

THE RED CROSS CHRISTMAS MARKET 2009

THE RED CROSS CHRISTMAS MARKET 2009 will take place at Guildhall, under the auspices of the Lord Mayor of London and the Lady Mayoress, in aid of the British Red Cross. Professional stallholders and Livery Company stalls will offer a wide variety of goods and foods.

Monday, November 30th: Champagne Reception and Preview Night. 5.30p.m. - 9.00p.m. By ticket only, at £20 per person, from Kate Crandon on 020 7382 4650 or email: krandon@redcross.org.uk. Entry for Tuesday, December 1st, the public day, 10.30a.m. - 8.00p.m., is £5 per person at the door. Groups of ten or more £4 per person via Kate, contact details as above.

THE BOUTIQUE at the Christmas Market sells good quality, nearly new, women's clothing, shoes, hats, handbags and accessories. Please look through your wardrobe and contact GLORIA NEAL if you have anything to donate. Telephone: 020 8449 9012. She will collect where possible. Gloria would also like to hear from anyone willing to give an hour or two of their time to help staff the Boutique.

Calendar of Events

1 July 2009	Joint shoot with Bowyers at Tower of London
14 July 2009	Fletchers' Golf Day at Worpleton
15 July 2009	Court Dinner
5 September 2009	Fletchers' Day at Burnham
17-20 September 2009	Master's Weekend in Norfolk
29 September 2009	Election of Lord Mayor and luncheon at the Hall
16 October 2009	Thanksgiving Service and Luncheon
14 November 2009	Lord Mayor's Show and luncheon at the Hall
18 November 2009	Company Dinner
30 November 2009 and 1 December 2009	The Red Cross Christmas Market
9 December 2009	Fletchers' Luncheon
20 December 2009	Carol Service in St Bartholomew the Great
14 January 2010	Court Dinner
3 February 2010	Ladies' Banquet
6 March 2010	Mountbatten Festival of Music (RM) - RAH
19 March 2010	United Guilds Service in St Paul's and luncheon
15 April 2010	Installation Dinner

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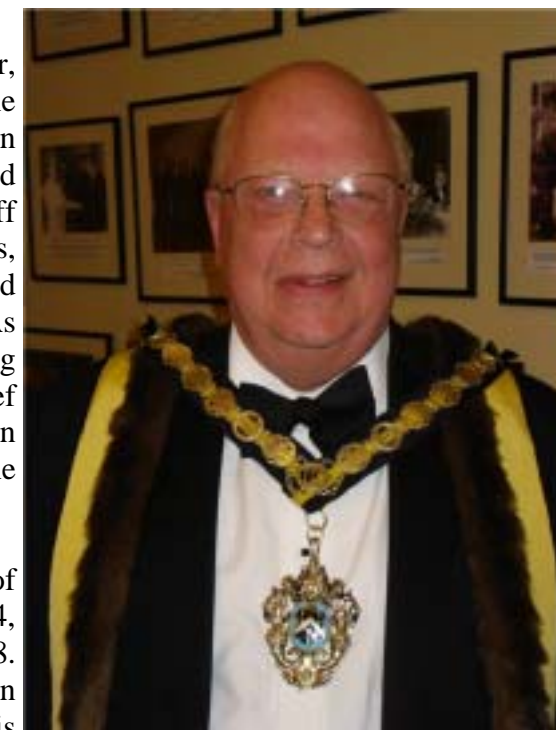
Fletchers' New Master

Captain A M POULTER OBE Royal Navy

Tony Poulter served in the Royal Navy throughout the Cold War, spending most of his time in submarines, three of which he commanded. Awarded an OBE in 1991 and promoted to captain in 1992, his later career was spent in more senior shore-command appointments, with his final appointment being Chief of Staff Manpower to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe in Mons, Belgium. On being placed on the Retired List in 2001, he joined the Norfolk Constabulary as the force's Business Manager. As part of this second career, he spent time on national policing business with both the Home Office and the Association of Chief Police Officers, assisting with the development of policy on increasing public satisfaction and confidence. He retired for the second time in 2008.

Tony was admitted to the Livery of the Worshipful Company of Fletchers in 1993. He was appointed to the Court in 2004, becoming Renter Warden in 2007, and Upper Warden in 2008. After election, Tony took over as Master in April 2009. In addition to being a Liveryman, he is actively involved with his local church, St. John the Evangelist, in Rushford, as its Churchwarden and Lay Chairman of the local Parochial Church Council. He also chairs his Parish Council and sits on the Moving Thetford Board, which is charged with regenerating Thetford, including a target of building an additional six thousand new homes by 2021. His many and varied hobbies include tennis, rough shooting, sailing, swimming, travelling, walking his two Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, model-making and DIY.

Born in 1946, Tony was educated at the Nautical College Pangbourne, and joined Dartmouth in 1965. He married his wife Anne in 1994, and they live in Rushford, Norfolk. He looks forward to presiding over an exciting social programme for the Livery during his Master's Year.



The Wardens

The Master is supported during his year in office by the Upper Warden, Alderman Robert Hall, left, and the Renter Warden, Deputy John Owen-Ward MBE, right.



Archery Training at Perk's Field

Sunday 10th May 2009

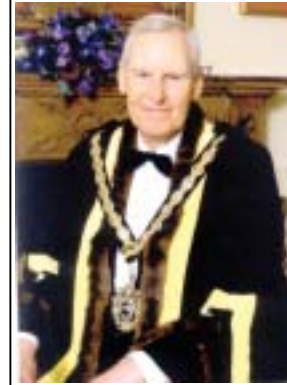


A good time was had by all in bright May sunshine. New members were introduced to the mysteries of archery. In the 48 arrow after lunch competition, the best man was Peter Scott, best lady was Fiona Garnett and best target were Peter Scott, Jeremy Garnett and Fred Neal.



Desmond Clark

An Appreciation



Past Master Des Clark passed away peacefully on 25th November 2008. His well attended funeral took place on Thursday 4th December at Holy Trinity, Bengo, where the church was packed with many people from all of Des's interests including a good number of Liveryman and representatives from GNAS and the disabled archery associations that he had helped to support.

Des was admitted to the Fletchers' Livery on 23rd January 1991, sponsored by his greatly valued friend John Redgrave. His seconder was Peter Whiting, who in 2001 invited Des to become Company Almoner. The Company's charitable activities were always a major priority for Des, and he strove to achieve an even higher profile for the Company's support for archery for the disabled. In 2004 Des moved on to become Renter Warden, Upper Warden in 2005, and Master in 2006, but the commitment was always there to remind Brother Liverymen that our Company has an all-important charity role.

London born and Hertfordshire bred (where his parents ran a village store and post office) he attended Hertford Grammar School, going from there to National Service in the Royal Air Force. He then taught geography at his old school, followed by a drastic change of course, securing a BSc in Estate Management at a London University, becoming a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, whose Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Branch he chaired in 1986.

By then he had set up his own agency and surveying practice in Hertford and Ware, Clark Quinney, (where he was instrumental in selling to your Company Archivist his very first property). Later, he became a consultant to the London office of the surveyors Watson Temple.

Des's commitment to the Third Sector dated back many years. He was chosen by Doctor Barnardo's to undertake a ten-year review of the planning and development of all that charity's surplus land and properties. On a different scale, he was Trustee of the Maplethorpe Trust, which provides accommodation for the old and less well-off in Hertford and Ware, was a Governor for over forty years of a local primary school, and a Trustee of both the Bengo and Hertford Clubs.

A keen cricketer in his earlier days, and a member of the MCC, Des still found time to study for and achieve an arts degree at the Open University. He was always a family man, and our condolences go to his widow Tric, and their three daughters. Jovial and approachable, but with an incisive wit, Des was always sterling company at Fletchers' functions. He will be sadly missed.

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← OUR NEW FREEMAN →

Admitted 11 December 2008

Earl Pennell has been an archer for fifty years, Hampshire Champion, Southern Region Champion, and in the GNAS top ten for three years. He has won both the Bowyers' and the Fletchers' Prize Days at the Royal Toxophilite Society, where he has been a member since 1986, serving as Committee Chairman for several years, and now as Honorary Secretary. He also organizes the annual Fletchers' Day for Archers with a Disability. As a County Coach he has specialized in coaching wheelchair archers.

A Chartered Electronic Engineer, he worked for forty-two years with the Scientific Civil Service, RAF Institute of Aviation Medicine, Royal Aircraft Establishment Farnborough.

His other interests include bowls, bridge, photography and DIY.



Fletchers return to Noak Hill

On May 19th twenty Fletchers assembled at the training ground of the Noak Hill Archers to once again improve their Archery Skills. Unlike last year the weather was fine, if somewhat blustery, which of course provided an eminently justifiable excuse for some of us not quite fulfilling our undoubted potential!



The first exercise saw the Fletchers divided into teams each under the expert tuition of a skilled Noak Hill Archer. We initially practised aiming at the targets placed some 30 yds away. Amazingly many actually hit the targets, some even achieving gold. After this warm up it became more serious points being awarded to each Fletcher as they sought to better their earlier efforts.

We then moved into the Field to aim at various targets. Could we shoot through the mock battlements and hit the Archer hiding behind, or the jail bird hiding behind bars in his prison, not to mention the evil Knight seemingly involved in a spot of rape and pillage whilst missing the object of his desires? Well some showed considerable skills although wisely no record of the scores was kept!



After this strenuous exercise we adjourned for a buffet lunch and what a superb spread awaited us! It was no wonder that there was a reluctance to return to the Field for our next exercise, Field Archery. This involved aiming at various static targets cunningly hidden in the trees and undergrowth adjoining the Field. Needless to say it was



not easy to hit the "wildlife" although some showed greater prowess than others. For the record neither any Fletcher nor any real animals were injured in the process.

The days shoot concluded with a massed Clout Shoot. A target in the shape of a Crusader was placed some 150 yds away. The Fletchers then let loose volley after volley of arrows at the hapless Crusader. The distances achieved and the relative accuracy obtained was impressive and served to remind us of just how lethal the Archer could be on the Medieval Battlefield.

The day finished with the eagerly awaited announcement of the winners of the mornings competitive individual shoot. The winner with an outstanding score was David Goodall followed very closely by Lesley Agutter who just beat Jeremy Garnett. Lesley then thanked the Noak Hill Archers for organising such a splendid day, a view heartily endorsed by all those who took part.



Finally we said our goodbyes and returned to home or office where one of the Fletchers, who shall be nameless, wrote in his Diary that he would be out of his office on a 'Dismounted Infantry Tactical Weaponry Field Exercise' !! Whatever anyone's explanations no one really needed any excuse to have been out to experience such an enjoyable and instructive day out with the Noak Hill Archers. The Fletchers look forward to the shoot next year.

Charity Report

Charitable giving and indeed receiving is all about making a difference. As part of the giving it is the pleasure it gives the Trustees and the Committee when funds are acknowledged publicly or personally. We wish to share this with the Livery at large probably in edited format if from individuals. We have in mind at some stage in the future to put such matter on the members' section on our website.

We have, however, on record an acknowledgement from British Blind Sport when we helped at the Fletcher's National Indoor Championships at Lilleshall (National Sports Centre for the uninitiated). Contained in their magazine - Target - issue 59, they stated "This year's competition was heavily sponsored by the Worshipful Company of Fletchers. The archery section would like to thank them for their support as we would not have been able to hold this year's event without their help." This comment was verbally repeated at the event this year in April.

A second grantee is the British Wheelchair Archery Association and in helping this year's event (June) again at Stoke Mandeville, now titled 5th World Invitational Disabled Archery Grand Prix, where the organizers stated "we would like to thank you very much for the continued support for this event, which without your sponsorship we would not be able to stage". (We are their principal sponsor) Please refer to their website - our Coat of Arms is on display! 12 countries are represented including Australia, USA, Canada and Mongolia. Last year 80 of those competing here went onto Beijing. In the GB team at least 14 have been grantees. We wish everyone the best of luck!

C.J.Brown, Chairman

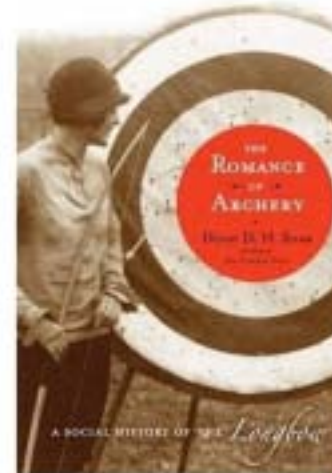
Book Review

The Romance of Archery – A Social History of the Longbow

224 pages with 40 illustrations, published by Westholme Publishing, ISBN 978-1-59416-067-7, £22.95

Hugh Soar has produced another scholarly work that compliments his two earlier books on the English longbow. Starting from Tudor times, he provides great detail on the early societies and their members and describes how recreational archery developed over the last 450 years from a duty regulated by an Act of Parliament, to the various archery fraternities of the present day.

Numerous historical anecdotes are included, one of which concerns a Liveryman of our company, the Worshipful Company of Fletchers. The Liveryman, Hugh Grene was, in 1564, practicing archery in Finsbury Fields when he accidentally shot and killed a yeoman, Jerome Boswell. He was exempted from prosecution under a law introduced by Henry 1 in the twelfth century.



The book also contains much detail on the making of bows and arrows from the seventeenth century onwards and provides a fascinating insight into the ways these developed for recreational shooting. Numerous other details are included on distances shot, the marks involved and the development of targets. Included in these is the description of the light weight flight arrows that travelled "24 score yards"

An interesting and well researched account of archery to the present day, this book will interest historians and archers alike.

Sagittarius

OUR NEW LIVERYMEN

Admitted 17 April 2008.

Andrew Palmer, FICA, joined Legal and General in 1988, initially as Finance Director of the Investment Management Company. He joined the Group Board in 1995, and was appointed Group Director Finance in 2001. He is a Non-Executive Director and Chair of Audit Committee of SEGRO (formerly Slough Estates plc). He also chairs the Financial Reporting and Taxation Committee at the Association of British Insurers, is on the 100 Group of FTSE Finance Directors, and a member of the European CFO Forum.

Born in Malaya, and brought up in Singapore, he attended Dulwich School. Married to Jane for over thirty years, they have two adult sons. They live in Downe, Kent. Since 2004, he has been on the Organizing Committee of the Annual International Red Cross London Ball, and in the 1990s was Deputy Chairman of the Fundraising Committee of the Children's Trust, Tadworth.

Admitted July 2008.

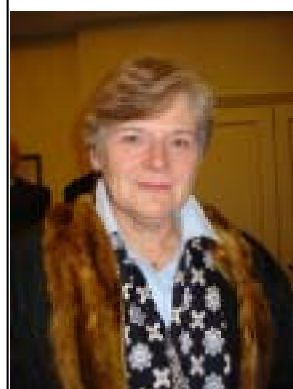
Miss Anni P. Gale, MBE, was with the City of London Corporation from 1983 to 2007, working for the Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor of the City of London running the Mayoral Diary. (Your Company Archivist recalls and esteems the charm and efficiency with which she carried out this demanding role). Prior to then she was with Princess Hotels International in Bermuda, followed by working for Lord Astor at Hever Castle.

Born in Bombay, Anni attended Overstone School, Northampton; and St. James's Secretarial College. She is a member of the Royal Horticultural Society, the RSPB and the Bermuda Society, and is a Serving Sister of the Order of St. John. A member of the Cripplegate Ward Club, she is a Freeman of the Merchant Taylors' Company. Her many and varied interests include gardening, owls, sport of every kind, and rock music.



Admitted October 2008.

Lynne Mary Salisbury, BA, LLB, LLM, worked for ten years in the financial markets as an investment analyst for Schroders Ltd in both London and New York, and for Kleinwort Benson as Head of Mergers and Acquisitions within the Corporate Finance Division.



She has been a Hampshire JP since 1988, and a member of the VAT and Excise Tribunal since 1990. Married with two sons to David Murray Salisbury, she lives in Hartley Wintney, Hampshire. A member of the National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies, she enjoys bridge, music, and spending time in the family's second home in the Hebrides walking, cycling, sketching and reading.

Admitted 15 January 2009.

Gillian Carole Cue, LLB, is now retired, but retains her name on the Roll of Solicitors, and is a member of the Law Society. She served on the Committee of the Association of Women Solicitors (London) Group for several years and remains a member. Her earlier work was with London Borough of Brent dealing with conveyancing, followed by prosecution work with Watford Borough Council, and then operating a General Practice from home.

A Liveryman of the Glovers' Company, she has been an active member of its Committees, including two years as Secretary of its Social Committee. Gillian also belongs to the Bridge Ward Club. Married, with two children, to Bernard, Gillian is interested in history (especially the Tudor period) and enjoys visiting historic homes, as well as ballet, theatre, music and art.



Admitted 23 April 2009.

Ted Hoefling, FCCA, FCT, FCIM, has had a long and varied career. Starting as a trainee underwriter, he moved into finance with what is now BT, then the oil industry and on to consumer electronics and engineering. He moved on to market research with the world's second largest MR company, and now operates a consultancy involved with interim management contracts.



Ted has served as a Trustee of Company Pension Funds, and has been involved with the London Business School Corporate Finance Programme and Leadership in Management. Living in Shenfield, Essex, Ted's interests include photography and golf – in the past he has served as Golf Club Captain and Golf Club Treasurer.

Our Worshipful Company is now privileged to have in its Livery not just one but two distinguished former members of the Mansion House staff. From 1994 to 2001 **Alison Wilkie** served as PA to seven Lord Mayors. Previously she was a PA in the Goldsmiths' Company and then the Stationers' Company. More recently she has been serving the Chief Executive of the Commonwealth Institute, the Director of the Royal Institution, Lord Hanson, and at Lambeth Palace. She is currently PA to the Chief Executive of the Association of Chief Executives of Voluntary Organizations.

A member of the Elite PA Club (a group of fifty PAs working for Chairmen/CEO level), Alison is a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. Her hobbies are cookery and entertaining.



Baron Michael Edward David de Styrcea, MA, FRICS, FRSA, was educated at The King's School Canterbury and Magdalene College, Cambridge. After eight years with Chestertons in various positions including Partner, Head of Consulting, and Deputy Chairman, he became a property consultant and Feldenkrais Practitioner (he is fully qualified in the Feldenkrais Method). He serves as External Property Advisor to the British Railways Board (Residuary), and also to the London University Institute of Education. He is a past Board member of the London Chamber of Commerce and the London Business Board, where he was co-author of the *London Business Manifesto*. He has also chaired various Residential Venture Capital Trusts.



His family coat of arms recalls a distinguished ancestry in medieval Hungary and Romania.

Duncan Alexander Charles Garland has been with Guy Carpenter and Company Ltd since 1979, as Managing Director, Asia Pacific Division of the International Practice, Chief Executive Officer in Labuan, Malaysia, and Chief Executive Officer in Seoul, Korea.

A keen tennis player, he sails with friends based in Chichester Harbour. Duncan attends operas and concerts and enjoys a spectrum of music ranging from classical to contemporary. He enjoys reading, especially historical novels.

