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*The Worshipful  
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## CELEBRATING THREE MASTERS

**Wynne Gilham, First Lady Master 2015-16, centre pages**

**Derek Thornton, Immediate Past Master**

**Nick Meyer, Master 2013-14, Lord's visit p16**



## The Immediate Past Master's Message

### Developing my Theme – and the formation of an Upholders City Financial Services Interest Group

In my speech at my Installation and in the Q&A published in the last issue of Upbraid I spoke of my pride in our historic trade connections and in the fact that our links with the trade continue to broaden and deepen as exemplified by the work done to launch the Apprenticeship Scheme. I did, however, also refer to another of our Livery's Key Objectives namely "To uphold our links with the City / and the Corporation of London". It was in this connection that I alluded to my own background in City Financial Services and to the fact that as an "Open" Livery we have very many members who are in the broadest sense financial services professionals. I expressed a hope that in parallel to our support for our traditional crafts we might find more ways to assist our Lord Mayor, as the UK's Financial Services Ambassador, the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee and his team, UKTI, The CityUK and others in their efforts to promote the City's Financial Services. I explained that this would be the key theme of my year as I believed it would be an important way for us to remain relevant and involved in crucial elements of the City's



development over the very long term.

In my year as Master, I wrote to you all to ask if there is within our Livery an appetite to form a "City Financial Services Interest Group". Initially, the objective would be to try to establish where we might be able to support all those organisations which promote City Financial Services and hopefully and most importantly find some

way in which we can add value. This would be a long term project which we must be careful to ensure is not run to the detriment of our links to and involvement with our historic trades. However, with so many experienced Financial Services professionals in the Livery, whether still practising or not, the Court have agreed that it would like to give them the opportunity to remain involved, through

our Livery, in the promotion of the City's Financial Services as well as perhaps giving our Livery more appeal in our main recruiting ground, the City, catering for those who do not want to commit to a Livery which is a direct extension of their work.

Whilst the bankers do seem to always take the headlines, insurance and all the support

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services in the aggregate are at least as large if not larger than the banks in retained commission and fee earning terms even if not in volume of traded turnover when compared to the currency exchanges. The international fee generation by the law firms, accountants, ship brokers and of course insurance and reinsurance brokers and many other specialists does seem to be overlooked by Government, the press and the rest of the country at large.

The Speakers during my year were specifically chosen to support the theme from among leaders in the City whose roles have been and still are to attract financial services business and investment into the City and the UK. At the September Court lunch the Rt Hon the Lord Hunt of Wirral MBE PC was our principal guest and Speaker. He is currently Chairman of the British Insurance Brokers Association and a Member of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Insurance and Financial Services. He was a Member of Parliament from 1976-97 and held various Cabinet posts until 1995. Lord Hunt is also Chairman of the Financial Services Division of DACBeachcroft, having been its senior partner from 1996 to 2005. He was invited to speak about his work as a lawyer in financial services, his experiences in business and government and on any thoughts he may have which may help the proposed Upholders' "City Financial Services Interest Group" find

some ways to add value to the City and meet our objective.

In January we were able to enjoy the thoughts of Chris Cummings, Chief Executive of The City UK, and at the February Church Service Dinner, were informed and entertained by Mark Boleat, Chairman of the Corporation's Policy and Resources Committee.

Maybe some of their words resonated with you and as members of the Livery I hope in time you will be able to add your thoughts to how the Upholders might lend further support to the City, possibly through the formation of an Upholders City Financial Services Interest Group, if there is support for such a group.

Of course many other aspects of the Master's year were memorable.

On 21st May, Teresa and I represented the Company at the Queen's first Garden Party of the season at Buckingham Palace. The invitation allowed us to include a son or daughter under 25, so our youngest son Alex was able to accompany us. The Queen and Prince Philip, with a number of other minor Royals, after first appearing on the terrace where a number of special guests were presented, then spent an hour slowly walking through the crowd, across the lawn and down to the Royal Pavilion.

The bands played, the weather was pleasantly warm and the predicted showers

stayed away. Afternoon tea was served with amazing efficiency considering the number of people present. We saw and chatted to a number of people from the City including the then Sheriff Adrian Waddingham and Alderman and Sheriff Sir Paul Judge who introduced us to the Master Loriner instantly recognisable as His Honour Judge Peter Beaumont CBE QC who was the Recorder of London for many years. We did a turn around the quite remarkable garden and arboretum and came back to the lawn as the Queen and Prince Philip made their way back to the Palace making a detour to be able to have a special word with those guests in wheel chairs. As soon as the Royal Party were safely back inside the previously rigorously enforced ban on photography was lifted as everyone produced their cameras. Fortunately Alex had his mobile phone with him and was able to record our visit on quite a special day.

## Website

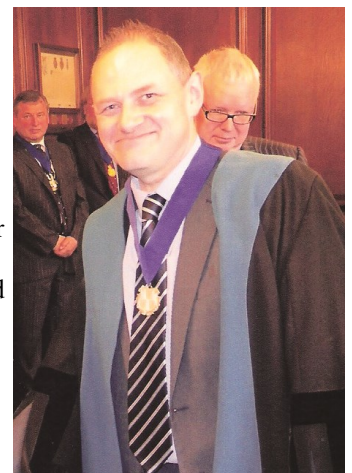
Website technology continues to move on at a pace and so upkeep of our website is a matter of Kaisen—continuous improvement. Earlier this year security improvements locked our webmaster out for 4 months preventing the publication of news of our first Lady Master. Talks are underway for a major re-vamp of the site. One aim is to enable on-line booking for events but interfacing this with our finance systems is not easy.

**Welcome to our new Liverymen and Freeman** ~ We welcome as Freeman **Franco Marinelli**, Upholstery course leader at the Cass; **Steve Gardner** from Castle Baynard Ward Club; **Tony Gunn** from Chelmsford SCC, who is progressing through to Livery via the Friend of the Upholders route, and **Richard Matthews**, introduced by Liveryman Bill Fry.

**Simon Thorp** has held roles to board level across private, public and not for profit sectors. He has experience of marketing, customer relations, quality control, legal services, operations and publishing through a career in tour operating, airlines, online travel agencies, charities, media agencies, business services and journalism. He also founded a marketing consultancy ([www.simonthorp.co.uk](http://www.simonthorp.co.uk)) as well as a 'one-stop' online knowledge pool for all things personal and niche about travel ([www.dreamswithoutfrontiers.co.uk](http://www.dreamswithoutfrontiers.co.uk)). Simon is a Certified Landscape Designer (Dip. GD) with a long standing interest in the history of the Livery movement, the City of London, charity, education, arts and crafts.

He is a Fellow of the Tourism Society (FTS); Fellow of the Institute of Travel and Tourism (FInstTT); Member of the Guild of Travel and Tourism (MGTT), and Member of the Tourism

Consultants' Network (TCN). He is also a Governor of an Essex secondary school. In his spare time, Simon has enjoyed volunteering as a garden conservationist with a wildlife trust, and managing fan clubs for popular British music bands like Electric Light Orchestra and Red Box. He enjoys travelling in the UK and overseas, music concerts, theatre, gardening, as well as watching and playing sport.



**Simon, clothed in January 2014**



## Upholding our Livery ~ New Liverymen

**Graham Packham CC** was born in Norwich and read



Physics at City University; whilst there he met his wife Margaret who was at Westfield College in London. They have two grown up sons and their first granddaughter was born last April.

Graham has spent his entire professional career in international Information

Technology roles mainly with Mars Inc. and PwC (retiring in 2013), this included extended periods based in the U.S. Graham has lived in the City since 2003 and was elected to the Court of Common Council representing Castle Baynard in March of last year. Graham serves on the following City committees; Planning & Transportation, Licensing, Culture Heritage and Libraries, Markets, Barbican Residential, IS sub-committee (Finance) and is a governor of the City of London Freeman's School. An active member of Castle Baynard Ward Club, Graham was the club's Chairman in 2014.

Graham is a keen cruciverbalist and his other interests include current affairs, astronomy, classical music, opera, jazz, supporting Arsenal and geriatric golf. When not in the City Graham and Margaret live in West Berkshire and enjoy exploring the countryside and the excellent local pubs.



**Barrie Harding** was proposed as a Liveryman by Court Assistant & Hon Archivist Judy Tayler-Smith and the late Colleen Garrett. He is a member of the City Livery Club and Billingsgate Ward Clubs and his reasons for joining

the Upholders included wishing to participate more fully in the Civic City and to be involved with one of the older Livery Companies. He is an insolvency practitioner and Director of Marsh Hammond & Partners LLP and a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants. Barrie became a Liveryman at the Audit Court in June 2014.

**Judith Pleasance CC** lives and works in the City. Elected as an Independent Common Councilman for Langbourn Ward in 2013, Judith serves on several Committees and Boards.

Her early career encompassed Literary and Theatrical Agents, Production and voiceovers for a television company, Social Secretary at the Central Office of Information and Researcher for an MP. She then joined Bonhams to run a department, ending up managing the Chelsea and Knightsbridge Salerooms. The role of

Events Manager at the Royal Opera House beckoned, leading to Head of Membership Development there.

While Director of a ballet company in the City, she was honoured to become a Freeman of the City of London. However Bristol then became her focus as a Director of a children's cancer charity.

As a Consultant she has managed many different projects, including at Buckingham Palace. She has been an Assistant Clerk and a Clerk to two Livery Companies and Chief of Staff to Alderman Sir David Wootton, prior to his being elected Lord Mayor. More recently she has been working on a series of City-themed events at the House of Lords and with Bicester Shopping Village.

Judith supports various City charities including the Barbican Centre, the Museum of London, St Paul's Cathedral and is on the Committee for Square Mile Salute. She is a Liveryman Clockmaker.



**John Freemantle** is Chairman of Chelmsford SCC, TS Upholder and keen to enhance the relationship between the Sea Cadets and the Livery. He started his career in the Hampshire constabulary on the Isle of Wight before moving to the Metropolitan Police where he spent 26 years, receiving two Commissioner's Commendations during this time. John specialised in investigating financial crimes; he dealt with many high level enquiries before moving to the Bank of England in 2009 as Security Manager.

John supports the Smiles Foundation, a Christian charity working in Romania. Brought up in Hampshire he is married to Bronwen and they both devote much time and effort to developing TS Upholder. John is a supporter of both Portsmouth and Southend on Sea football clubs.



**John, pictured with IPM Derek Thornton and Past Master Jerry Appleyard receiving his City Freedom**

## Upholding our Livery ~ New Liverymen

**Paul King** Like John Freemantle, Paul King first came into contact with our Livery when he was Chairman of Chelmsford Sea Cadets, an organisation to which he has given 30 years' service. Paul is a successful businessman providing funeral services and monumental masonry from 5 branches in Essex of his independent funeral directors firm, making the Upholders particularly relevant to his profession. Although busy



professionally, Paul still finds time for others through his charity work as regional representative of Teddies for Loving Care, his support for the J's Hospice and his 15 years as a member of the South Woodham Ferrers Rotary Club, of which he is also a Past President.

**Jonathan Hindle** Having forged a close relationship with Past Master Nick Meyer while Master Furniture Maker, the two Masters have each joined the other's Company in order to further foster relations between them. Jonathan says:



"I was honoured and delighted to have been clothed as a Liveryman of The Worshipful Company of Upholders. I look forward to helping The Upholders Company grow and prosper whenever and wherever I can in future. My thanks to the Court and my sponsors for the trust they have placed in me."

Jonathan is a Chartered Designer who has worked for architectural practices, property companies and interior furnishing and fit out companies, including a period with Maine Engineering (steel equipment and furniture) which led to the design and development of many new and innovative furniture and storage products. The last 20 years have been spent founding and building the E.M.E.A. operations of KI (Krueger International), a Forbes 500 privately held company and global leader in the manufacture of contract furniture.

Jonathan is a Liveryman of a third Livery, the Worshipful Company of Arts Scholars. He is an active supporter of a number of charities, and plays golf and tennis.

**Cdr David Filtness RN** was born into a naval family in Brunei and entered the Navy in 1999. He became Commanding Officer of HMS Triumph in July 2014 and during a career above and below the waves has had postings around the globe from the North Atlantic to the Far East (and many places in between).

In November 2014 Triumph arrived in Faslane for an 8 month refit, to include 3 months out of the water in the shiplift. Cdr Filtness says, "Triumph, the platform and her people, has been working extremely hard for the last two years", adding: "The ship's company is rightly proud of their significant operational success. The focus now is maintenance, providing some much-needed time with families and for professional courses, and regenerating the team for operations later in 2015. I expect these next few months will fly by for us all."



David and his wife Rebecca live in Helensburgh near Glasgow, where he maintains a number of bicycles, winter walking equipment, a sea kayak and windsurfing boards, none of which are employed as much as he would like.

**Elizabeth Thornborough (Liz)** is a Court Assistant of the Guild of Freemen, member of the Lime Street Ward and United Wards Club and also Royal Society of St. George. She has a keen interest in the City of London and wishes to develop this through the Livery. Liz was introduced by Court Assistant Stephen Tanner and on the occasion of becoming a Liveryman at



the Installation Court in April 2015, Past Lord Mayor Sir Gavyn Arthur was her guest.



# Events from the Master's year 2014-15 ~ Solemn Drumhead Service

**On 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015, First World War volunteers were honoured during a Solemn Drumhead Service of Remembrance led by the Bishop of London, on the 100th anniversary of the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand in Sarajevo. The service was organised by the Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association for Greater London.**

2014-15 Master Derek Thornton accompanied by Teresa, and the Clerk accompanied by Past Master Richard, were invited to witness the ceremony at the Royal Hospital Chelsea in the presence of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. Completing the Royal party were Prince Edward, Earl of Wessex accompanied by Sophie, Countess of Wessex, and Prince Michael of Kent with Princess Alexandra.

As you can see from the centre photograph, the event was also memorable for the torrential rain which fell in the minutes before the Queen was due to arrive. Somehow the audience huddled under an assortment of umbrellas, newspapers and plastic bags resembling a Roman army Testudo and the Queen and Duke were conducted safely to a covered dais to ensure the ceremony went ahead with the minimum of delay.

The ceremony included a march past by reservists accompanied by the band of the Honourable Artillery Company.

Later the Queen was taken out of the rain and into the hospital's chapel to be presented with a book listing volunteer military reservists and supporting auxiliaries from Greater London from 1908 to 2014.

*S Nevard*



The IPM and Teresa accompanied by Martin Russell DL and Brigid with two jolly 'Chelsea Pensioners'



The Royal Hospital Chelsea, venue for the Solemn Drumhead Service to commemorate the service of First World War reservists





# Upholding our Livery ~ Summer Lunch 2014 at Girdlers' Hall

**The Worshipful Companies of Girdlers**, Tallow Chandlers and Glovers are the only 3 Livery Companies sharing the distinction of 6 forms in their respective Coats of Arms. Upholders are Upholsterers, whilst Girdlers used to make leather belts and metal buckles for everyday wear mainly outside tunics and from which purses, swords and other objects could be hung.

There are currently about 60 Girdlers and they, like the Cooks, are one of the smallest of the Livery Companies. We Upholders were lucky enough to have been invited by the Girdlers to hold our summer luncheon at their Hall (a rare privilege I am assured by our then Master, Derek Thornton who was able to arrange it), or in the words of our Sponsor, past Master Girdler Ian Fairclough, their "country house in the City."

A lovely mellow brick built 18<sup>th</sup> Century style house with a



plush lawn in front and private walled garden at the back



complete with fig tree, mulberry or rather daughter of mulberry having been a cutting from a long departed mulberry on the same site, and sumptuous herbaceous border and lawn.

Inside the house is beautifully appointed with wood panelling and stylish high ceilings. Not only that and a splendid collection of interesting silverware of all ages, some donated by past Girdlers, but the pride of the Company in the shape of The Girdlers Carpet commissioned by Mr Robert Bell, Master of the

Girdlers and Director of the East India Company, and made in Lahore in 1634. Not only the best documented carpet in the world but a beautiful example of Indian Mughal craftsmanship introduced only 40 years previously from Persia. It was made to cover the Girdlers' dining table, where it was used for many years as marks on it confirm, but subsequently has been hung on the wall to preserve it and show it to those present. Intricate but simple and of most pleasing colour, it has been saved thrice by the foresight of the Masters at the time – removed to Masters country house in Hoxton in 1666, moved from one wall to another in the Great War and escaped bomb splinter, and placed in a Bank vault in 1940 shortly before the Hall was destroyed in the Blitz.



The current building was completed in 1961 and is surrounded by subsequently erected glass blocks, which in a way represent the City's more glitzy present. The Girdlers like their fellow livery companies do charitable works and maintain not only physical treasures such as the Carpet and silver, and incidentally have kitchens producing the finest of foods and cellars with the most palatable wines, but most importantly of all maintain the values and traditions of the City and its illustrious past and stand as a bastion against the erosion of those values.

*Liveryman Barry Lewis*



# Upholding Our Trade

## LMU SENIOR LECTURER RETIRES

**Maggi Loughran, colleague of Senior Lecturer and Liveryman Malcom Hopkins, wrote to Upbraid to mark his official retirement from London Metropolitan University.**

"I have known Malcolm Hopkins from the days of The London College of Furniture when I was a student around 1988.

Malcolm has successfully supported many hundreds of students that have walked through the doors of Commercial Road LMU. He has worked with diligence and integrity in the many years he has served. Many students have been able to progress to obtain employment either within workshops or starting their own businesses and even teach because of the standard of tutoring they have received.

Malcolm has worked closely with the AMU & the Worshipful Company of Upholders and ensured that where standards have been exceptionally high, students have received further acknowledgement for their work by way of an award system.

His loyalty to both the students and his work are to be commended, Malcolm has managed and executed his work with consistence and achieved remarkable results".

***Malcolm has returned to the LMU as a consultant and organiser of the Awards Ceremony at the Sir John Cass Faculty of Art, Architecture and Design—see page 8 and 9.***

## APPRENTICESHIPS UPDATE

**On 18<sup>th</sup> March with AMUSF Manager Richard Ranklin I had the opportunity to visit all three of our Apprentices studying under the Livery Companies' Apprenticeship Scheme (LCAS).**

I couldn't help but smile broadly after meeting our Apprentices. It was a genuine pleasure to have seen them in their daily world of work. We started off the day heading down an alleyway to the premises of William Fountain & Co in Leytonstone and entering via a somewhat nondescript door. Inside however, the first thing I saw was Darren's smile as he greeted us. He also introduced us to Ray, his Apprentice Master. Clearly at this mid point of the first year Darren is already highly regarded and is enjoying the work. He showed us the first test piece, a covered box with a deep button seat, and I thought to myself if all the Apprentices are at this level then the Upholders will be very proud of them.

Ray was equally enthusiastic and has enjoyed taking Darren out to work in clients' homes.

At Downers Design in Wandsworth Richard and I immediately noted the tidy and well organised workshop and the good supervision of the Apprentice. Our Apprentice at Kingston Upholstery told us that one of the best points of the job is when he gets to strip a piece down to the point of being able to rebuild it, and he was clearly kept busy contributing to the output of the workshop.

***Past Master Richard Nevard***

## UPHOLSTERER ABOUT TOWN... AND COUNTRY

**We are extremely fortunate to count the energetic Roy Theobald as one of our Liverymen (not forgetting Toastmaster).**

Roy goes to great lengths to promote the Worshipful Company of Upholders both in the City (photo right shows Alderman Alison Gowman at the Livery Showcase event for schools in March 2014) and Country, where he demonstrated at Kent Choices 4 U Live 2014 at Detling, (photo below with celebrity chef Rosemary Shrager). Both ladies are pictured hammering a tack into Roy's celebrated leather Upholders board.



**The biggest careers fair in the county, Kent Choices 4 U Live is an inspirational event to help young people explore numerous opportunities for employment, training, vocational courses and apprenticeships.**



# Upholding the Trade ~ The Cass/ LMU Awards 2014

Upholstery by Ingrid Beattie



## 2014 Award Winners

1st Prize Advanced Upholstery  
**Lindsay Booth**

2nd Prize Advanced Upholstery  
**Abbé Edwards**

Highly Commended Advanced  
**Rachel Singer**

1st Prize Intermediate Upholstery  
**Sylvie Leithgoe**

2nd Prize Intermediate Upholstery  
**Ingrid Beattie**

Highly Commended Intermediate  
**Lucy Hayes**

**Derek Austin Awards**  
BA Furniture & Production  
**Joe Fitzgerald and Tom Harvey**

BA Furniture Restoration  
**Lloyd Meredith**



Upholstery by Rachel Singer

Joe's furniture, to be stocked by Heals and Ligne Roset



*The adjudication of students' work requires two assessment visits, to see the piece under construction as well as when it is completed. We are grateful to David Johns of DC Upholstery and to Liveryman Ernie Spratling FAMU for this work.*



Foreground chair by Abbé Edwards



Left- Button Back Victorian style Bampton chair  
by Celia Johnson, Intermediate

Right- Chair by Beatrice Weiss, Intermediate



First stage in the Reproduction of a Horace Walpole 18th Century pier glass - commissioned by Strawberry Hill House, by Lloyd Meredith



# Upholding Trade ~ 25th Anniversary of Awards at the LMU, 2015

**Liveryman Malcolm Hopkins FAMU, in his speech on 2nd July at the 25th Anniversary of the Upholders' Awards to students at London Metropolitan University, complimented the students on a high standard of achievement, adding:**

“This achievement of course reflects on the quality of the tutors, and I therefore thank them on behalf of the Upholders company for their expertise and inspirational teaching, with special thanks to Franco Marinelli, the Course Co-ordinator. I am pleased to hear that from next September the University is adopting the AMU&SF Upholstery Craft Syllabus, with its emphasis on Craft Skills. This year marks a milestone in the connection between the University and the Upholders, as we have been judging students' work and presenting prizes for a period of 25 years, and long may this continue.

During this time Malcolm Hopkins and Past Master Bert Chapman have been the prime motivators in establishing this long relationship. In recognition of their services to Education and to the Trade in general, they both received the prestigious award of a Master's Certificate which was presented to them by the Lord Mayor, Alderman Alan Yarrow at a special reception held at Saddlers' Hall in February 2015.

I would like to thank the students once again for the excellent work carried out. If you are interested to find out more about the Upholders Company and becoming involved in the first step to Membership as a 'Yeoman Upholder' our Clerk Mrs Susan Nevard will be pleased to answer any questions and give you details of how to join.

May I take this opportunity of thanking the University for their hospitality and I look forward to being with you again next year.”

**Malcolm Hopkins FAMU**



**Bert Chapman + Wendy Shorter, Parker Gallery**

## 2015 Award Winners

1st Prize Advanced Upholstery  
**Jane Kimber**

2nd Prize Advanced Upholstery  
**Holly Shaw**

Highly Commended Advanced  
**Gillian Vanstone**

1st Prize Intermediate Upholstery  
**Hannah Galvin-Horne**

2nd Prize Intermediate Upholstery  
**Gillian Maguire**

Highly Commended Intermediate  
**Rebekah Hicks**

Derek Austin Award for Furniture Design

1st Prize **Herbert Palmer**

2nd Prize **Timothy Summers**



**Desk converting to console table, Timothy Summers**



**Shelving/ seating by Herbert Palmer**



**Design by Hannah Galvin-Horne**



**Advanced 2nd Prize Upholstery by Holly Shaw**



**Advanced 1st Prize Upholstery, Jane Kimber**



## Installation of Master Wynne Gilham FAMU and introducing JW Tony Lofts

**THE INSTALLATION of the 632nd, and first Lady Master of the Upholders along with that of Senior Warden Graham White and Junior Warden Tony Lofts, took place on 9 April in elegant Carpenters' Hall.**

The photo shows the Master assisted by



Beadle Phillip Chancellor RVM clothing the new Junior Warden Tony Lofts.

Tony has just retired from forty one years as a private client fund manager, starting with Messrs William Morris & Co in September 1973 which was absorbed into what was then Messrs Quilter Hilton Goodison & Co in November 1975. Quilter's went through a number of ownership changes and Tony would jest that he had become part of the fixtures & fittings as he never changed firms throughout his career. He was a trustee of a number of the staff pension funds and remains a member nominated trustee of a closed final salary scheme.

Tony was born, brought up and now lives in North East Hertfordshire but did live in various parts of London for some twenty years before the need for space as a result of marriage to Anne, a former Legal Librarian / Information Officer, and the birth of their two children necessitated such a move.

Tony became a Liveryman of the Upholders on his 38th birthday in January 2002 and joined the Court five years later, he is a member of the Lime Street Ward Club and the City Livery Club. Anne and Tony are both Freemen of the City of Glasgow and members of The Incorporation of Wrights in Glasgow, whilst Anne is also a Member of the Guild of Freemen of the City of London.

In addition to his ongoing City interests Tony hopes in retirement to tame a large garden, improve his shooting ability and become a competent photographer.

At the Court meeting two new Liverymen were clothed, (see page 4) and following his clothing Cdr David Filtness RN updated the Court on those activities of our affiliated submarine HMS Triumph that can be publically shared.

**At the Dinner following the Court meeting, in a stunningly lit Carpenters' Hall with tables exquisitely decorated by the Cook and the Butler, the new Master made two special presentations.**

The photograph below shows the



presentation of the Upholders' Award of Excellence to Liveryman Stephen Franklin. Stephen is only the 8th winner of this award which is given for excellence in Upholstery (or soft furnishing) skills under the umbrella of a strong and effective business model.

Congratulations go to Stephen for his superb portfolio of work backed by many recommendations from delighted clients.

The second presentation of Honorary Fellowship of the AMUSF was made jointly to HH Richard and Sheila Cole, who have devoted much time and effort to the organisation. The photograph shows Richard receiving his award from the Master's Consort Past Master Michael Gilham.

Finally, the Master presented the evening's principal Speaker, Alderman John Garbutt of Walbrook Ward with a



very special commemorative silk cushion bearing the arms of the Upholders Company embroidered in over 30,000 stitches.

We all wish Wynne a memorable year in office as our First Lady Master.



**Discover more about the FAMU on p13**

*S Nevard, Clerk*



# Upholding our Livery and Trade

## FIRST LADY

**On Thursday April 9 2015, in the hush of Carpenters' Hall, London, a little piece of history was made. For the first time in the long history of the Worshipful Company of Upholders, a lady Master was the toast of the annual Installation Dinner. Wynne Gilham, FAMU, told U&SF why she's looking forward to her year as First Lady.**

For anyone taking up the reins of illustrious office, the prospect of the year ahead and all that it entails can be a little daunting as well as hugely exciting. But Wynne Gilham, the Upholders' first ever lady Master, is rather better placed than most. Her husband Michael has already held the post twice, so what lies ahead is a familiar and welcome year of functions and visits.

The dizzying round of dinners, inter-livery visits, civic functions, Court events, lectures and speeches holds no real fear for Wynne who says she's "absolutely delighted" to have the honour of becoming First Lady. "I just want to make sure I make everyone proud of me", she said.

Right by her side – as he has been since they met when Wynne was 15 and Michael 16 – will be another first for the Upholders; the lady Master's 'Consort' as he will be known.

"He's my right hand man" says Wynne who, as well as being Michael's wife has also been his business partner since they established Gilains Interiors in 1969. "I'd been able to sew from an early age and by the time I was 13, was making many of my own clothes", she says. "So when Michael decided he would like to set up a business, he was able to teach me everything he knew about making curtains from the nine years he'd spent studying soft furnishings and management".



The business still operates today, albeit on a semi-retired basis with the couple limiting their workload to requests from past customers. At its height Gilains employed eight other people and prestigious commissions included providing the impressively long and luxurious drapes now by the choir stalls at St Paul's Cathedral.

As long time members of the AMUSF and FAMU, the couple have also enjoyed a long time involvement with the Upholders Livery, with Wynne becoming the first Lady Liveryman in 2002. It is, she says, an incredibly friendly company where, as well as being remembered for being a 'first' she'd like to make a lasting contribution. She's particularly keen to ensure that the educational side of the Upholders' work is continued and progressed and is personally very enthusiastic about apprenticeship schemes.

"I would like to see more put in to schools about the trade", says Wynne. "When I was at school we learnt how to sew and do needlework but that doesn't seem to be something that happens now. In past years there has been such a big emphasis on pushing youngsters towards university education. But it isn't for everyone so I'm massively in favour of apprenticeships, particularly for more practical skills which will be lost if they are not nurtured and encouraged".

Within the Upholders itself she believes continuity of membership and recruitment is important, along with keeping a good level of tradespeople involved. "We want to see traditional skills maintained but with a modern outlook and recognition that we live in a high tech world".

Clearly passionate about the more serious side of her role, Wynne is also well equipped to deal with the more sociable side. "I enjoy being with people so I'm going to relish all the opportunities the year will bring, including the Queen's garden party, the Magna Carta 800 celebrations at Runnymede and the Upholders' banquet at Mansion House. But with Michael there for her every step of the way, you just know Wynne Gilham isn't going to put a foot wrong.

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## Mistress, Escort or...?

**At Derek Thornton's Master's Court Dinner held in March, Michael Gilham entertained us with his musings on how he wishes to be known as he accompanies the Master around the circuit.**

**Entitled 'Who will I be?', the poem caused much hilarity imagining him dressing up as a Mistress or Escort. Happily he has decided:**

*But there remains one option I feel I can fill*

*And this I am sure you'll agree will fit the bill*

*From Queen Victoria's Albert I will take my cue*

*And become a Consort through and through.*

*So to the First Lady Elect and to all of the Court*

*For this coming year you'll have my unstinting support.*



## Upholding our Craft ~ Training and Apprenticeships

### **Fine Cell Work, the Charity which provides training for prisoners in intricate needlework techniques, last year gave the first Lady Anne Tree Apprenticeship Award to Chris, a trainee Upholsterer at Fine Cell Work's HMP Wandsworth workshop.**

This is the foundation of a new system to enable Fine Cell workers to translate skills learnt in prison into employable skills on release. Chris has been tutored by Liveryman Wendy Shorter and trainer Louise Boyland, and his impressions of this pioneering scheme are reproduced from an article which first appeared in a Fine Cell Work Prisoner Newsletter.

#### **Chris's story**

"For a lot of the time, the atmosphere inside a prison is very negative and hostile, but in the room where we worked on FCW programmes there was an atmosphere of encouragement and help. For the first time I felt like I was being treated like a human being—it was one of the very few places I enjoyed going.

Louise Boyland, who ran the upholstery course for FCW, was a phenomenal teacher—the way she explained things just made sense. Towards the end of the course I was almost transferred to Brixton but FCW fought for me to stay at Wandsworth so I could finish the course. For me that was unbelievable as no-one had ever stood up for me before. My final piece was an upholstered, deep buttoned ottoman chest which I finished off just before I was paroled. To find out I had passed my Stage 1 upholstery qualification and got a distinction just bowled me over.

I really fell in love with upholstery. It was one of those things that I know I could do and do well. Many years ago I worked in motorcycle engineering and that really helped me to understand it. It's a skill I feel comfortable and at peace with.

When I arrived at Wandsworth for the last 16 months of my sentence I didn't know I was going to walk out of those gates with a certificate. I found upholstery and realised I have an ability—it's like second nature to me.

The transition from prison has been much easier than it would have been without FCW. The aftercare, training and assistance they offered have made things a

lot easier and I can progress in a field I have become attached to.

In terms of getting a course going again at Wandsworth, I think that is really important. The support and encouragement you get is unprecedented and it helps people to feel good about themselves and feel proud about what they have done. It gives you a sense of worth and wellbeing again. And it allows people to be a little more self-sufficient as they can earn a little bit of cash from commission work. It allows people to grow and feel important again and that's the path to recovery.

It provides real skills for the real world. Without FCW, Louise and Wendy I wouldn't be where I am today."

During his training, Chris upholstered a chair for the exhibition 'Voices from the Inside'.

Wendy Shorter has offered to sponsor Chris to continue his training but at present it is not decided whether he will be able to commit to this.

***Acknowledgements: Fine Cell Work Prisoner Newsletter Spring 2015, Louise Boyland and Liveryman Wendy Shorter.***

### **Lord Mayor presents Master Certificates to two expert Upholsterers**



**Lord Mayor Alan Yarrow with Past Master Bert Chapman MBE**



**Lord Mayor Alan Yarrow with Malcolm Hopkins FAMU**





## Upholding Our Trade ~ FAMU or the Fellows explained...

**You may have noticed that some 11 of our Liverymen and 5 of our Freemen have the initials FAMU after their name on table plans and correspondence. Here Consort Michael Gilham explains the story behind the Fellows.**

On 8<sup>th</sup> September 1947 the Association of Master Upholsterers (AMU) came into being to represent the interests of skilled upholsterers struggling with the aftermath of the Second World War and its associated problems in obtaining supplies, also a strong lobby was required against Government controls which were restricting trading at that time. The growth in membership was extraordinary, as in that first year nine Regional Branches were formed and by the end of the second year this had risen to twenty-two, giving membership coverage across most of the country. AGMs and Conferences became part of the annual programme and Branches held regular meetings throughout the year, enabling Members to discuss Trade matters whilst generally socialising.

1957 marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Associations' founding and in recognition of outstanding voluntary services to the AMU seven Members of the Council (now a Board of Management) including the President were awarded the honour of becoming the first Fellows of the Association. Soon after other well deserving upholsterers joined their ranks which resulted in the Fellows becoming firmly established as a leading body of expertise within the Trade. Although an integral part of the AMU the Fellows set their own rules and instigated a governing body consisting of a Chapter of 7 Fellows elected from within the Membership and a Clerk to carry out administrative and financial duties. Once this body is formed then the

Chapter elects one of its members to act as the Upholder (Chairman).

It was during this formative period of both the AMU and Fellows that closer contact with The Worshipful Company of Upholders was sought. This was widely accepted by all parties, which has led to the present day where we enjoy a strong body of trade representation within the Upholders' ranks.

57 years have now passed since the Fellowship was established and the original aims and objectives remain as strong today as ever, these are: - To promote the craft of Upholstery and Soft Furnishing (the Trade) by assisting other groups in their development of training, specifically the AMU&SF and The Worshipful Company of Upholders, also to help less fortunate Members within the Trade. Candidates for the Fellowship must have been employed within the Trade for a minimum of 5 years, carried out volunteering services to enhance the AMU&SF's standing within the Industry and agree to support by donations the administration and benevolent aspects of the Fellowship. Members are also encouraged to support the main two events that take place each year, one being a visit to a place of interest incorporating lunch and a General Meeting, the other a weekend event incorporating our AGM, an interesting visit and formal dinner. It at these events newly elected Fellows read their declaration and are presented with their framed certificate of Membership.

As you can see the Fellowship is not awarded lightly, it is in part showing appreciation for services rendered to our Trade, but even more so for services we hope will be given in the future. In rare circumstances an Honorary Fellowship may be bestowed on a non-member who in the opinion of the majority of the members has given exceptional support to our Trade. Such an award was made

to HH Richard Cole at the Installation Dinner on 9 April 2015.

Past Master & Upholder to the Fellows  
**Michael S Gilham FAMU**

*This article first appeared in Upholsterer & Soft Furnisher magazine*

### OBITUARY

**At the Installation Court meeting, Father of the Company Bert Chapman FAMU gave the obituary for Upholders pensioner, Freeman and long time member of the AMUSF Les Beagen FAMU, who died at his care home aged 104. He was known as 'The Scribbler' for his prolific articles, papers and poems, notably about gardening.**

**Les ran his own Upholstery business with his wife Winifred, and after serving with the Royal Signals in WW2 he completed a number of**



**prestigious projects including refurbishing the Colchester Council Chamber and the Battalion Officers' Mess. At his funeral in Eastbourne in April, his nephew paid tribute to "A fiercely independent person with a wicked sense of humour"**

Warden to Trade Stephen Chapman recently sent the Clerk a copy of 'Twenty Years After', a fascinating history of the first 20 years of the AMU, written by Les Beagen.

# Upholding the City ~ The work of the Livery Committee explained

**The first mention in archival papers of a Committee of the Livery was in 1782, but the forerunner of the present Livery Committee began on 4<sup>th</sup> July 1864.** It was originally established with the following brief “The Committee is to consider the best means and take such measures as they deem advisable for securing the Guildhall from the intrusion of strangers at the meetings in Common Hall”.

Its two principal purposes today are to oversee the arrangements for Common Hall at the Election of Sheriffs on Midsummer Day and of the Lord Mayor on Michaelmas Day, and to act as the conduit for communication between the livery (Masters, Wardens, the Court, Liverymen & Clerk) and Guildhall (including the Chamberlain’s Court), Mansion House, and the Old Bailey, on any matter affecting the interests of the general body of the Livery. The Committee is a means of improving communications between the Corporation and the Livery, increasing the involvement of Liverymen in City affairs, and acting as a forum for discussion.

The presently constituted Committee consists of two Aldermen, six Common Councillors, six Clerks of Livery Companies, and six Liverymen who are not on Common Council. The allocation of committee places to liverymen and clerks is laid down to ensure representation between the Great 12 companies, the Clerks’ Association companies (ie those with Halls), and the Fellowship of Clerks companies (broadly, the rest).

Members are elected for a term of three years, and may stand for re-election once. Ultimately members are elected by Common Hall, but the nominations are put forward by the three Clerks’ Associations mentioned above (and also by the courts of Aldermen and Common Council). Any liverymen wishing to put their name forward should do so through their company clerk.

The committee meet three times a year (on the second Wednesday in February, June and September), and additionally at the two Common Halls. The Chairman and Deputy Chairman

are elected annually (September) and typically serve a maximum of three years (if re-elected). The convention is that the chair alternates between a Common Councillor and a liveryman who is not a member of the Court of Common Council. But recent experience has shown that the time bar of six years has meant there can be a shortage of committee members with the experience to take on the chair without over-running their time on the Committee. For this reason, at Common Hall in October 2011, it was resolved that time spent in office (as chairman or deputy) would not count towards the six year maximum. The Clerks do not take the chair, nor the deputy chairmanship.

Much of the Committee’s work is done through its two Working Groups (WG). The Communications WG is responsible for all training courses and briefings – namely City Briefings, Wardens & Court Assistants’ Course, Clerks’ Briefing, and the Livery After Dinner Speaking Course. The latter three are arranged annually, but there are four City Briefings each year, and if you are reading this and haven’t attended one - speak to your Clerk! *(and see page 15)*

The Livery Companies WG also consider best practice amongst the Companies (whilst always recognising the sovereignty of each company), and appoint each member of the Committee to be the liaison member for up to eight livery companies. *(See introduction below from our representative Wendy Mead)*

The Livery Committee, though administered at Guildhall, is not a committee of the City of London Corporation, and hence has some autonomy. However this may also mean some limitations to its power, and so it largely works by influence and consultation. It has included the following in its brief:

- ◆ To assist Livery Companies in their support of the Mayoralty and the Corporation.
- ◆ To create awareness amongst Liverymen and the general public, especially opinion formers, of the work of the Livery Companies in their trade, professions, educational, community support programmes and charitable activities.

**Nigel Pullman, Chairman, Livery Committee**  
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**WENDY MEAD OBE CC, Glover, and Sheriff 2011-12 is the Upholders’ Representative on the Livery Committee, replacing the late Robin Eve OBE CC. She writes:**

I was so fortunate to have such amazing support to be elected Sheriff in a heavily contested year and I thank all my friends in the Livery for giving me a marvellous experience. I know there were many in the Upholders Company who came, not once but twice, to vote for me!

For me being Sheriff was as close to being Royal as it is possible for a mere mortal to get and Jubilee year gave many opportunities to study members of the Royal Family at very close quarters. There were so many highlights to remember and savour but being on the Thames, rowed by Doggett’s Coat and Badge in their barge on the morning of Lord Mayor’s Show day was very special. This was the request of incoming Mayor Sir David Wootton, himself a rower and brought back in a small way the

historic processional route of the Show. Since then, every Lord Mayor’s Show begins this way, starting from Westminster Boating Club and accompanied by a flotilla of Livery cutters rowing back to the City—a great sight!



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# Upholding the City

## LIVERY COMMITTEE WEBSITE

[liverycompanies.info](http://liverycompanies.info)

The Clerk commends to all Liverymen this excellent website, spearheaded by Nigel Pullman, Chairman of the Livery Committee. It now hosts the **Livery Companies Database**.

This is part of the Livery Committee's aim to bring all web based information about the Livery Companies into one easily accessible home. To access the database, please go to the **A-Z Lists** button. Similarly, the City Briefings and other courses may be booked direct from **Briefings & Courses**.

The Diary page includes dates of most, if not all, events of common interest across the livery.

## CITY OF LONDON FREEDOM

**The Chamberlain has recently increased the fine/fee for obtaining the City of London Freedom to £100.** Whilst this is a substantial increase from the existing £25 (which has been set since 1994), the prevailing view is that given the costs of running the Chamberlain's Court, this is not an unreasonable amount to pay to receive the Freedom. The City of London Freeman's School will continue to be supported through the City Freedom scheme at its current level.

## LIVERY COMMITTEE COURSES

[Book through liverycompanies.info](http://liverycompanies.info)

### LIVERY BRIEFINGS

Aimed particularly at new Liverymen and Freeman, but partners are also welcome, as well as Court Assistants and Liverymen of longer standing who have not previously been to a Briefing. They cost £15 and run from 5pm-7.30pm on the following dates:

**Wednesday 14 October 2015**

**Monday 23 November 2015**

**Tuesday 9 February 2016**

**Monday 9 May 2016**

**Wednesday 5 October 2016**

**Wednesday 2 November 2016**

### WARDENS + COURT ASSISTANTS CITY COURSE

Learn how the civic and financial City works. Open to Senior or Upper Wardens as they approach the Chair, plus partners. The course runs for a full day and costs £75. Date for 2015:

**Wednesday 30 September**

*I encourage all Liverymen to attend one of the excellent Livery Briefings—in many Livery Companies this is an essential part of progression within the Livery. Please inform the Clerk if you have booked on a course. S Nevard*

## OBITUARY

### ROBIN EVE OBE CC

**Past Master Joe Byllam-Barnes gave a warm tribute to Liveryman the late Robin Eve at the January 2014 Court. As boys they had both been at City of London Freeman's School in the 1940s until Joe was evacuated. Robin worked at Midland bank and combined this with service to many City Committees, the Ward of Cheap, as the first Old Freeman elected to the CLFS Board of Governors, to St Lawrence Jewry and as Master of his mother company, the Chartered Secretaries.**

"It could be said that for an extended period, Robin devoted the best part of his life to the City. His service was indefatigable, and only in 2013 he was re-elected by the Ward of Cheap for a further term of 4 years, therefore he died in harness in his 80<sup>th</sup> year. For his services to the City, Robin was appointed by Her Majesty the Queen as an officer of the most excellent Order of the British Empire. He had a very strong mind of his own, and never hesitated to speak his mind at Common Council and on Committees. Robin's death comes as a shock and loss to the City and to our own Company in particular. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to his dear wife Ann, and to his son." May his soul rest in the peace of Christ".

## New Sheriffs Elected 24 June 2015

Dr Christine Rigden will serve as non-Aldermanic Sheriff and was also re elected as one of the two Ale Conners. When originally elected Christine was the first female to hold the post in 700 years. Another first was to have served as the first Lady Master Constructor in 2009-10, having followed a career of research and teaching on geological materials in the



construction industry and then running a civil and structural engineering consultancy. As well as many City roles she serves as a member of the Independent Monitoring Board of HMP Swaleside, and Vice Chair and Trustee of the Kent Enterprise Trust.

Charles Bowman, Alderman and Grocer, is a partner at PWC and has worked in the financial services sector for 33 years. In his Election address he said:

"The City of London is the pre-eminent global centre for financial and related services. It is a significant employer and contributor to the nation's wealth. If elected I will strive to uphold the fine traditions of the Shrieval office and it would be a privilege to use my business and international experience to support the Lord Mayor's programme of promoting the City in all its aspects and the UK's financial and related services sector."



# Upholding our Livery ~ Visit to Lord's Master's Special Event 2014

**What an interesting and enjoyable journey we had around Lord's Cricket Ground with many old and new friends, led by Master Nick, especially as had Nick's ancestor not sold the ground many years ago, it would have been Meyer's Ground!**

Thursday 27 March 2014 was not only a warm day, but we all arrived at Lord's having heard that England had unexpectedly won their T20 match against Sri Lanka. That certainly put us all in even greater spirits!

Tony Twiss, our fascinating and highly knowledgeable tour guide, then took us through the history of Lord's as well as the Committee Room, the famous Long Room and then the Home dressing room – the last housing the famous batting and bowling boards (a couple of asides - England only, save for Gordon Greenidge on the batting boards; turning to the bowlers – only Broad and Botham on all three boards). Overseas players have their names on the boards in the Visitors' dressing room. The batsman get their name on the boards if they score a century. Bowlers have two chances – five wickets in one innings or ten wickets in the game (of two innings for each team).

Lord's is at its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary and a celebratory match with Hertfordshire (not one of the first class cricketing counties) was planned for 22 June.

Of course, the final stop was in the Museum – full of history and home to the Ashes. The urn that contains the ashes of two bails (the wooden bits that go on top of and between the three stumps) always surprises people with its very small size.

The Ashes is the notional prize in a Test cricket series played between England and Australia. The Ashes are regarded as being held by the team that won the last Test series between those sides or, if that series was drawn, by the team that last won such a series. So after some years of the urn being held by England, the Australians took it back very recently. *(All change for 2015-Ed)*

The term originated in a satirical obituary published in a British newspaper, The Sporting Times, immediately after Australia's 1882 victory at The Oval, their first Test win on English soil. The obituary stated that English cricket had died, and the body will be cremated and the ashes taken to Australia. The mythical ashes immediately became associated with the 1882–83 series played in Australia, before which the English

captain Ivo Bligh had vowed to "regain those ashes". The English media therefore dubbed the tour the quest to regain the Ashes.

After England had won two of the three Tests on the tour, a small urn was presented to Bligh by Lady Jane Clark.

The urn has never been the official trophy of the Ashes series, having been a personal gift to Bligh. However, replicas of the urn are often held aloft by victorious teams as a symbol of their victory in an Ashes series. Since the 1998–99 Ashes series, a Waterford Crystal representation of the Ashes urn (called the Ashes Trophy) has been presented to the winners of an Ashes series as the official trophy of that series. Whichever side holds the Ashes, the urn remains in the MCC Museum at Lord's; it has been taken to Australia to be put on touring display on just two occasions, most recently accompanying the Ashes series in 2006–07.



**2013-14 Master Nick Meyer contemplating the tiny Ashes urn**

We then had some excellent canapés, helped along by excellent sparkling wine, enjoying each other's company until the clock came round to the time to leave this most impressive of sporting grounds.

Finally, a huge thank you to our Master, Nick, for arranging a most enjoyable evening for us all.

***Liveryman Leonard Specterman***

## **Obituaries given at Court meetings in 2014-15**

**ROBIN EVE OBE CC DEPUTY** (see City section p 15)

**LIVERYMAN HELEN TILLING**, clothed in September 2003;

**LIVERYMAN DAVID HERRING**, clothed in January 2003;

**LIVERYMAN COLLEEN GARRETT**, clothed in 2012, was a retired music teacher who was a lively and motivated Upholder. Loyal to other organisations, Colleen was a steward at the Royal Chapel Windsor for 37 years and had been about to chair the music section of the City Livery Club.

## **HON ASSISTANT PETER NEVARD**

PM Richard Nevard gave the obituary for his father Hon Assistant Peter Nevard, who died on 6 May aged 86. Peter's own Father died when Peter was young, a trauma which probably led him to achieve many things later in life. Introduced to the Livery in March 1972 by PM Neville Hayman, Peter joined the Court in 1984. Being a surveyor, his other Livery was the Tylers and Bricklayers, which he joined in 1973, and his Ward Club was Cordwainer. In January 1990 he proposed the Upholders should have a flag, so he arranged its production and it was presented to the Company in his absence after his car accident in 1990.



## Naval Connections ~ visit to TS Upholder 15 September 2014

**Last September the then Master Derek Thornton led a small party of Court members, partners and the Clerk on a very informative visit to SCC Chelmsford, or TS Upholder.**

The occasion was to watch the sunset parade and for the Master to present a new Upholders Cup for the Most Improved Cadet, won in its first year by Elliot Ripton.

This followed a packed visit of going out on the water at dusk, and a tour of the Training Ship by Po (SCC) Greg Salter, including the immaculate Bosun's store.



**Officer Osborne demonstrating the block & tackle. Four members of his family volunteer as instructors**

TS Upholder is essentially a youth group based upon naval tradition; despite not many going on to join the Navy the training gives a wide introduction to life skills and leadership for this enthusiastic group of young people aged between 11 and 18, some of whom face learning difficulties.



The Unit has been in existence since 1942, and the memorabilia in the Hall gives a good overview of its history, with many Sea

Cadets National Awards pennants, and a collection of shields and drums. There are different instructors on different nights, teaching a wide range of skills including knowing when to salute an Officer. Chelmsford Sea Cadets have a high instructor to pupil ratio and are producing capable young people whose confidence is emerging through all they are learning.



The evening was really enjoyable and we were so impressed by the commitment and competence of the leaders. Our appreciation extended to the excellent refreshments and especially the cake baked by Bronwen Freemantle.



Our sincere thanks for hosting a memorable evening go to John Freemantle, Chairman of Chelmsford SCC, to PO Lincoln, Tony Gunn and to OiC Sgt N Bunton.

*S Nevard*

# Upholding our Livery ~ Naval connections

## Welcome and goodbye from HMS Triumph



*HMS Triumph enjoying the sun in Gibraltar*

Firstly a warm hello from myself and the Ship's Company of HMS Triumph. Since the last edition of the Upbraid newsletter HMS Triumph has completed several operations of national importance and the Submarine Command Course to assess future submarine Captains. The Ship's Company have been kept at the top of their game through complex manoeuvres whilst keeping a submarine as old as I am at sea!

We have also welcomed our new Captain, Commander David Filtress Royal Navy. He is looking forward to taking the "best submarine crew in the fleet" to sea and is delighted to now be a Liveryman. He, like his predecessors, wishes to carry on and improve the links between the company and HMS Triumph.

Unfortunately, I have to end this article on a sad note. My time on HMS Triumph will shortly be coming to an end and therefore my tenure as the liaison officer. I like many others have enjoyed your hospitality and met some very interesting people. I hope my relief, Lieutenant Ed Murray Royal Navy, enjoys it as much as I have and he must always remember that being on a submarine is much more exciting than being a marine!

***Lt Adam Hughes RN, HMS Triumph***

## HMS Triumph visit 5<sup>th</sup> March 2015

On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March Wynne, the then Master Elect and Michael Gilham, Treasurer Michael Brecknell and Jill Threlfall, together with our Hon Chaplain Rev'd Caroline Clarke, and Tony Lofts, Junior Warden Elect, all gathered at Glasgow Airport before being escorted to HMNB Clyde at Faslane by Lt Andy Warwick. Here HMS Triumph was undergoing a refit, being out of the water in the covered Shiplift, which enabled us to see how much of this submarine would normally be under water even when on the surface. The vessel is still small and only filled less than half the covered area.

We were met by the CO Commander David Filtress in the Wardroom for an introduction before joining other members of the ship's company for a buffet lunch, the galley being devoid of equipment as part of the overhaul. Afterwards we split into two groups for tours of the boat from bow to stern including the torpedo room, crew quarters, command centre, Nuclear power plant and escape hatches.

That evening we were taken to dine at the residence of The Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland – Rear Admiral John Clink – who was absent but we were excellently hosted by Mrs Clink together with Cdr David and Mrs Rebecca Filtress, Lt Cdr Andrew Pariser, Lt Cdr Ben Keenan, Lt Ollie James and Lt Andy Warwick from HMS Triumph.

The following morning we experienced the THRASHER trainer that is used to simulate submarine warfare. The screens and layout are similar to those in the submarine but with much more space to allow for teaching and visitors. Great fun was had by all, culminating in the Treasurer sinking USS Nimitz, a United States Navy Aircraft Carrier and one of the largest warships in the world.

The attendees would like to thank Past Master Jerry Appleyard for organising this visit, particularly as he was unable to participate.

Subsequently Cdr David Filtress was clothed in the livery at the installation dinner held at the Carpenters' Hall on 9<sup>th</sup> April.

***Junior Warden Tony Lofts***





## Upholding our Charities ~ A TS Upholder Cadet's view

**The Upholders are proud to be associated with TS Upholder and make a modest annual donation from the Peter Jackson Charity. Below is the personal experience of one young Cadet:**

Since my first night at TS Upholder it has always been a welcoming, happy and supportive place to be. I have been with the Sea Cadets since the age of ten and am now 16 years old. Since my start I have seen many people thrive and succeed and take part in many once in a lifetime opportunities that would not have been possible if it were not for the Sea Cadets as a whole and the staff who run it.

I have very recently had the privilege to be on board the Training Ship John Jerwood. This vessel is a 24m power vessel that took 12 cadets and 2 staff from the Unit for a week. The trip took us from

Waterford in Ireland to our leaving location in Penzance, Cornwall. Over the course of the week we took part in many different activities. Many of these provide you with a very good insight into life in the Royal Navy and its daily functions.

We were all split up into different watches. So throughout the journey we would go up on watch, and onto the bridge. You have a variety of different roles you can take up which can be very interesting. One of the most important roles is that of the helmsman. On one night I was taking us into anchor and was able to spot and avoid hazards that were in our way, thereby ensuring our safe arrival. Everyone who went on the trip thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Not too long ago I was invited along with a contingent of cadets to perform a "carpet guard" at a Worshipful Company of

Upholders dinner at the Armourers' Hall. We all found this very interesting to see the history, and experience a world that we would otherwise probably never see but only hear about. Also seeing the gratitude of the visitors and guests for us just being there was very rewarding.

We have recently had our annual inspection. The night went very well with us all taking part in different activities and events, for which we received a burgee – the highest standard achievable—for the first time in six years.

The Sea Cadet Corps is a marvellous institution that enables young people to exceed their expectations, and provides lifelong skills. On behalf of the Cadets I thank you for your continued support of the Unit. Thank You.

**Acting Leading Cadet  
Benjamin Pember**

### Latest news

**On Friday 10 July, Father of the Company Bert Chapman was married to June Male at a ceremony for family and close friends including the Master and Michael. Wynne said:**

"The weather was perfect and the surroundings of the hotel delightful, we sat in the sun sipping Champagne until the Wedding Breakfast was served."



Hearty congratulations to Bert and June from the editorial team at Upbraid.



Worshipful Company of Upholders

• SAVE THE DATE •

*Learn about livery with the*  
**UPHOLDERS**

DATE

*Monday 23rd November 2015  
18.30pm until 21.00pm*

VENUE

*The Amazing Cutlers Hall*

PRESENTATION BY

*Court members, tour of Cutlers Hall  
and Canapé Reception*

**Ticket price £35.00 per person however those attending who are seriously interested in joining the Upholders are FREE of charge**

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## Upholding our Livery ~ Dates for your Diary

Thursday 10 September 2015 7 for 7.30pm	<b>September Court + Dinner</b> <b>Tour of Charterhouse for Court partners</b> The Charterhouse	Liverymen, Freemen & Guests
Tuesday 29 September 2015	<b>Election of Lord Mayor</b> Guildhall + Lunch at Painters' Hall	Liverymen only
Tuesday 20 October 2015 6.45 for 7.30pm	<b>Upholders' Banquet</b> Mansion House in the presence of the Sheriffs	Liverymen, Freemen & Guests
Saturday 14 November 2015	<b>800<sup>th</sup> Lord Mayor's Show</b>	Public event with ticketed stands
Monday 23 November 2015 6.30-9pm	<b>Learn about Livery Evening</b> Cutlers' Hall Court room	Liverymen and a guest potentially interested in joining the Upholders Livery
Thursday 14 January 2016	<b>Election Court Meeting &amp; Dinner</b> Cutlers' Hall	Liverymen, Freemen & Guests
Wednesday 17 February 2016	<b>Annual Church Service</b> St Michael's Cornhill + Dinner at Armourers' Hall	Liverymen, Freemen & Guests
Friday 11 March 2016	<b>United Guilds Service</b> St Paul's Cathedral + Lunch at Painters' Hall	Liverymen & Guests
Thursday 17 March 2016	<b>Master's Court Dinner</b> Bakers' Hall	Court and guests only



### A SPECIAL DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

#### **Upholders' Annual Banquet ~ Tuesday 20 October 2015 Mansion House, 6.45pm to 10.30pm**

- ◆ Dine at the home of the Lord Mayor in the City of London
- ◆ Carpet Guard by Cadets of TS Upholder
- ◆ An evening to be treasured in elegant and historic surroundings, with all the formality and tradition of the Livery and City for you and your guests to enjoy.
- ◆ An opportunity to entertain business guests in an exclusive venue
- ◆ Tickets available soon through the Clerk