

The Ridley Medal - for distinguished service to fruit growing
Presented triennially at the Annual Banquet
(Founded 1931)

2020		
2017	Don Vaughan	Mansion House Thursday 16 th February 2017
2014	Michael Geoffrey Solomon, BSc, MSc, DIC, PhD, FRES	Mansion House Thursday 27 th February 2014
2011	Hugh Burman Lowe (Liveryman) The eightieth Anniversary The Ridley Medal was presented by Liveryman David Ridley, Great Grandson of Frank Robert Ridley	Mansion House Thursday 17 th February 2011
2008	James Nichols	Guildhall Monday 11 th February 2008
2005	Peter Vinson	Plasterers' Hall Thursday 3 rd February 2005
2002	Alan Francis Todd, MBE (Liveryman and Past Master)	Mansion House Thursday 14 th February 2002
1999	Peter Wheldon, MBE Was a member of the governing committee at Long Ashton Research Station, Bristol Served for twenty-five years on the Governing Body of East Malling Research Station and for ten years was Chairman of the Station's Research Association Committee	Mansion House Thursday 11 th February 1999
1996	Dr Jim Quinlan Head of Pomology Department at East Malling Research in 1985 And later Head of the Perennial Crops Department at HRI	Plasterers' Hall Thursday 1 st February 1996
1993	Denis J Butt, BSc, DPP, FIBiol Pathologist – Pathology Section at East Malling Research	Plasterers' Hall Wednesday 27 th January 1993
1990	Dr R O Sharples	
1987	H J M Darby, BSc, (Agric)	
1984	Dr J E Crosse	
1981	Dr L C Luckwill, BSc, PhD, FIBol	
1978	Dr Adrian Frank Posnette, MA, PhD, DSc, FIBiol, FRS, VMH, CBE Became head of Plant Pathology at East Malling Research Station in 1957 He then served as deputy director from 1969 and as director from 1972 until his retirement in 1979.	
1975	Pamela Margaret Savage Secretary of the Marden and District Fruit Show from 1958 to 1974	Plasterers' Hall Tuesday 28 th January 1975

1972	John Meiklejohn Saunders Potter OBE, VMH Director of the National Fruit Trials at Brogdale	Drapers' Hall Wednesday 26 th January 1972
1969 <i>Joint Award</i>	Dr Francis Ralph Tubbs, CBE, MSc, PhD Director of the East Malling Research Station Dr William Stephen Rogers Head of the Pomology Section at the East Malling Research Station	Fishmongers' Hall 29 th January 1969 Being a joint award, on this occasion two medals were awarded
1963	Dr Ralph Vivian Harris Advisor to the Director of the East Malling Research Station	Grocers' Hall January 1963
1960	Donald Arthur Ridley (Past Master 1959) For the exceptional service given by him to Fruiticulture	
1957	Dr A M Masee	
1950	Morley Benjamin Crane, FRS (Honorary Freeman) Geneticist and Plant Breeder Was the first recipient of the Fruiterers' Bursary to the John Innes Horticultural Institution in 1911 Crane did much to encourage and train his junior colleagues He served on many committees of the Ministry of Agriculture, the Royal Horticultural Society, the Agricultural Research Council and the Board of Studies of London university	Ironmongers' Hall On this occasion Mr Crane was also presented with the Honorary Freedom of the Fruiterers' Company Wednesday 25 th January 1950
1938	Dr T Wallace Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture at Bristol University	Mansion House Presented by the Lord Mayor on the occasion of Presentation of Fruit to the Lord Mayor Monday 24 th October 1938
1931	Edward Augustine Lowe Laxton, MBE In 1888 Edward formed a partnership with his brother William and founded the business "Laxton Brothers" where Edward was the driving force behind the nursery. They were notable horticulturists, pioneers of plant breeding and experts on fruit production creating several new strains of fruit. The brothers concentrated their attention on crossing the best varieties of apples, pears, plums and small fruits. Lord Lambourne, a dessert apple, raised by Laxton Bros. in 1907 was awarded the RHS Bunyard Cup	The first recipient of the Ridley Medal was Edward Augustine Lowe Laxton. The Medal was presented to him on Tuesday 6 th October 1931 by the Lord Mayor Sir William Phené Neal at a banquet held at Fishmongers' Hall, following the occasion of Presentation of Fruit to the Lord Mayor.