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

(Founded 1931)

2020	Angus Davison	Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic
		the Award was presented at a Virtual
		Online Banquet
		Wednesday 17 th March 2021
2017	Don Vaughan	Mansion House
		Thursday 16th February 2017
2014	Michael Geoffrey Solomon, BSc, MSc, DIC, PhD, FRES	Mansion House
		Thursday 27th February 2014
2011	Hugh Burman Lowe (Liveryman)	Mansion House
	The eightieth Anniversary	Thursday 17th February 2011
	The Ridley Medal was presented by Liveryman David Ridley, Great Grandson of Frank Robert Ridley	
2008	James Nichols	Guildhall
		Monday 11 th February 2008
2005	Peter Vinson	Plaisterers' Hall
		Thursday 3 rd February 2005
2002	Alan Francis Todd, MBE	Mansion House
	(Liveryman and Past Master)	Thursday 14 th February 2002
1999	Peter Wheldon, MBE	Mansion House
	Was a member of the governing committee at Long Ashton Research Station, Bristol	Thursday 11 th February 1999
	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	
1996	Dr Jim Quinlan	Plaisterers' Hall
	Head of Pomology Department at East Malling Research in 1985	Thursday 1st February 1996
	And later Head of the Perennial Crops Department at HRI	
1993	Denis J Butt, BSc, DPP, FIBiol	Plaisterers' Hall
	Pathologist – Pathology Section at East Malling Research	Wednesday 27 th January 1993
1990	Dr R O Sharples	
1987	H J M Darby, BSc, (Agric)	Plaisterers' Hall
		Wednesday 28th January 1987
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	
1975	He then served as deputy director from 1969 and as director from 1972 until his retirement in 1979. Pamela Margaret Savage	Plaisterers' Hall
1373	Secretary of the Marden and District Fruit Show from 1958 to 1974	Tuesday 28 th January 1975
1972	John Meiklejohn Saunders Potter OBE, VMH	Drapers' Hall
1372	Director of the National Fruit Trials at Brogdale	Wednesday 26 th January 1972
1969	Dr Francis Ralph Tubbs, CBE, MSc, PhD	Fishmongers' Hall
Joint	Director of the East Malling Research Station	29 th January 1969
Award	Dr William Stephen Rogers	Being a joint award, on this occasion
7117414	Head of the Pomology Section at the East Malling Research Station	two medals were awarded
1963	Dr Ralph Vivian Harris	Grocers' Hall
	Advisor to the Director of the East Malling Research Station	January 1963
1960	Donald Arthur Ridley	25th January 1960
	(Past Master 1959)	
	For the exceptional service given by him to Fruiticulture	
1957	Dr A M Massee	
1950	Morley Benjamin Crane, FRS (Honorary Freeman)	Ironmongers' Hall
	Geneticist and Plant Breeder	On this occasion Mr Crane was also
	Was the first recipient of the Fruiterers' Bursary to the John Innes Horticultural Institution in 1911	presented with the Honorary Freedom
	Crane did much to encourage and train his junior colleagues	of the Fruiterers' Company
	He served on many committees of the Ministry of Agriculture, the Royal Horticultural Society,	Wednesday 25 th January 1950
	the Agricultural Research Council and the Board of Studies of London university	
1938	Dr T Wallace	Mansion House
	Deputy Director of the Department of Agriculture at Bristol University	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	The first recipient of the Ridley Medal
	In 1888 Edward formed a partnership with his brother William and founded the business "Laxton	was Edward Augustine Lowe Laxton.
	Brothers" where Edward was the driving force behind the nursery.	The Medal was presented to him on
	They were notable horticulturists, pioneers of plant breeding and experts on fruit production creating	Tuesday 6 th October 1931 by the Lord
	several new strains of fruit.	Mayor Sir William Phené Neal at a
	The brothers concentrated their attention on crossing the best varieties of apples, pears, plums and	banquet held at Fishmongers' Hall ,
	small fruits. Lord Lambourne, a dessert apple, raised by Laxton Bros. in 1907 was awarded the RHS	following the occasion of Presentation
	Bunyard Cup	of Fruit to the Lord Mayor.