bureau; David Brown, Agricultural Editor of the Daily Telegraph; Vicky Howley, Editor of Checkout Fresh and three scientific judges who will be announced shortly.

Marks & Spencer

Marks & Spencer is well known for its own "pursuit of excellence" in all the food products sold throughout the 289 stores in the UK.

Duncan MacIntyre, Senior Produce Technologist and one of the judges for the awards states, "We are very pleased to provide our full support for these environmental awards, as they reflect the concern of our customers with fresh fruit, vegetables and salads produced to high standards but with the effect on the environment as a major consideration."

"We know that the exacting standards we agree with our suppliers include environmental considerations like low pesticide regimes, biological pest control and proper waste management on farms and in pack houses. However, these real, every day concerns of growers, distributors and retailers are not sufficiently appreciated by the media or by our customers. I believe that this award will highlight the current efforts of all sides of the fresh produce industry to make production and supply methods more and more environmentally compatible", he says.

National Farmers Union

Ben Gill says, "As President of the National Farmers Union, I am delighted to be involved with these awards. The fresh produce industry has made tremendous advances over recent years, both in terms of the environment and that other 'buzz word' sustainability.

Now is a highly apposite time to be introducing these awards, to give the industry the opportunity to show off those advances and achievements. I look forward to seeing a high number of quality entrants which I am sure will give the judges an unenviable task" says Ben Gill.

Details

Full details of the Worshipful Company of Fruiterers Environmental Awards can be obtained from the organisers, The Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Information Bureau at Bury House, 126-128 Cromwell Road, London SW7 4ET. Tel: 0171 373 7734.

CITY OF LONDON BRIEFINGS

The Corporation has announced the dates for the 1999 briefings, all of which are held in the Old Library at the Guildhall. These briefing evenings are well worth attending, and are recommended to all new Liverymen.

The briefing is based around a Video which has been specially produced and which is designed to inform Liverymen of the history of the City, how it's government has developed and the relationship between the City and the Livery Companies

The evening commences at 5.00pm in the Old Library and the video is shown in two parts, allowing a short break. The evening concludes at 7.00pm with a question and answer session and a light finger buffet with wine.

There is no charge for attendance, but places are limited. If you wish to attend one of these briefings, please apply to the Clerk's Office.

The dates are February 3rd, March 17th, June 14th, October 5th and November 17th.

AWARDS AT MARDEN - 1998

The Company's 1998 Fruit Culture Award has been presented to Peter Barwick. Manager of the orchards and nurseries at Blackmoor Estate, Hampshire.

The Award is made in recognition of his considerable service to the fruit growing industry' in particular for his management skills, the introduction of new techniques, and his ability to communicate information to growers and the general public.

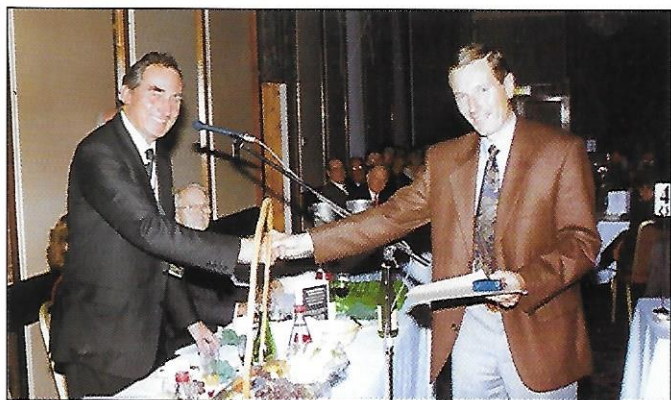
The Fruit Culture Award acknowledges the way Peter has worked, his enthusiasm and the helpful guidance he has given his good friends in the fruit growing industry.

After attending Kent Farm Institute, Sittingbourne, in 1960. Peter spent two years as a Plantation Assistant at East Malling Research Station. He gained further experience on fruit farms in Kent before taking on management roles at Selson Farm, Sandwich, Nutbourne Fruit Farms, Sussex and Hill Farm Orchards, Swanmore, Hampshire.

During the last eleven years Peter has built up a reputation as an able manager of about 300 acres of fruit at Blackmoor Estate. He also has overall responsibility for the packhouse, storage and the retail shop. In recent time he has taken on, in addition, the management of the nurseries.

Peter has always been keen to undertake trials and co-operate with research workers and advisers. He is an innovator: he practised the technique of "stringfellowing" with considerable success.

He has lectured to a variety of organisations and many grower discussion groups have enjoyed Peter's contributions. Similarly, he has hosted many grower visits to Blackmoor.



MARDEN SHOW PROMOTES OUR NEW ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS



Fruiterers turned out in force in October to man the stand at Detling promoting our latest initiative (see full story on the awards on page 2). This is the premier event in the English Fruit Grower's calendar and the Company again offered three silver medals in the apple and pear classes.

Our picture shows Ron Parker (Honorary Freeman), Chairman of the fresh Fruit and Vegetable Information Bureau, Tony Redsell, The Master and Duncan Macintyre, senior technologist with Marks and Spencer.

MARDEN SHOW WINNERS

The Craftsman's Award for 1998 has been presented to Alec Thompson.

Alec has worked at West Pike Fish Farm, Laddingford all his working life since 1960, after three years service in the Army.

Apart from being a skilled pruner in his own right he has instructed others, having been a course member on an ATB Instructional Techniques (Pruning) Course. His charges have included apprentices and young people new to the art and craft of pruning.

In 1982 he followed in his late Father's footsteps being promoted farm foreman with overall responsibility for the day to day running of the farm's fifty acres of orchards.

He has managed a diverse range of orchards from 1 - 35 years of age, at home in the formative work of the young orchards as well as the renewal work entailed in older ones. He has coped with the demands of managing new varieties such as Gala as well as traditional ones such as Queen Cox.

This is not the easiest farm to work on suffering the disadvantages of the Low Weald in some years such as 1997. Nevertheless he nurtured the residual 10% crop of that year and was instrumental in growing a 3lb 11oz world record apple.

FRUITERERS COMPANY MEDALS AND DIPLOMAS at Marden Fruit Show were awarded as follows:

Best exhibit of Dessert Apples - ROBERT MITCHELL
PARTNERSHIP,
Foxbury Farm, Stone Street,
Sevenoaks.

Best exhibit of Culinary Apples - J.A. & N.J. BARDSLEY,
River Farm, Staplehurst, Kent.

Best Exhibit of Pears - G.W. BREACH, Chittenden Farms,
Staplehurst, Kent.

NEW INFORMAL LUNCHES AT THE BUTCHERS' HALL

As we go to press, the Company will be holding the first of a series of lunches at Butchers' Hall, and we are very grateful for the facility which that Company has offered us.

There is an informal lunch at the Hall on a regular basis, and we have been allocated our own table to seat as a maximum, 45 people.

The initial response has been encouraging. The Renter Warden is master-minding the project. It is not necessary to bring a Fruit related guest but many are expected. It is too early to comment on the merits or otherwise of the concept, but it is a step forward to provide an informal place to meet at a reasonable cost and congratulations are due for the initiative and the work which the Clerk has put in to launch it.

ST PAUL'S DAY LIVERY SERVICE

Our annual celebration of the Conversion of our Patron Saint will be held at St Mary Abchurch on January 25th 1999 at Noon. The Master will be giving a Court Lunch afterwards and as many Liverymen with their partners will be able to attend as can be accommodated.

The preacher will be the Lord Bishop of Carlisle, The Right Reverend Ian Harland.

PAST MASTERS DINNER

A dinner for the Past Masters was held in London on 26th November, at which The Past Masters entertained the Master. The Wardens and the Clerk were also invited.

This is an occasional event, the last of such events was held some 12 years ago.

THE MASTER WELCOMES THE COURT AND LIVERY AT THE MASTER AND WARDENS DINNER

The Master, Tony Redsell, together with the Wardens, welcomed and entertained the Court at the traditional Master and Wardens Dinner held at Innholders Hall on Thursday 12th November.

The guests of honour included the Masters of the Carmen's and Poulterers' Companies and the Clerk of the Carmen's Company, The Chairman of the Apple and Pears Council, Professor I Swingland, and the two Aldermen who have completed their year of service as Sheriffs, Alderman David Howard and Alderman Michael Oliver.

The Company also entertained Peter Vinson and Brian Piper, the winners of the Company's medals at the Cherry and Soft Fruit Show in July, and during the evening The Master presented the winners with their Diplomas.

There was a special welcome to Conrad Leonard, our pianist, who recently celebrated his One Hundreth birthday.

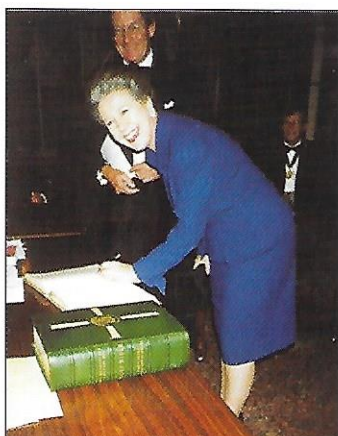
Among those acknowledged during the evening was Past Master Harry Lewis, recording his 50 years as a Liveryman and Pauline Halliday, who had been admitted to the Freedom of the Company by Redemption at the Court held earlier. Pauline was the Guest of her husband, Peter. It is a first that a previous Clerk, as a member of the Company, was escorted by a previous Assistant Clerk!

Professor Swingland replied to the Toast of "The Guests", proposed by the Master. Honorary Assistant William Wakeley warmly proposed the health of the Master and Wardens, recording the considerable work which has been taking place during the year on the Strategy for the Future, The Renter Warden, Laurence Olins, JP, replied.

Nobby Price, our Fruit Porter, was among those present and it was encouraging to see an increase in the number of Liverymen present in a full house.



The Master and Wardens



Pauline Halliday signs the Roll of Freeman



The Master with our two "Guest Masters"

PAST MASTER HARRY LEWIS HONOURED

The Court has honoured Past Master Harry Lewis with a rare commendation for outstanding service to the Company over a period of fifty years.

At The Court Meeting on November 12th, the Resolution was proposed by the next Senior Past Master, Garth Doubleday and seconded by Bobby Manners and warmly approved. It has been transcribed to an Illuminated Address which will be formally presented to Harry at The St Paul's Day Lunch if his health permits his attendance.

Many Liverymen will have seen a similar Address which was given to Harry's grandfather and which is often on display at Innholders Hall when we hold functions there.

The resolution read as follows:

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FRUITERERS

At a Court held at Innholders Hall in the City of London on the 12th November 1998

It was moved by

Garth Leslie Doubleday Esquire TD, DL, MA,

Past Master and seconded by

Robert William Manners Esquire Past Master

and

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

That this Court do record their high appreciation of the manner in which

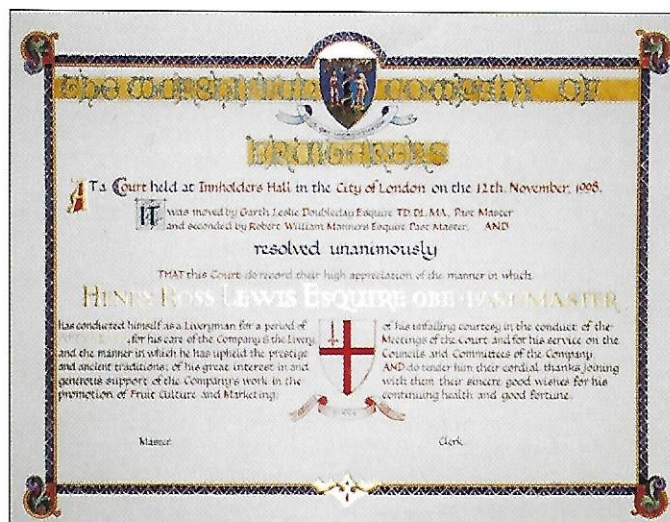
HENRY ROSS LEWIS ESQUIRE OBE Past Master

has conducted himself as a Liveryman for a period of FIFTY YEARS, for his care of the Company and the Livery, and the manner in which he has upheld the prestige and ancient traditions; of his great interest in and generous support of the Company's work in the promotion of Fruit Culture and Marketing; of his unfailing courtesy in the conduct of the Meetings of the Court and for his service on the Councils and Committees of the Company.

AND do tender him their cordial thanks joining with them their sincere good wishes for his continuing health and good fortune.

MASTER

CLERK



THE FAN MAKERS TRIUMPH AT WINDLESHAM

The Joint Livery Golf Day was held at Windlesham Golf Club on Tuesday 13th October. There was an encouraging turn-out resulting in the largest number of competitors since the event started. Thanks go not only to our members but especially to the Fan Makers Golfing Society who sent 14 of their members.

For the first time we welcomed representatives from The Actuaries Company and the Woolmens Company, both of whom enjoyed themselves and wish to come again next year.

We were sorry that The Carmen did not field a team this year and we hope that they will return next year.

The weather was extremely unpleasant when we started, but the rain did ease off after an hour or so and the conditions improved. Despite the conditions, some high scores were recorded, there

being two players scoring 36 points.

The winning team was the Fan Makers with 106 points for the best three individual scores, and we achieved a respectable 91 to gain second place. On a count back, the Woolmen came third, based on four scores rather than three.

Our winners were The Rev Nigel Abbott (President of the Society), Paul Starns and Bob Pascoe.

The winning team from the Fan Makers was Patrick King (Captain) Jon Rose and Frank Hennessey. The highest scores by the Woolmen were those of Peter Steggles Peter Gibbins (playing off scratch) and Stephen Scott.

Congratulations to the winners for a great performance!

Next Year's event will be on October 6th at Tyrells Wood GC.

The winning Fan Makers team



The Actuaries with the President



The Woolmen with the President



The Fruiterers team



MILLENNIUM BOXES

Many members will be familiar with the delightful enamel boxes produced by Halycon Days. Many may well have started collections as they come in various shapes and sizes.



The Company is considering authorising production of a limited number of a special product carrying the Company's Coat of Arms.

We reproduce a coloured example of such a box prepared for the Woolmen's Company and a black and white sketch of how ours might look.

There are initial design and set-up costs and the Master will not wish to incur these unless there is sufficient interest (and

some firm orders) to ensure that the project breaks even.

The cost to Liverymen of this limited edition will be £75.00, including tax, based on a minimum number of 35. Delivery would be during 1999 in readiness for the Millennium. The Clerk therefore needs to know the amount of interest and the number who wish to place an order. Can those interested please write to the Clerk's office.

A drawing of the likely design



FRUITERERS AWARDS COUNCIL

Nominations for membership of the council for 1999 have been made and the elections will take place at the January Court.

Alan Todd has retired as Chairman and Tony Redsell will succeed him. Donald Mack, Harry Lewis and Graham Broomhall have also retired.

The Company is pleased that the following have agreed to serve: R C Brighten, J A Giles, W A Sibley, A R Thompson, J R W Wakeley and E S Dawes.

Insufficient appreciation of the work which is done by members of the Council is often evident. The Company is greatly indebted to those who have now retired after many years of service. Alan Todd is to be co-opted for a further term and many thanks go to him for agreeing to do so.

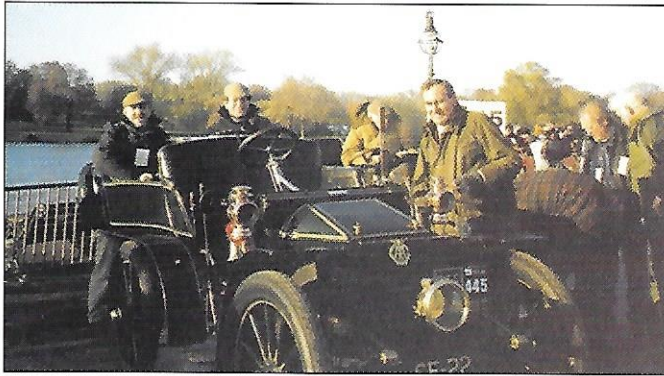
RIDLEY MEDAL - 1999

The Adjudication Committee for this prestigious award has submitted their recommendation for the 1999 award which the Court has approved. The Master will make the presentation at the Mansion House on 10th February 1999. The Committee comprised Alan Todd, Donald Mack, Harry Lewis and Roger Worraker.

EDITOR'S APOLOGY

In the last issue reference was incorrectly made to the Lewis Award being presented in 1999. This is due in the year 2000. Please accept my apologies.

THE MASTER REFLECTS



The Master taking part in this year's Veteran Car Run from London to Brighton. Note the back seat driver.

As my year as a Master draws to a close I hope that I have set in motion some measures that will enhance the Company and take it into the twenty-first century with a fresh and vigorous approach to its tasks.

Jill joins me in wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

For fruit growers December is a time for reflection and review, after the pressures of the summer and autumn. During the growing season one has to think about pest and disease control, labour relations, health and safety at work regulations, environmental restrictions, the weather (frost, hail or gales) and its influence on size and quality of fruit, fruit analysis and how long is its storage potential, availability and quality of casual fruit pickers, pacifying the bank manager, and worrying about the market. This situation is probably no different from other business within the Livery.

There can be no doubt that when you are up to your backside in alligators it can be difficult to remember that the original objective was to ford the river.

With the approach of Christmas, one can take a more rational view of the world and realise how lucky we are to live and work in a temperate climate of weather, politics and commerce. Not often do we get hurricanes, riots or major financial disasters.

TOWARDS 2000

Donald Cryan, our Master-Elect, is looking forward to his year in office. He will of course be in office as the Chimes herald in the new Millennium and there are novel and interesting plans for the closing events of his year!

This year is likely to be one in which many of the ideas arising from the Working parties set up in 1998 will need implementation. Donald tells us "I hope that in my year we shall be able to start the task of carrying many of the ideas forward."

As a past student of London University he has had particular pleasure in attending part of the second Strategic Management Course at Wye. I shall continue the emphasis on the encouragement of Education and we are hoping to hold a Fruiterers Forum in the Spring with the help of Dr Jim

Flegg (Honorary Assistant), he says.

The Social side of the programme for 1999 will include a Summer Ball on Saturday July 17th in The Inner Temple, London and there will be tree plantings at Chequers and in Washington, USA in the autumn.



Donald is a Circuit Judge (His Honour Judge Cryan), based in London, where he sits in the County Court, Crown Court and at the Royal Courts of Justice doing family work. He is married to Pamela, a working Queen's Counsel and who sits as a Deputy High Court Judge. They live in Blackheath and have two sons, one of whom is at University College, London and the other at Tonbridge.

We wish Donald and Pamela a happy and successful year!



OUR VISIT TO WASHINGTON - OCTOBER 1999

The Master-Elect plans a three day Livery visit to Washington in the Autumn. On Saturday 9th October there will be a tree planting at Mount Vernon, the family home of George Washington. The Planting will commemorate the 200th Anniversary of Washington's death

in 1799. Last year the trustees of the estate embarked on restoring the great man's orchard and they are as yet short of certain varieties which it is hoped we can provide. Typically of George Washington, his records are meticulous and some of the 18th Century varieties are thought to be English. It is hoped that a number of distinguished guests will attend the planting and an interesting three day programme of events is planned. Make a note in your diary!

SECOND STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT COURSE

The Company's second Strategic Management Course, organised in conjunction with the Fresh Produce Consortium, took place at Wye College at the end of November.

Following the first course last March this proved another successful week of intensive business management training attended by representatives from a wide range of companies.

Fyffes, Redbridge and Fruition again sent delegates with McLeod McCombe, BOC Distribution, Kettle Produce and MBM amongst others including Enviro-produce from South Africa making their first appearance. A total of 15 benefited from the week's residential study, with the Company once again sponsoring a grower.

Such is the interest generated by this joint initiative that the next course, scheduled to start on May 23rd 1999 already has commitment from eight companies to send delegates.

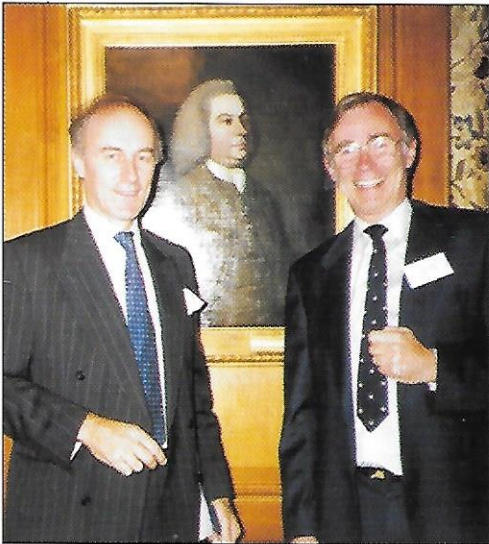
Anyone interested should therefore contact Doug Henderson at The Fresh Produce Consortium. Tel: 0171 627 3391 as soon as possible.

CHARITY DONATIONS 1998

The Master has approved the following donations from the Company's Charitable Trust for the year on behalf of all Liverymen.

- The Lord Mayor's Appeal - NCH Action for Children
- Sheriffs and Recorder's Fund
- RNLI
- The Cassell Hospital Families Centre, Richmond
- The Guildhall Library - Archiving Department
- British Agency for Adoption and Fostering
- St Mary Abchurch
- The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

COMMON HALL



Michael and Julian Cronk

Council, the range of awards and prizes, the ongoing exchanges with Rutgers University and the post graduate Research funding at HRI.

T W Bullivant, outgoing Chairman of the Finance Sub Committee reviewed the state of financial affairs, making the point that the pattern of Income and Expenditure varied little from year to year. The average age of the Livery was 63, a matter of concern, and one that needs to be lowered to avoid continually increasing quaterage.

A number of matters were raised from the audience; in reply to a question on the availability of the annual accounts, the Master confirmed the existing position that any Liveryman can apply for a copy but they were not automatically circulated to all Liverymen. In future copies will be available at Common Hall.

The meeting ended at 19.30 hours and was followed by supper.

The 1998 Common Hall of the Company was held at the Inner Temple on Monday 28th September. A total of 37 Liverymen attended which was a disappointing number.

The most encouraging aspect was the attendance of new Liverymen and the Master expressed his particular delight.

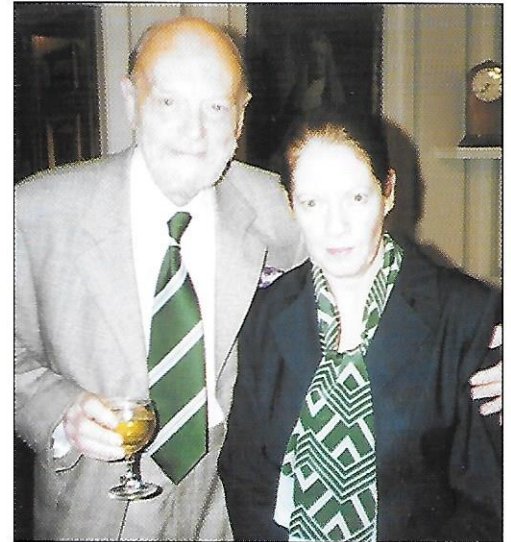
The Master opened the proceedings with a review of the year, making particular reference to the strategic plan which is in course of finalisation. There was some concern that the availability of the draft proposals would have to wait a little longer.

The Master also mentioned the two new projects already up and running, namely the Strategic Management Courses and the Environmental Awards.

There is to be an Association of past Honorary Assistants as a further means of communication.

A Skills register is to be set up and it is likely that an Almoner will be appointed, once the terms of reference have been established.

Past Master Alan Todd MBE, outgoing Chairman of the Fruiterers Awards Council, gave a detailed review of the work of the



Michael Styles and Shirley Anwyl wearing the new Livery scarf



The Panel



Paying attention

CITY CONNECTIONS



On the forecourt of ST MARTINS PARISH CHURCH, in Church Street, Epsom, beneath the medieval Bell Tower, stands an Altar Tomb in memory of Elizabeth Perry. Elizabeth was the wife of an important Lord Mayor of London - Micajah Perry - and to his great sorrow she died during his year of office, 1738. The inscription on the Tomb is well worth reading:

Sacred to the memory of Elizabeth late wife of Micajah Perry Esq daughter of Mr Richard and Mrs Ann Cocke who was possessed of many great and good qualities Being a tender faithful and affectionate wife an agreeable companion a wise and sincere friend a kind and generous relation a foe to no one Benevolent to all She lived many years in this Parish esteemed Beloved and Honoured by all who knew her and died universally lamented on the 10th day of October 1738 in the 39th year of her age.

Micajah inherited interests in tobacco estates in Virginia, America, from his grandfather. He was politically active and took action against fraud. During his year he laid the foundation stone of the Mansion House and kept a strict diary of a Mayor's life and duties.

THE MASTER MAKES THE TRADITIONAL PRESENTATION OF FRUIT TO THE LORD MAYOR AT THE MANSION HOUSE

The Master, Tony Redsell, made the traditional Presentation to the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Alderman Sir Richard Nichols, at the Mansion House on 15th October.

The Lord Mayor was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and Alderman and Sheriff Brian Harris with his wife Rosalyn. The Duty Officer was Colonel Mark Carnegie Brown.

Ivor Robins, Chairman of the Presentation of Fruit Committee, had again prepared a spectacular display and a delightful Basket. Many congratulations to him and his team for all their hard work.

The Fruit Porter, Nobby Price, presented the Fruit to the Master on behalf of the Livery who was delighted at the response from the Livery who contributed over £400.00.

The fruit deemed surplus to the Lord Mayor's requirements was sent to St Botolphs Without for distribution to those in need.

This is always a happy occasion; on the conclusion the Master drank a Loving Cup with the Lord Mayor and all those attending were entertained to a glass or two of wine before departing for an informal lunch at the Farmers Club.



OBITUARIES

We are sorry to report the deaths of two senior Liverymen who have died during the Summer. Our sympathies are extended to their widows and families.

David Bowerman

Robert Graham Faithfull Henderson

NEW FREEMAN

On November 12th Pauline Ann Halliday

PAST MASTER THE RIGHT HON SIR EDWARD DU CANN KBE

Sir Edward has informed us that The European Commission on Human Rights has ruled that The British Government was at fault in the conduct of the action brought against him under the Directors Disqualification Act (originally announced in August 1991). Sir Edward's complaint, now upheld, was the excessive length of time involved in the proceedings and the effect on his personal standing and reputation.

The domestic action against him has been stayed and his bankruptcy (which followed the announcement) annulled.

He wishes to record his appreciation and thanks to all those Liverymen who extended kindness and support during those difficult times.

Acknowledgments

The Editor wishes to thank all those who have provided copy for this issue, and in particular The Master, Alan Todd, David Hope-Mason, John Dunham, Jonathan Choat, Eric Griffiths, The Upper Warden and The Clerk.