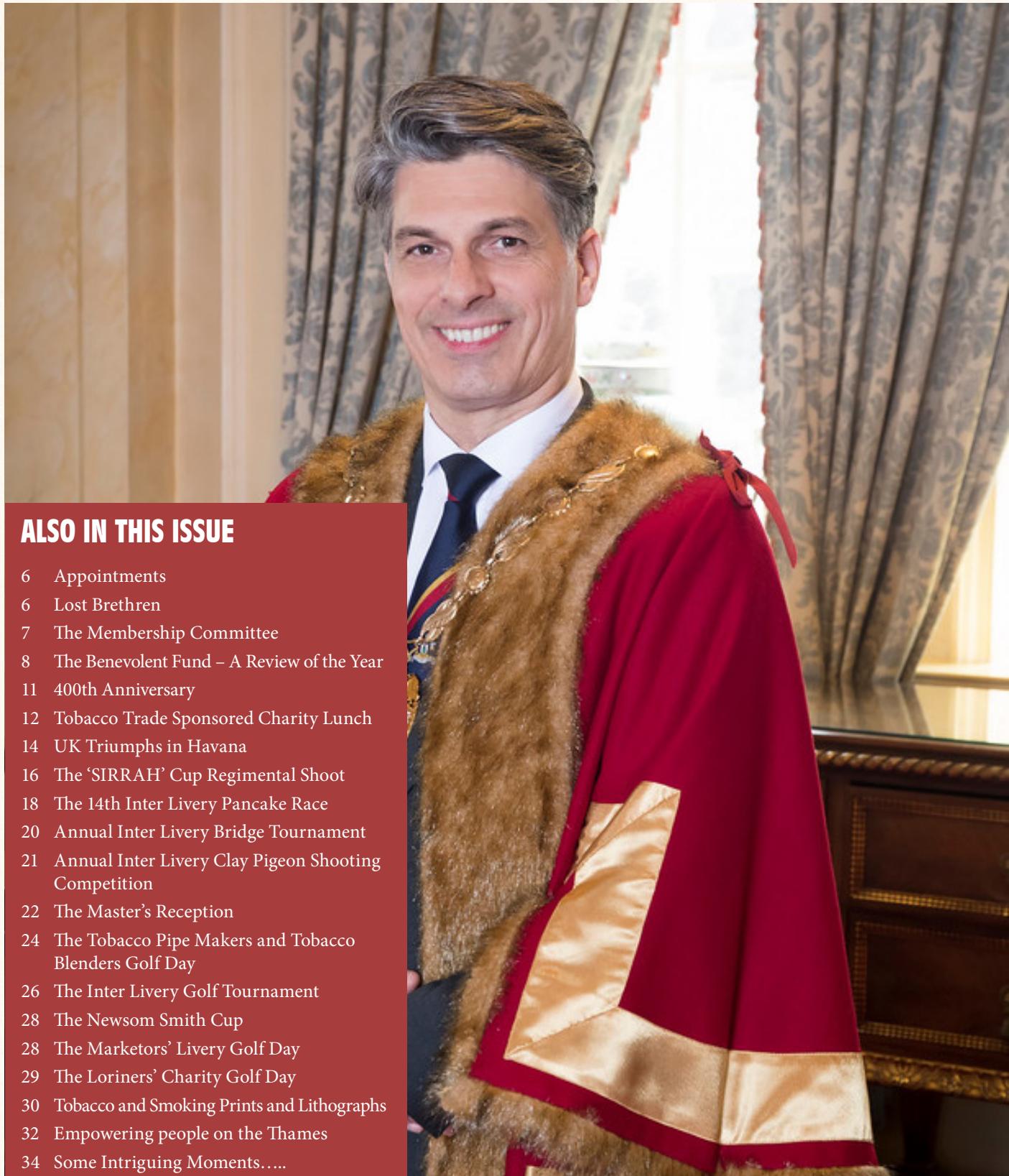


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## Installation of the Master

It was a great honour to be installed as Master of the Worshipful Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers & Tobacco Blenders, the sixty fifth Master since the re-formation of this historic Livery Company in 1954. The tobacco industry and business in the City of London have transformed beyond recognition since that time. However, I would like to think that the founding fathers would be proud of the place that their Company has earned for itself through the work, energy and generosity of its members, led by my illustrious predecessors, over the many decades that have passed. Whilst it has adapted to the modern age, the Company upholds their traditions and continues to exude the confidence, humour and bonhomie that stems from the world of tobacco today as it did then. It is my mission to sustain and progress this great legacy to the best of my ability in my term of office.

And so it began at Saddlers' Hall on a fine June day for the Installation; a time-honoured ceremony perfectly executed by the players under the guiding hands of the Learned Clerk and the Immediate Past Master. Once installed, it was my pleasure to appoint the Wardens, Andrew Golding (Senior), Adam Bennett (Renter), Jerry Merton (Third) and Paul Taberer (Fourth) all of whom are excellently qualified for their roles. I am looking forward to working with this team in the coming year. It was also with great pride that I presented my wife with the Mistress' Jewel, her own badge to wear when representing the Company. Sally is a Liveryman in her own right and is the third lady in the Merton family to be Mistress.

The excellent weather permitted us to hold the Reception before lunch outdoors in the bower-like courtyard of Saddlers' Hall. It was an opportunity for guests to assemble, take a drink and get acquainted with Company members and other guests. For those so inclined, it was also an opportunity to sample some fine cigars from the humidors of Hunters & Frankau. The sunshine and welcoming setting were so intoxicating that it almost seemed a shame to break the party for Lunch! But, like all good things...

We were honoured to be joined at Lunch by Ann Buxton, Master Pewterer and Bryan Burrough, Master Distiller along with their respective Clerks.



Another noted guest was Gwen Rhys, Past Master Glass Seller, soon to stand in this year's contested Shrieval Election. However, our Principal Guest and Speaker was Margaret Evison, Founder of the Mark Evison Foundation, one of the charities that our Company supports through its Benevolent Fund.

Margaret's son, Mark, was a young officer in the Welsh Guards in 2009 when he was shot whilst fighting in Helmand, Afghanistan. All efforts to save him failed and Margaret has since campaigned for better equipment and support for British servicemen and women in theatres of war in an effort to reduce the number of similar deaths and casualties. In her moving speech, Margaret described how Mark's example in life has been turned into something positive, the charity that bears his name. Targeting 17-year olds in London schools, the Foundation invites them to choose, plan and carry out something that is a personal challenge funded by grants of up to £500. Hundreds of young people have benefitted from this inspiring work and it is just one example of the kind of charity that we support; ones where

our donations make a difference. Information about these, including the Mark Evison Foundation, can be found on our website [www.tobaccolegacy.org](http://www.tobaccolegacy.org).

The year ahead promises to be both full and exciting. Apart from the usual cycle of events for all Livery Companies, there are also some notable centenaries this year that are impacting on the City calendar – the right of women to vote, the formation of the RAF and the remembrance for Armistice Day. Our Company can look forward to its own celebration in 2019 when it will celebrate the quatercentenary since the formation of the First Company in 1619. There will be much to do supporting the Senior Warden as he prepares to mark and celebrate the occasion in his year as Master.

Apart from our formal events, we are a busy Company and have many informal events for our members and their guests. The quarterly drinks arranged by the Membership Committee are a particular draw and I encourage members and non-members alike to attend when they can. There is



no better way to catch up with friends or make new ones in wonderful venues. The next is to be held at The Tower of London on Monday, 17th September. Remember to book early to avoid disappointment!

I thank the Court and the Company's members for the opportunity to lead this Worshipful Company. I look forward to seeing you and sharing events during my year.



# Appointments

**Liveryman Henry Tuck** has been elected to the Court as an Assistant and was installed on 24th January 2018.

## Members Gowned with the Livery

<b>Baron Stephan von Schilling</b> <i>Consultant</i>	20th March 2018
<b>Mr John McInnes May Noble</b> <i>Salvage Company Representative</i>	7th June 2018

## New Freemen

<b>Mr Robert Ian Burton</b> <i>Senior Consultancy and Compliance Officer</i>	24th January 2018
<b>Mr Harry David Borovick</b> <i>Solicitor</i>	20th March 2018
<b>Mr Rae Anthony Maile</b> <i>Stockbroker</i>	20th March 2018
<b>Mr Simon Mark Millson</b> <i>Consultant</i>	20th March 2018
<b>Mr Donato Del Vecchio</b> <i>Manager, British American Tobacco</i>	7th June 2018

## Lost Brethren

### Liveryman Ronald Hector Davidson

Liveryman Ronald Hector Davidson sadly passed away very peacefully on 14th February 2018.

Ronald became a Freeman in 1976 and Liveryman in 1979 and was a Manufacturing Jeweller in Scotland. A proud Liveryman of the Pipe Makers, Ronald attended Livery events when he was able to. He had just celebrated his 80th birthday and leaves a daughter, Dagmar and a grandson, Oliver.

### Liveryman Paul Ernest Woodley

Liveryman Paul Ernest Woodley sadly passed away very suddenly in March 2018.

Paul was born in 1939 into a family of Tobacconists. Paul's grandfather founded Woodleys Tobacconists at the turn of the 20th century and Paul was the third generation to run the business, taking over from his father and turning down the opportunity to go to University.

A Freeman and Liveryman of the Company since 1982 and a life-long pipe smoker, Paul attended as many Company Dinners as he was able to, usually bringing a family member with him. In the past few years, he was often accompanied by his niece Kate. Paul took great interest in Common Hall and would attend every year, taking part in the voting for the Sheriffs and Lord Mayor.

A proud South Londoner who remained in the family home for his whole life and who chose not to leave and move out of London when he retired from the business. Paul was a quiet, unassuming man with a vast knowledge of the tobacco industry but he also spurned technology and chose to write letters than have a computer or mobile phone. He is survived by his sister, nieces and nephew.



## The Membership Committee

The Membership Committee has been working on a number of initiatives to keep the flow of new members who wish to join the Livery at a steady pace. Central to this is encouraging current members to bring potential recruits to our quarterly drinks evenings.

We try to find new and interesting venues for the Smoking Club, the past 3 have been in the Hippodrome in the West End, JJ Fox in St James with the Nicaraguan Ambassador in attendance and The Boot and Flogger in Southwark. Attendances have been between 20 and 30 people and we really want to see if we can increase the numbers of recruits over the coming 12 months.

On September 17th, we will be visiting the Tower of London for drinks in the Warder's Bar, a tour of the Tower and to witness the changing of the keys ceremony. We hope to attract a big crowd to this one 40+, so would appreciate all your help in attending and bringing guests. Details will be published in early July.

**Assistant Tony Scanlan**  
*Chairman of the Membership Committee*



# A Review of the Last Year

At the conclusion of the February meeting of the Benevolent Fund Trustees, three longstanding Trustees retired. Under the Articles of Association, three trustees are expected to offer their resignations each year but they may put themselves forward for re-election. The Articles also state that trustees should not serve more than 9 years. The clock was started in 2010 when the Welfare Fund and Benevolent Fund were merged to form the structure we have today. Past Masters Stephen Preedy and David Glynn-Jones had served the Benevolent Fund and Welfare Fund respectively for many years before the 2010 re-organisation. George Lankester also retired, after

serving as a trustee since 2008 and as Chairman since 2012. The Court expressed its gratitude to three retiring Trustees, particularly to George for his leadership, having presided over the Benevolent Fund as it has gone from strength to strength.

Two new Trustees, Past Master Mark Gower-Smith and Assistant Tony Scanlan, have been appointed and Past Master Nigel Rich was elected Chairman.

At the time of writing, the accounts for the year to 31 March 2018 were in the course of preparation. The following review is based on unaudited figures.

## Financial highlights for the year ended 31 March 2018

	General Fund	Welfare Fund	Total	2017
<b>Incoming resources</b>				
Donations	35,099	149,733	184,832	120,713
Investment income	129,325	147,107	276,432	229,483
Undertakings to repay				23,385
<b>Total</b>	<b>164,424</b>	<b>296,840</b>	<b>461,264</b>	<b>373,581</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
Charitable activities	136,200	191,939	328,139	317,478
Governance & costs	16,995	61,716	78,711	65,335
<b>Total</b>	<b>153,195</b>	<b>253,655</b>	<b>406,850</b>	<b>382,813</b>

## Donations

Donations increased significantly, due mainly to the timing of contributions to the Welfare Fund from the three main UK tobacco companies. The level of donations from liverymen and freemen continue to be a cause for concern. While many liverymen and freemen have adopted the direct debit system to make their donations, there is a large number who have had standing order arrangements which have lapsed. Benevolence is a key element of the livery movement and we have much to be proud of when we look at the support we have given many worthy causes over recent decades. There is much more we can do if more members of the Livery review and reinstate their donations. With the use of Gift Aid, we can make your donations work harder.

Each new freeman contracts to support the Benevolent Fund and that obligation continues for life. The Trustees urge everyone to review their contributions on a regular basis. Where standing orders have lapsed, they should be renewed or replaced by a direct debit. You may even wish to increase your annual donation. Please contact the Clerk or Secretary of the Benevolent Fund if you need forms or help.

When you review your Will, please consider a legacy to the Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Trade Benevolent Fund. You can instruct the Trustees to allocate the legacy to the General Fund or the Welfare Fund. Legacies over £5,000 are invested as capital so your gift will work for years to come. During the year, there was a substantial legacy from the estate of one of our Past Masters.



## Investment income and investment performance

Investment income was 20% higher at £276,432. The investment portfolios comprise a mix of the UK and overseas listed companies and collective investment funds. A significant proportion of the revenues of the FTSE 100 companies are generated overseas. This exposure to overseas economies provides important geographic diversity but also means that investment income is sensitive to foreign exchange rates, which are favourable when sterling is weak. The Benevolent Fund has enjoyed a period of strong investment performance, while markets continue benefit from good underlying earnings and dividend growth. The Benevolent Fund assets are valued at around £7.9 million and, although we have seen an increase in market volatility since January of this year, the valuations have been relatively stable due to the diversity of the assets under management. The Trustees monitor market volatility and have raised the level of cash held to mitigate the risk having to sell stocks to meet our obligations to our beneficiaries.

## Charitable activities

Grants, relief, assistance and support paid by the Welfare Fund (to former tobacco industry and associated trade employees and dependants who are in need) rose slightly to £191,939.

The grants made by the General Fund to various charitable organisations reached a record £136,200. Last summer, the Trustees contributed to an appeal organised by the Worshipful Company of Bakers in the days immediately following the Grenfell Tower disaster. At the last Trustees meeting, it was agreed to increase grants to several organisations that have benefited from our support for several years.

The budget for the current year will set a new record of charitable giving by the Benevolent Fund.

## Budgeted grants 2018/19

• Arundel Castle Cricket Foundation	10,000
• Guildhall School of Music & Dance	20,000
• Barrow Farm RDA	10,000
• Sheriffs' & Recorders' Fund	10,000
• Pembroke House (Music project)	15,000
• Pembroke House (Dance project)	15,000
• London Regiment Welfare Fund	2,500
• St Lawrence Jewry	1,000
• Bobath Centre	10,000
• Mark Evison Foundation	10,000
• Katherine Low Settlement	5,000
• Spitalfields Crypt Trust	11,000
• Physics Partners	10,000
• Sevenoaks School music prize	500
• Other regular grants	4,400
• Master's grants	5,500
<b>• Total charitable activities</b>	<b>139,900</b>

The Trustees continue to allocate at least one of their number to each of the key charities that are in receipt of our support. This arrangement enables the Trustees to monitor the effectiveness of our grants and build long term relationships.

## Governance and support costs

The 20% increase in governance and support costs is mainly due a technical change in the way the investment manager's fees are charged. The underlying fee is based on the value of the Benevolent Fund's investment portfolio and is now fully disclosed in the accounts. Approximately two thirds of the governance and support costs relate to the administration of the Welfare Fund and the provision of field staff to liaise with beneficiaries.

Thank you to all who have supported the Benevolent Fund during the last year and continue to do so. I can assure you that the work we do makes a real difference to so many lives.

**Ralph Edmondson**  
*Secretary*

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## Vella

Vella is the pony bought for Barrow Farm Riding for the Disabled with the very kind donations of so many Pipe Makers and the Benevolent Fund in memory of Past Master John Adler.

Vella started joining in with some RDA sessions after Christmas. She started doing a couple a week and is now doing 4/5 a week. She is very good to lead and is generally very calm. She is fitting in well with the other ponies and is happy to be ride leader or following. She is practising trotting on the sessions with some of our more able riders. We hope in time that she will start to do some off-lead work. All the riders and volunteers seem to enjoy working with her and she is a pleasure to have on the riding session.



# The 400th Anniversary

On 27th June 2019, the Company will celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the establishment of the original Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers of Westminster.

As part of this, our Clerk turned Sherlock Holmes and has been able to retrieve a copy of that Company's Grant of Arms (see below).

The original company, founded on the heels of Sir Walter Raleigh's return from North America was incorporated by James I. It failed in 1643 probably because of non-payment of the annual rent due to the King - it was after all during the Civil War! Our Modern Company, established in 1954, is proud to be associated with this long and eclectic past!

Our celebration next year will therefore be a chance for our members and our guests to enjoy this tradition - our celebration will centre around a service of Evensong at the historic Temple Church in the City, followed by a reception at Middle Temple.

Please put the date of Thursday 27th June 2019 in your diaries!

**Andrew Golding**

*Senior Warden and Chairman of the 400th Anniversary Committee*



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## Tobacco Trade Sponsored Charity Lunch

Past Master Roger Merton, Mike Adams, Peter Jenkinson and Chris Mercer are the 'Gang of 3+1' and they are the organising Committee that pulled together this year's annual Tobacco Trade Sponsored Charity Lunch.

This is always a popular and over-subscribed event and one that no one should ever attempt to drive to in the hope of leaving legally. Bright sunshine banished all memory of last year's wind and rain and the guests assembled in the lovely Harris Garden from 11am for the champagne reception. Naturally many fine cigars were produced and Court Assistant Colin Ritchie made many friends by bringing a box along - one can never have too much of a good thing! The Livery Company were represented in abundance, with Past Master Derek Harris doing the rounds, and Past Master Michael Walter who had

organised one of the three or so livery tables. Cain Hayward-Hughes showed me a black version of our smoking cap which he has copied for his Black Wolf Cigar Club – imitation is the best form of flattery and they've gone down as well with the members there as ours with us it seems. The Master and Mistress made an early entrance and were soon pressing the flesh in earnest and I ensured the Master didn't want for a cigar for the duration.

Our guest speaker was the remarkable Jon Culshaw, a master of impersonation, who was genial company over a glass and who can't stop himself trying voices and practicing, I think he has over 600 memorised! We needed a good long time to finish large cigars, so were only just ready when the MC broke us up and sent up to dine in the Thomas Lord Suite. A fine beef lunch was consumed and, after a 'comfort' (for which



read 'smoking') break had been enjoyed, the Master presented the Tobacco Retailer of the Year trophy and cheque – this year to Davidoff owner, Edward Sahakian (whose son did so on his behalf as he was absent). Jon Culshaw was then formally introduced and we were introduced to his devastating wit and impersonations for characters suggested by the audience, along with descriptions of how he arrived at them from time to time – no one was spared and all the usual suspects plus a few old favourites (such

as William Hague's 'Bhengaaaaazi') kept us highly entertained and it felt too short when time came to conclude. Jon then very sportingly drew the ten or so raffle prizes which, combined with all the other initiatives raised a total of £8,500 for the Livery Benevolent Fund. With the formal proceedings now at an end, many chose to carry on at the local pub. A lovely lunch and all thanks to Roger Merton et al for another fine job.

**Past Master Charles Miller**





## UK Triumphs In Havana

Darius Namdar, club director of Mark's Club, has triumphed over an international field of competitors to win the prestigious World Habanosommelier crown in Havana.

Every year during the last week of February people from all over the world gather together in Havana to celebrate their mutual love of Cuban cigars at the annual Habanos Festival. The festival, now in its third decade, has grown every year and become a permanent fixture in many enthusiast's diaries.

The week includes guided tours of tobacco plantations and cigar factories, first tastings of new cigars to be released later that year, various different masterclasses and tastings, culminating in the famous gala dinner and charity auction.

For the past seventeen years one of the highlights of the festival has been the World Habanosommelier Finals.

The competition pits the world's best cigar sommeliers against each other, each of whom will have won through their domestic market's

preliminary rounds, for the title of World Habanosommelier Champion.

The precise format for the finals in Cuba has evolved over time. In 2018 there were a series of rounds including blind-tastings of cigars and drinks. Contestants were then invited to present the panel of judges with the cigar and drink pairing they had been working on in their home countries for months in the build-up to the final.

Darius presented "The Havanian Afternoon Tea", a concept inspired by requests he and his team received from their members on the cigar terrace at Mark's Club for an afternoon cigar pairing. It was an elegant and exceptionally well-balanced Cuban twist on the classic English afternoon tea.

Darius first served the panel of international judges a cup of Himalayan Imperial black tea as a palate cleanser, much as the catadores (cigar tasters) in Cuba still do to this day, before moving onto the main event. Darius then introduced El Rey Del Mundo Choix Supreme and paired it with Grand Marnier Cuvée du Centenaire. Toward the end of



the tasting, judges were also presented with mini Panettones made at Harry's Bar to bring the flavours of his pairing together and help round off the experience. Naturally service was conducted with bone china and silver cutlery brought over from England specifically for the purpose.

The final round of the competition saw Darius up against the Cuban competitor, Mabel Durran. Each were given a mock scenario involving two guests and they were required to offer information and advice on the cigars they found in the humidor. They also needed to recommend a suitable drink for the guests while also demonstrating their service and presentation skills.

“A lot of hard work has gone into achieving this result and I’m just delighted it had paid off.” Said a clearly elated world Champion.

**Jemma Freeman**  
*Liveryman*



Rave

## The 'SIRRAH' Cup Regimental Shoot

The Learned Clerk reassured me that being left handed would not be a handicap for the Sirrah Cup. Using firearms can be a painful process if you are left handed because the spent shells are ejected towards the side of your head. "Although the guns are real, you won't be using live ammunition", she said. Sandra was right about the ammunition. The hardware is real enough but computers and pressurised gas mean the recoil from firing is there but the noise is reduced and the smell of cordite is absent. Nevertheless, all but the Glock 17 is designed for right handed soldiers and I had to shoot using the wrong hand and eye. This gave me the perfect excuse for a poor score.

It was great fun and the Tobacco Pipe Makers consoled themselves that this type of weaponry is best left in the hands of the professionals. The Irish Rifles Company of the London Regiment looked professional and they retained the Sirrah Cup with ease. A third team from the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (FANY) also romped home in second place. Bearing in mind these ladies are trained to save lives, if push comes to shove, they are capable of defending themselves.

The competition is played out using assault rifles and then we had a go with heavy machine guns. Great fun! The last competition was each man or woman

for themselves using Glock 17 pistols. My son, James, got through to a play off with a FANY. Much to the relief of the Pipe Makers, James won so we weren't totally embarrassed.

Thank you to Major Bob and the Irish Rifles Company of the London Regiment for organising a splendid day for us. It is a great experience, regardless of whether you are left or right handed. Thank you to Sandra for organising our end of the experience.

**Ralph Edmondson**  
*Immediate Past Master*





# The 14th Inter Livery Pancake Race

It was on a cold and wet Shrove Tuesday, that your crack team of pancake 'tossers' (IPM Charles Miller, Fourth Warden Jerry Merton, Assistant Elise Rasmussen and Freeman Courtney Rasmussen) gathered in St Lawrence Jewry to be briefed by the team leader, our learned Clerk, and schooled by her in the ancient art of running the cobbles of Guildhall Yard while carrying a frying pan without falling over, and still maintaining one's dignity. Tales of the broken arm suffered last year by a Master of another company spread fear amongst the team but, fortunately, the inclement weather meant that running was to be prohibited (much to the relief of the Immediate Past Master) and a standing pancake toss against the clock was the order of the day.

Now, suitably gowned and costumed, we ventured into the arena. "Costumed", because it is a rule of the competition that one member of the team needs to wear a costume that references one of the Lord Mayor's chosen charities. Our costume, however, was magnificent: A (nearly) full-sized London red telephone box that Courtney donned bravely, reflecting the Lord Mayor's support for the Samaritans. The costume was held in such high regard, that the judging panel (including our own inscrutable PM Fiona Adler) created a special prize for it. Having won the costume first prize last year, however, Elise maintains bragging rights in the Rasmussen family.

As to the tossing itself, we walked away with our heads held high. Charles managed 56 in his allotted 60 seconds, while the rest (who were limited to just 30 seconds each) managed 77 between us. This was not sufficient for any to reach the finals (Charles is convinced he "woz robbed" [sic]), but it was sufficient to guarantee entry to next year's event.

Special mention must go to Charles, for whom this was his third race - surely some kind of record – and to our Clerk, for keeping us all in order. Many thanks to the Poulters for organising the event and we look forward to next year's event!

**Third Warden Jeremy Merton**







## Annual Inter Livery Bridge Tournament

Every time I play bridge, I wish I was a fortune teller. Since the inception of the game, players have been devising patterns, rules, conventions and mathematical equations to share their card hand with their partners and to determine what the opposition's cards and points are. Senior Warden, Andrew Golding and I would have benefited if at least one of us had brought a crystal ball to the Annual Inter Livery Bridge Tournament - and knew how to use it.

Regardless, we adhered to 'Bridge Etiquette and Protocol'. Yes, this document truly exists! We smiled amably and valiantly guessed our way into some perfect fits - but, more often than not grinned/ gritted our way through some completely unwinnable contracts.

We were reminded of our predecessors who won the trophy on numerous (translate all) occasions. In this regard, Andrew and I proved ourselves very gracious competitors having afforded others the opportunity to

win the prizes two years in a row. We are not working towards a hat trick so will be polishing off our crystal balls and hoping to need some silver polish after next year's event.

**Assistant Elise Rasmussen**





# The Annual Inter-Livery Clay Pigeon Shooting Competition

Another wonderfully supported day in chilly but dry conditions with a challenging wind saw around 81 Livery Companies participating and providing some 450 shooting guns!

Past Master John Nokes captained the side and we were fortunate to have a 'secret weapon' in Alexander Nokes (John's son) join the team, with the other 2 guns being Court Assistants Colin Ritchie and Paul Taberer. It did not take us long to see that Alexander used to shoot at a highly competitive level.

The annual Inter Livery Charity Clay Shoot is without doubt one of the highlights of the City of London charity events.

Since its revival in 1993 it has been a hugely successful fundraiser for charities nominated by teams involved in the day.

The venue was once again the beautiful shooting grounds of Holland & Holland in Northwood, North London. The grounds boast 10 shooting stands, each with its own identity and challenge plus an onslaught of 80 clays from the high tower known as the Flush. We got busy after a welcome breakfast in a room packed with fellow gunners all scheming on the day ahead.

The Tobacco Pipe Makers shot relatively well (fortunately we all had a practice shoot before the event to shake off the cobwebs) with a particularly good score at the Flush, destroying 70 of the 80 clays fired over us. The barrels were piping hot after that flurry!

Though not in the prizes, we were respectable this year coming 36th out of the field of around 110 teams and it was yet again a great occasion to rub shoulders with so many other liverymen.

Lunch was a fine spread of several dishes in a large marquee housing all 450 guns and several more - we did not stay long as had The Master's Reception to head towards - what a day!

Fifty percent of monies raised were awarded as prizes to the winning teams' nominated charities. The remainder goes to charities chosen by members of the organising volunteers, including a contribution of a £1000 to the Lord Mayor's charity.

**Fourth Warden Paul Taberer**



## The Master's Reception

This is the last event I am responsible for during my Master's year. I had visited HAC as Senior Warden and thoroughly enjoyed a presentation by the Pikemen & Musketeers. For me, it was a no brainer to book the HAC for the Master's Reception.

We had over 30 members and guests from the Livery attending and, after a drink and top up, we were taken upstairs at Armoury House for a presentation by Richard Jackson, the Pikemen & Musketeers' Commanding Captain. Apparently, you can tell the rank of a pikeman by the amount of lace he wears. Richard wears a lot of lace. Richard also expressed his gratitude to our Benevolent Fund which had supported an appeal for the renewal of uniforms.

It was a delightful presentation on the history of the Honourable Artillery Company (it goes back to Henry VIII), the history of the Pikemen & Musketeers, their current role to provide a guard for the Lord Mayor, their relationship with HM The Queen, the history of the house and some of the most valuable real estate in the world and why lace signifies the rank of the wearer.

After the presentation, we were treated to a tour of Armoury House and an opportunity to play with muskets, breastplates, helmets and pikes. The remainder of the evening was spent enjoying canapés and wine. Everyone seemed to enjoy the occasion and I am grateful to Richard Jackson and the staff at HAC.

**Ralph Edmondson**  
*Immediate Past Master*



Rave



# Tobacco Pipe Makers and Blenders Golf Day

On 11th June 2018, the annual Livery golf day was once again held at the very beautiful and pretty Surrey course of Tandridge, in the rolling hills near Oxted.

As per tradition this event is organised by Past Master Derek Harris and there is no-one who can better his skill, warmth and selfless ability to lay on such a great day.

On arrival we registered and received some very useful golfing gear – sweets, tees, balls, lovely score card sleeve and a fantastic golfing cap (for members of the Company) with the livery logo and the year 1619 – the first inception of the Company – amazing work Derek who, as usual, put enormous thought and effort into the day.

After registration some tea and coffee and a bacon roll and general mingling ahead of play...and a chance to meet many members after a long time.

It was warm, sunny and dry – ideal golfing conditions on the beautiful golf course...which some took advantage of and others simply enjoyed!

There were 11 Company Liverymen/Freemen and eight guests participating and flogging it out for one of the several (BAT sponsored) magnificent magnums of bubbly, red and rose!

One guest was celebrity Len Goodman (Strictly Come Dancing Judge), an avid golfer and cigar smoker!

The Master and Mistress kindly joined us golfers for drinks, lunch and prize giving – following their very busy weekend in Ironbridge.

Most of us took on the par 3-challenge for some vouchers from the pro-shop and that meant some browsing there after play – what a well-stocked shop it is!

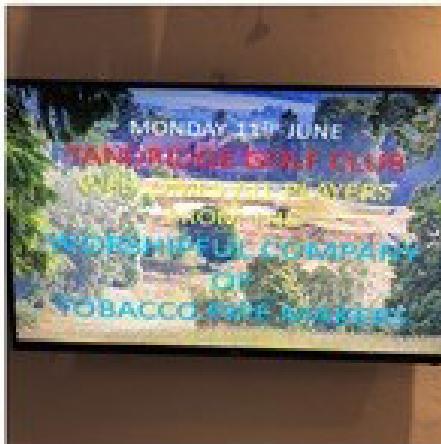
Compliments must go to the management and green staff for presenting a very well conditioned golf course. Moreover Tandridge lived up to its reputation of providing us with a superb spread for lunch from its quality kitchen...and most of us indulged in a spoon (or 3) of its signature 'Tandridge' pudding!

Past Master Derek introduced the start to prize giving with The Master presenting the prizes and the magnificent Charles Rich Cup, which this year was won by Liveryman Jeff Jeffery – who had an outstanding front 9 – congratulations!

Very special thanks to Derek for his devoted organisation of the day. He no doubt had much assistance and support from his lovely wife Sheila, and our thanks to her too.

Next year's event is scheduled to take place at the same venue on Monday 10th June 2019.

**Fourth Warden Paul Taberer**





# The Inter Livery Golf Tournament

## – The Prince Arthur Cup

**Foursomes Format - 18 holes in the morning; 3 course lunch and beverages, 18 holes in the afternoon.**

The Tobacco Pipe Makers and Blenders were fortunate to get a team together for this magnificent event on 17th May 2018 - being Adrian Marshall with Colin Ritchie and Simon Orlik with Paul Taberer. We played in the same flight as the Tin Plate Workers and Marketors who were wonderful to spend the day with.

The annual Inter Livery Golf Tournament – the largest one day, two course, amateur tournament in the UK – was first held in 1927 at Walton Heath Golf Club.

That was the year in which Prince Arthur of Connaught was invited to become a guest of the Coachmakers' Livery Company and then went on to accept the Freedom and Livery of the Company later that year. He was subsequently elected Assistant and showed such an interest in the Company that he became Master in 1932.

But his admission in 1927 to the Coachmakers was a great honour and to commemorate the event, the Master Arthur Hungerford Pollen presented the Coachmakers' Company with the Prince Arthur Cup – an impressive silver gilt trophy that would be competed for annually by the Livery Companies of London in a foursomes' golf tournament. See picture of the Cup!

The first tournament at Walton Heath, which saw Companies represented by two pairs playing two rounds of golf, was won by the

Butchers Company. As time went on, more Companies participated and the event was held at a number of different golf clubs before St George's Hill became the venue from 1930 to 1958, then Wentworth from 1960 to 1978. The Prince Arthur Cup returned to Walton Heath in 1979 and the event has been held there ever since.

There are now up to 54 teams participating – the maximum that can be accommodated – which means 216 players currently take part in what has developed into one of the City Liveries' most prestigious and fiercely contested annual sporting events. Since there are 108 Livery Companies and only 54 can compete in any one year, a little spice is added in that the 12 Companies with the lowest scores retire to allow new competitors to enter the following year. We may have qualified for 'retirement'!

Special thanks to Richard Wormell (Honorary Secretary, The Livery Companies Golfing Society) and his team of assistants for the wonderful organisation and logistical management of the event.

Walton Heath is one of the world's most famous and prestigious clubs.

The history of Walton Heath is exceptional. The two world class championship courses have hosted nearly ninety significant amateur and professional championships and events, including five European Opens, The Ryder Cup, the U.S. Open Qualifying and most recently the Senior Open Championship. The world's top players have taken on and enjoyed the challenges of these two

outstanding heathland courses for over a century.

Winston Churchill played several games here and was a member 1910-1965.

The courses were designed by Herbert Fowler who was related by marriage to the founder, Sir Henry Cosmo Bonsor. The Old Course was opened for play in 1904.

*"It was a stroke of genius on the part of Mr Herbert Fowler to see with his prophetic eye a noble golf course on the expanse of Walton Heath",* wrote Bernard Darwin. James Braid, five times Open Champion, became the first professional and he remained until 1950.

Past records show that The Tobacco Pipe Makers and Blenders has won the tournament just once and that was in 1997.

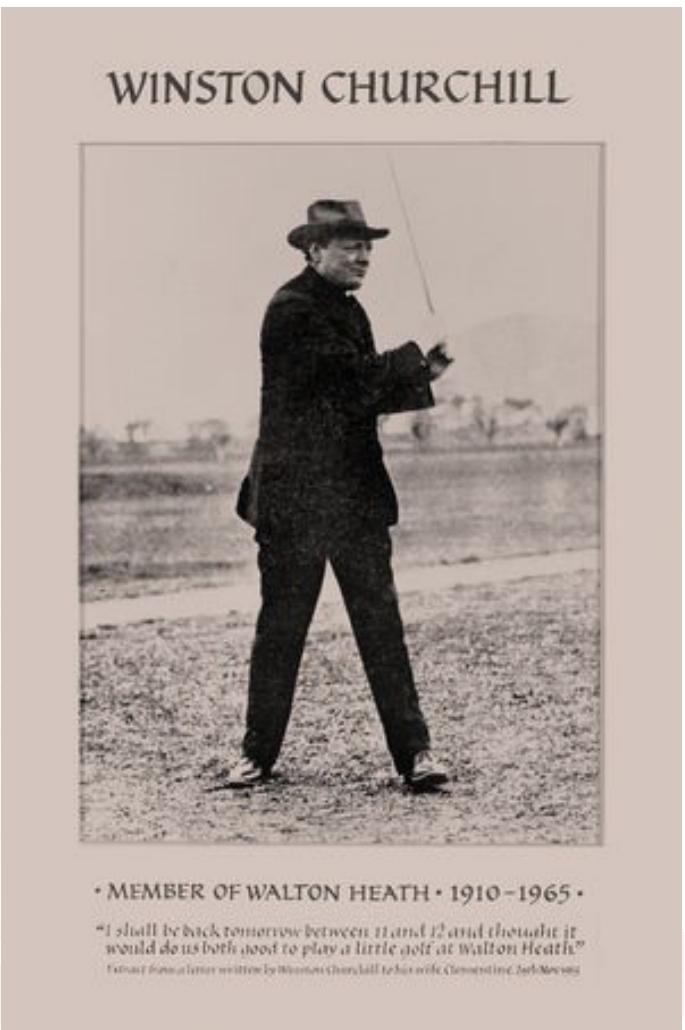
The playing conditions this year were absolutely perfect - a little chilly early on, but dry and with some good sunshine throughout the day.

How did we do? Not that well sadly - coming 39th in aggregate out of this year's field of 50 teams. We did however enjoy the day and remember well where we could have stolen a few better holes!

Well done to the Barbers, International Bankers, Mercers and Insurers for coming first, second and tie-third respectively.

**We will surely strive for a better result next year!**

**Fourth Warden Paul Taberer**





## The Newsom Smith Cup

On 8th June, the Livery was represented by a team of 4 to contest the annual Newson Smith Cup at E. Berks Golf Club, hosted by the Tallow Chandlers. The team members were Past Master Nigel Rich, Assistant Colin Ritchie and Liverymen Jeff Jeffery and John Gossage.

A total of 10 teams took part, with the Hosts and the Air Pilots each fielding 2 teams.

Perfect weather conditions with a scenic but challenging course, although It is fair to say that this

was not 'our finest hour' (or 4 hours)! None of us played our best golf!

The Cup was won by The Horners with a score of 89 points compared to our 73. We did however still win a prize - 3 new golf balls as one of the teams to lose most balls!

A thoroughly enjoyable event in very convivial company and we live to hope that next year our prize will be silver rather than white!

**Assistant Colin Ritchie**



## Marketors' Livery Golf Day

The Company entered a team for the Annual Marketors' "Ryder Cup Livery Fellowship Golf Day" on 2nd July, which was sponsored this year by James Hambro & Partners LLP.

The Verulam\* Golf Club, founded in 1905, is best known for one of its early Captains, Sam Ryder, who in 1927 presented a Cup to promote matches between Great Britain and USA. His brainchild, the Ryder Cup,



has since become one of the world's biggest sporting events.

21 teams of 4 took part - including 12 Livery Companies. However, since we were unable to raise a full team, Liveryman Archie Smith and I were joined by 2 Artisan Members of the Club.

I am pleased to report that we surprised ourselves (and others) by finishing in Third Place with a score of 110 points! The Winners were the Worshipful Company of International Bankers (Team 1) with 113 points and Second were their Team 2 with 111 points - so near and yet so far! We were each presented with a smart Verulam Club shirt!

It was an excellent event on a magnificent golf course and in glorious weather, culminating in a very enjoyable dinner.

*\* as a keen student of the Latin language I'm sure you know that Verulam is the original name for St. Albans!*

**Assistant Colin Ritchie**



# Loriners Charity Golf Day

The Worshipful Company of Loriners Charity Golf Day took place on Friday 6th July, at Sundridge Park Golf Club in Bromley, Kent. The weather: not a cloud in the sky with temperatures in the 26 - 29 celsius region - wonderful!

The Tobacco Pipe Makers and Blenders were represented by Past Master Ian Panto, Liveryman Archie Smith and Fourth Warden Paul Taberer (and one Loriner Ben Flight) and were one of 18 teams participating on the day on the West course at Sundridge Park. The West offers fantastic views over the City of London and always challenges a golfer's skills in every department, with tight drives, challenging iron shots and undulating greens.

It was in the Summer of 1901 when about a dozen far seeing Bromley men conceived the idea of a Golf Club for their town, and on September 14th, 1901, they Issued a printed circular letter headed "Proposed Golf Club" near 'Sundridge Park, Bromley, Kent', giving the name of a Provisional Committee.

With only the offer of a lease from Sir Samuel Scott for approximately 125 acre of land, the Committee invited those circulated to find the sum of £4,500 by taking debentures of £100, each at 4% interest and membership of the Club. Within 21 days from the issue date, a Committee Meeting was held and on October 12th, 1901 that meeting declared that Sundridge Park Golf Club be and is hereby formed.

The first meeting of the Club was held on December 4th, 1901 at the Bell Hotel, Bromley. On December 7th, 1901, Mr Jack Randall was appointed Club Professional prior to opening and Willie Park was engaged and paid a small fee to set-out the new course, and subsequently the construction proceeded under the expert supervision of James Braid and Jack Randall. Jack Randall added the title of Green Keeper to that of Professional and then together with brother Bob (Caddy Master) commenced a fine working relationship for the club.

The competition was best two to count stableford - and was won by a team from The Loriners, second were The Paviors and third The International Bankers.

Sadly, we did not fare too well despite having a glorious (and exhausting) afternoon on the golf course.

Following the round, dinner was served in conjunction with the raffle (proceeds of which went to Riding for the Disabled) and prize-giving.

A lovely afternoon and evening on a challenging golf course in near perfect conditions!

Thank you to The Loriners for hosting the day, and hopefully we'll return in 2019!

**Fourth Warden Paul Taberer**





## Tobacco and Smoking Prints and Lithographs

Our Company is proud to own forty-six historic prints, drawings and lithographs which were given to us some years ago by a member who was a private collector. The pictures depict many aspects of smoking and tobacco from the political to the social; the agricultural to the industrial and are held as a unique collection at Broseley Pipe Works, under the curatorial care of the Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust. Over half are on permanent display where they can be seen by the general public and academic researchers, while the remainder are carefully stored where they can be accessed when needed. Indeed, some of the pictures are not to modern tastes or sensibilities and will therefore remain available for access on request only.

Following a visit by our Honorary Archivist, Jacqueline Burrows, the Court agreed to her recommendation that the prints be reframed using conservation-grade mounts and glass, as many were at significant risk of irreversible damage from daylight, acid papers and wooden backings. Maws Gallery, an expert conservation framing house in Telford, was commissioned to carry out the work.

This was completed on time and within budget, and our prints are once again on display. We took the opportunity to photograph them while they were out of their frames, and a picture library has been developed for our website which allows many of them to be seen by more people – particularly students and researchers – than would ever go to Ironbridge.



Here's one of our prints, with a brief explanation of its history and context.



**“Souagement en Prison; or Comfort in Prison.”** Underneath the title is a quotation from John Milton’s *L’Allegro* (1645): *“Hence Loathed Melancholy, of Cerberus and blackest Midnight born”*. Drawn from life and etched by Richard Newton, published 20 August 1793. by William Holland of 50 Oxford Street.

Wealthy, genteel but radical prisoners and their visitors are gathered around Lord George Gordon’s dining table in the state rooms of Newgate Prison, enjoying pipes of tobacco, tankards of ale and glasses of wine or Madeira. The walls are covered in paintings and prints. A serving woman stands by with a jug of beer. Each character is identified by a number, with a key listing their names below. Gordon sports a spectacular beard and wide-

brimmed hat. Leader of the anti-Catholic Gordon Riots, he had been sentenced in 1788 to five years in Newgate for defaming Marie Antoinette and the French and British governments. Many others in the picture had been imprisoned for publishing seditious materials, including Henry Symonds and James Ridgeway, who appear at the bottom right of the picture, facing to the left. (Symonds sports a particularly ill-fitting wig; Ridgeway has his back to him.) The publisher himself, William Holland, was imprisoned for the same crime. The conditions may look comfortable, but two of the men depicted would be dead and two more ill with typhoid before the etching was a year old. Gordon was one: he contracted typhoid and died in Newgate in 1793, the year this picture was published.

1. Lord George Gordon
2. William Holland
3. Thomas Lloyd
4. Thomas Townley Macon
5. James Ridgway
6. Henry Delahay Symonds
7. Matthew Miller  
(identified in other versions as Charles Piggott)
8. Richard Newton (Visitor)
9. Doctor Dowlin
10. William Smith
11. Spencer Enoe (Visitor)
12. John Frost
13. William Williams
14. Doctor Watson (Visitor)
15. William Stabler
16. Mrs Moore (Servant)

**Jacqueline Burrows**  
Honorary Archivist



# Empowering people on the Thames

Women in Tobacco (WIT) members gathered on 7th June for the annual WIT event taking in the beautiful sights and sounds of London while cruising along the Thames on the Edwardian. The evening provided a welcoming atmosphere allowing members to meet new people and rekindle old friendships all the while enjoying a fabulous meal and listening to incredible speakers with the added benefit of raising money for worthy causes. WIT is a non-profit organisation with about 500 members world-wide, chaired by Court Assistant Elise Rasmussen.

Elise, Chairwoman of WIT eloquently kicked off the evening introducing not one but two impressive speakers. Marie Hanson MBE was a highly successful professional who ran her own make-up company but shockingly behind closed doors was a victim of domestic violence. Heavily pregnant she chose to leave her home with her five young children. They were forced to live in her car before finding refuge. After the incredible act of courage it took to leave the situation Marie was faced with discovering that her eldest daughter had also been abused by her ex-partner. A lengthy court case ensued resulting in Marie's ex-partner receiving a 10-year prison sentence.

Marie quickly realised that there was a lack of support for women suffering from domestic violence and out of a passion to help others founded S.T.O.R.M. (Support,

Trust, Opportunity, Rebuilding, Motivation) in 2004. Not only does the charity offer help for single mothers but it is committed to addressing social issues such as poverty, long-term unemployment and youth crime.

Marie ended her compelling story by encouraging the audience to think about people we see suffering that might need a helping hand. A true inspiration and a clear voice of the people her final words 'There is nothing you can't do!' rang true to Marie's goal of empowering people for a brighter future.

Next up to the stage was the esteemed Ralph Edmondson, who graciously agreed to speak on his final night as Master of The Worshipful Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders.





Ralph told the group about how he took a position with Eagle Star Trust Company which led to a prestigious career with British American Tobacco, initially accepting an investor relations role for 2 to 3 years and eventually retiring from the job 20 years later in 2012. He joined the Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders as a freeman in 2006, was appointed to the Court in 2012 and was installed Master in June 2017. As Master, he led the Court which is the governing body of the Livery company.

Ralph engaged listeners with the 400-year history of the livery including how it was originally founded in 1619 as a guild tasked with regulating the manufacture of clay pipes in the City of London. Indeed, it was King James I, who hated tobacco but knew there was money in it, who banned tobacco growing in England but ordered that all tobacco must come into the country through London and that pipes in London were to be made by craftsmen governed by the Guild, to whom he granted a Royal Charter for an annual fee. The guild was actually twice dissolved and re-established and is now listed as a Modern Livery Company having been resurrected in 1954.

Ralph further explained how the term livery originated from how types of clothing related to the position of belonging to a trade. Livery companies grew from London's medieval guilds, becoming corporations by Royal Charter responsible for training in their respective trades, as well as for the regulation of aspects such as granting licences to trade, labour conditions and industry standards.

Ralph concluded his talk by speaking passionately about his on-going role as secretary to the Livery Benevolent Fund and how supporting charitable giving is at the heart of the work the Livery Company does. WIT members were encouraged to get involved with the Livery and he explained how to join. In addition, £180 worth of raffle tickets were purchased by members benefiting the Benevolent Fund.

WIT was very proud to raise £600 for S.T.O.R.M. at the Thames cruise event. One class offered by the charity centres around art therapy which focusses on helping members to overcome the emotional issues that domestic violence causes. The generous donation raised by WIT contributed to an art exhibition which was



held on 21 June at the View, part of the Battersea Power Station Development company. The event gave the art therapy participants an opportunity to showcase their work and discuss how the art has helped them overcome such challenges as low self-esteem and has also encouraged them to find their voices.

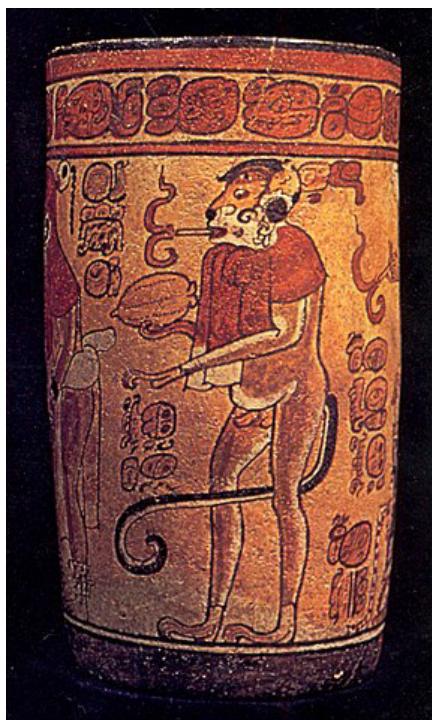
A warm thank you to generous event sponsors SWM and SPI, whose Director is Court Assistant Henry Tuck. For more information on Women in Tobacco or how to become a member, contact: [witforwomen@gmail.com](mailto:witforwomen@gmail.com)

**Jocelyne Gervais**  
Vice Chair, Women in Tobacco



# Some intriguing moments from the long history of tobacco and smoking

With our 400th birthday coming up next year, our minds may turn to history. Here are a few of the more quirky and intriguing moments from the long history of tobacco and smoking.



**Maya vase depicting a smoking monkey, possibly a deity, c. 800AD**

Tobacco only reached Europe after Christopher Columbus discovered the New World in 1492, but smoking dates back further. While Native Americans had been smoking tobacco for centuries, the ancient Greek historian Herodotus noted that some Scythian tribes “drank smoke” from a bonfire, inhaling fumes that were possibly marijuana. The Greek physician Hippocrates recommended inhaling smoke for ‘female diseases’, and the Roman author Pliny the Elder thought inhaling smoke could cure coughs. A 13th century Spanish poem even refers to the stimulating effects of lavender smoke. (Whatever turns you on, I guess!)

One of Columbus’s sailors, Rodrigo de Jerez, is credited with bringing tobacco smoking to Europe, after locals in the Caribbean showed him how to do it. Sadly, things didn’t go well for Rodrigo. The Spanish Inquisition imprisoned him for seven years, denounced as a man who “swallows fire, exhales smoke, and is surely possessed by the devil”

**Jean Nicot & tobacco plant and leaf, 19th century photograph**

Nicotine - and the tobacco plant, *Nicotiana tabacum* - are named after Jean Nicot, a French ambassador to Portugal in 1559. Tobacco had arrived there from the New World, and Nicot sent leaves and seeds to his bosses at the French court, with advice to use the herb as snuff. Catherine de Medici, mother of the French king, decided tobacco had “marvellously cured” her son’s headaches. Tobacco became known as ‘herbe de la Reine’ (the Queen’s herb) and botanists later immortalised Nicot by naming the plant *Nicotiana*.





### First known image of a European smoking, from 'Tabacco', 1595

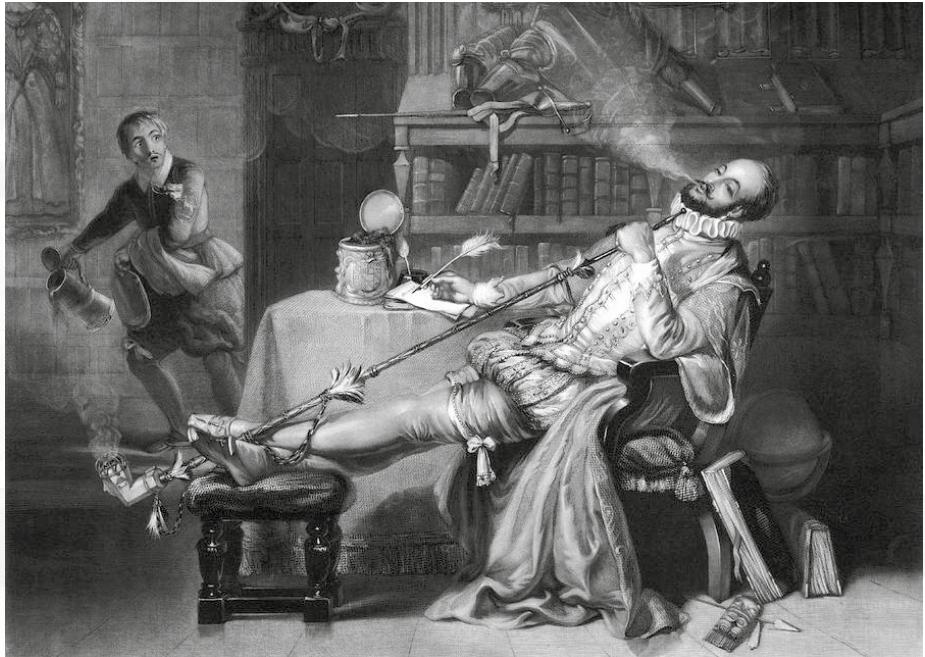
With this royal following wind, tobacco soon became seen as a wonder drug. In 1571, a Spanish doctor, writing about medicinal plants of the New World, claimed that tobacco could cure 36 health problems. The English intellectual Thomas Harriot, who joined an expedition to America in 1585, thought that tobacco “openeth all the pores and passages of the body”, so that the bodies of the natives were “notably preserved in health, and know not many grievous diseases, wherewithall we in England are often times afflicted”. An English pamphlet of 1595, ‘Tabacco’, lauded its “health giving” properties and claimed that smoking tobacco relieved chest conditions.

By the 1600s, doctors were enthusing about tobacco as a cure for hiccups, imbecility, jaundice, bad breath, corpulence, syphilis, gout, ‘general lousiness’ (whatever that is) and even cancerous tumours, with the leaf being turned into pills, poultices, oils, salts, tinctures and balms. One widely used treatment was the tobacco smoke enema. Details of how it was administered are best left to the imagination, but it was said to be “excellent good against colic”.



### Sir Walter enjoying a pipe, 19th century image

Sir Walter Raleigh brought the first Virginia tobacco to England, and famously loved a pipe. His charisma probably helped to popularise smoking. One story records that while happily puffing, he was doused with water by a servant who thought he was on fire. Sir Walter later fell out badly with King James I and ended up having his head chopped off. We are told he “tooke a pipe of tobacco a little before he went to the scaffolde”. Well done, Walt.





### Suspected witches kneeling before King James I, 1597

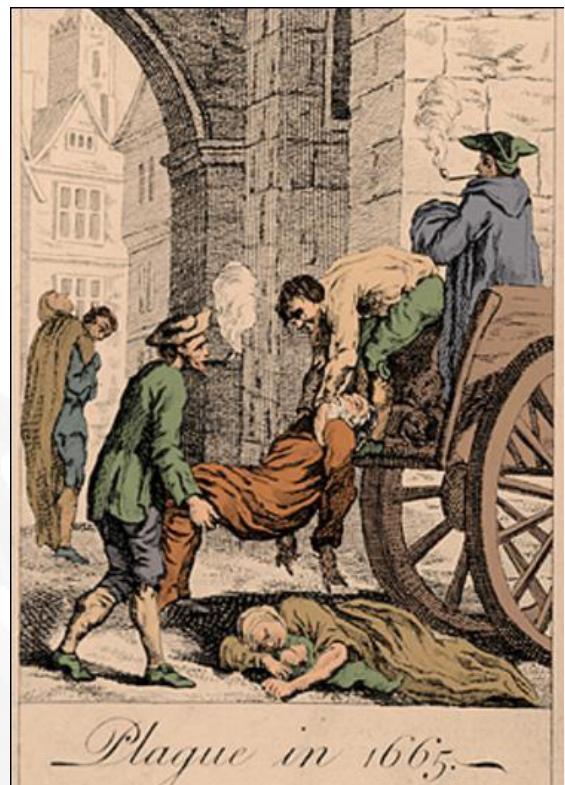
Tobacco has always had vociferous enemies, King James I of the UK famously among them. James also had other obsessions, including witchcraft. His 1597 pamphlet, *Daemonologie*, is a load of ghastly old rubbish justifying witch-hunts. In 1604, he turned to attacking smoking. His extremely tetchy pamphlet, *A Counterblaste to Tobacco*, rants that smoking is “a custome lothsome to the eye, hatefull to the nose, harmefull to the braine, dangerous to the lungs, and in the blacke stinking fume thereof, neerest resembling the horrible Stigian smoke of the pit that is bottomelesse”. (The tobacco hatred can’t have helped his relationship with pipe-loving Sir Walter.)

But for all this noise, no-one seems to have paid much attention. By the early 17th century, London had 7,000 shops selling tobacco. James later stopped ranting, and instead cashed in on what he had called “this filthie noveltie”, creating a royal tobacco monopoly that raked in large revenues from imports. (How would you mark James out of ten for hypocrisy?)

### Plague carts carry off the dead, 1665

During the Great Plague in London in 1665-66, tobacco was prized as a way to ward off the pestilence, and plague-cart operators smoked it while gathering the bodies of the stricken. Samuel Pepys, rather cautiously, chewed and sniffed some when nearby houses became infected. But Sam probably wasn’t listening to current advice; smoking or burning tobacco was more recommended, as a fumigant. And who knows? Maybe the rats that carried the fleas that carried the plague just hated environmental tobacco smoke. It was said at the time that “no tobacconist died of the plague”, though this may have been a crafty marketing ploy.

In the 17th century, China’s Qing dynasty proclaimed that smoking was “a more heinous crime than even of neglecting archery”, while the Patriarch of Moscow banned tobacco except for foreigners, ordering locals flouting the ban to have their nostrils slit. A 17th century Ottoman Sultan, Murad IV, banned tobacco, alcohol and coffee on pain of death. He reportedly patrolled Istanbul’s taverns, personally beheading offenders. He also executed three of his brothers and fired arrows at passers-by who came too close to his Seraglio Palace, apparently for sport. Oddly, in view of his aversion to alcohol, Murad died of cirrhosis of the liver aged 27. His successor, Ibrahim The Mad, revoked the tobacco ban. Today, some would no doubt argue that he was mad to do so.



*Plague in 1665.*



### Peter the Great in 1698

After Peter the Great got sole control of Russia's throne in 1696, he decided, like James I in the UK, that it was smarter to cash in. He revoked the Russian ban (he also abolished the Patriarchy of Moscow, which had imposed the ban, to boot) and copied the UK's royal monopoly. He licensed an English company to import 1.5 million pounds of tobacco a year, from which he raked off the then-astronomical sum of £28,000 annually.

### East India Company official with hookah, c.1760

When the British arrived in India, some Brit sahibs took to the water pipes used for smoking tobacco in India, a style of smoking that later spread to the Middle East. Some British officials even employed a servant called a burdar, whose sole job was to tend to his boss's hookah.

In the 20th century, Nazi Germany was the first government to wage major anti-tobacco campaigns, with bans on smoking in many public places, thumping taxes and advertising restrictions. The term 'passive smoking' (passivrauchen) was coined in Nazi Germany. There were some genuine health concerns, but this was largely driven by the Nazi obsession with the 'master race'. Hitler ranted that smoking was "decadent" and "the wrath of the Red Man against the White Man, vengeance for having been given hard liquor". (Enough said, Adolf. Glad you've gone from the face of the earth.)





### Churchill at Yalta with Roosevelt, Stalin and cigar, 1945

In contrast, Winston Churchill enjoyed a great cigar, and made sure everyone knew it. This year, a half-smoked Cuban cigar that Churchill didn't finish in 1941 came up for auction. The great man had left it in an ashtray on board HMS Duke of York while on a critical mission to the USA. It was picked up by the ship's chaplain, the Rev Robert Evans, and carefully preserved by his family for 77 years. At auction in Shropshire in May 2018, this extraordinary relic fetched £2,600.

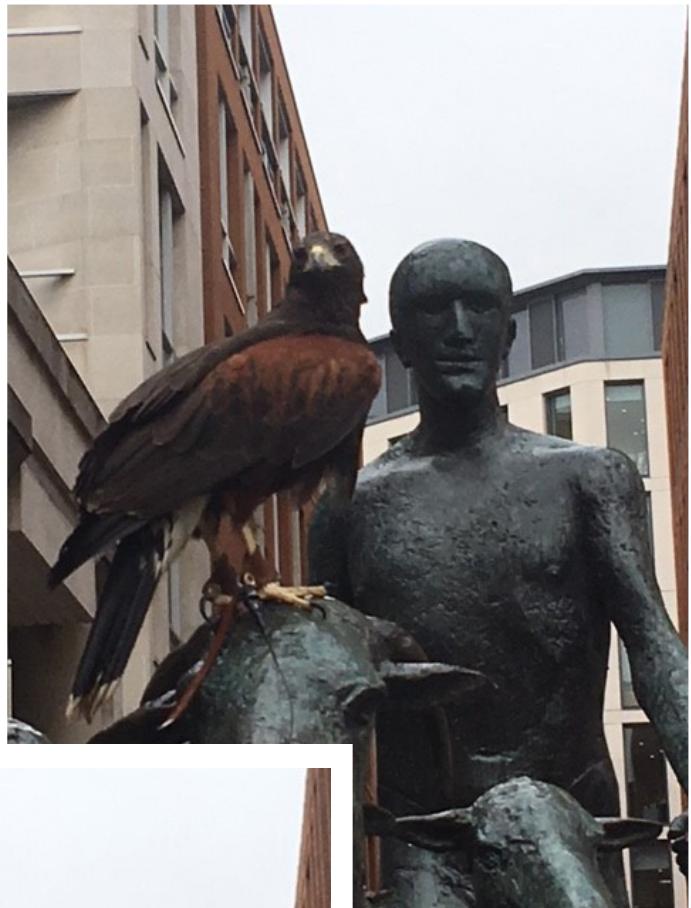
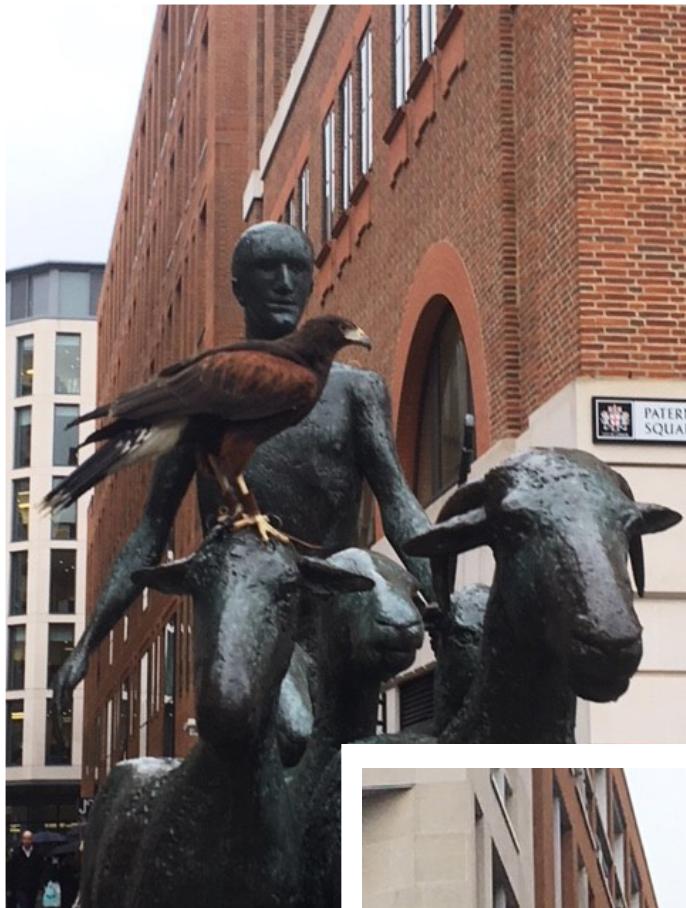
After the links between smoking and disease gained acceptance in the 1950s and 60s, some brave efforts were made to launch alternative products. One was a no-tobacco, no-nicotine cigarette called Bravo, launched in the USA in 1965. It didn't do well – perhaps because it was made of lettuce. One reviewer is said to have reported: "It's like smoking old socks".

Sadly, the Bravo guys seem to have been chasing the wrong goal by trying to preserve smoking while eliminating nicotine. Today's innovators believe it's not the nicotine you should eliminate; the idea is to let smokers get (relatively harmless) low doses of nicotine, without the harmful effects of inhaling smoke from burning herbs. We've come a long way since Pliny the Elder thought inhaling smoke could cure coughs.

**Fran Morrison**  
*Liveryman*



# An unusual sight in Paternoster Square





# Company cap, ties and cufflinks

With new members joining, it's probably a good time to remind members about our Livery accessories.



*New Company Cap*

## **The new Company Cap at £50.00.**

The earlier batches were 'snapped up' but another batch has been made and there are still some available.

## **The official Livery Company Tie**

A navy blue silk tie embroidered with the Company Crest at £21.00.

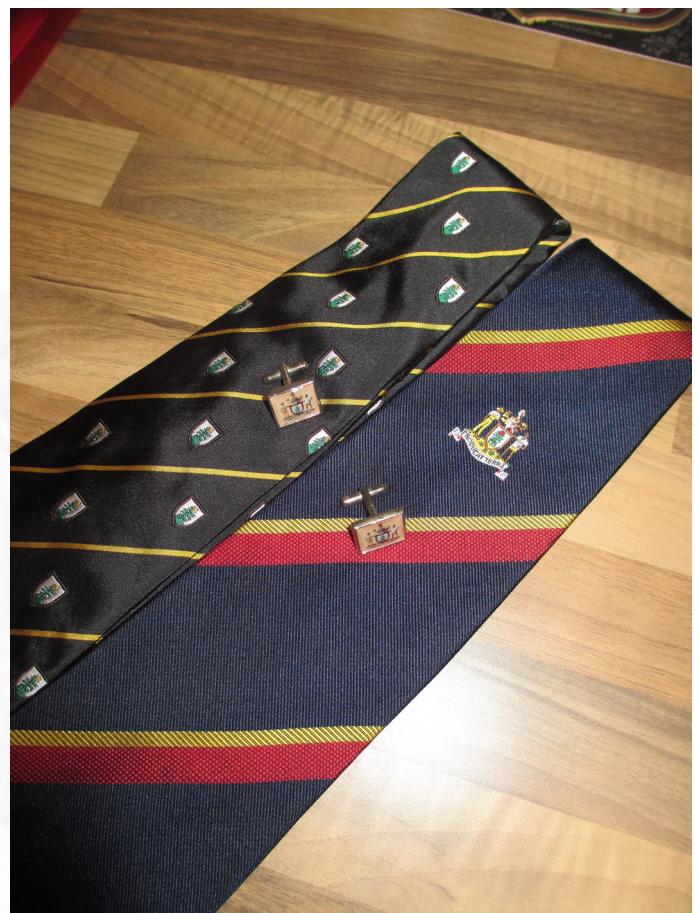
## **Company Tie**

A black silk polyester tie embroidered with the Tobacco leaf plant at £21.00. (Proceeds from the sale of this tie will go to the Benevolent Fund.)

## **Cufflinks**

Cufflinks that depict The Company Coat of Arms at £5.00.

All prices are inclusive of postage and packing. To purchase any item, please contact the Clerk at [clerk@tobaccolivery.org](mailto:clerk@tobaccolivery.org)



*Company ties and cufflinks*



# Diary of Forthcoming Events

## Thursday 20th September 2018

Autumn Court and Dinner (Court only) on HQS Wellington

## Monday 1st October 2018

Common Hall Election of Lord Mayor  
(Liverymen only. Apply to Clerk for tickets.)

## Wednesday 17th October 2018

Annual Banquet at Drapers' Hall

## Tuesday 11th December 2018

Carol Service at St Lawrence Jewry

## Wednesday 23rd January 2019

January Court and Dinner at Goldsmiths' Hall

## Thursday 21st March 2019

Election Court and Luncheon (Court only) at Cutlers' Hall

## Friday 29th March 2019

United Guilds Service at St Paul's Cathedral

## Tuesday 4th June 2019

Installation Court and Luncheon at Vintners' Hall

## Thursday 27th June 2019

400th Anniversary Celebrations of the Founding of the First Company  
Service at Temple Church followed by a Reception in Middle Temple

