



# La Flèche

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## January Court Dinner



Fletchers and their guests mustered for the January Court Dinner at Farmers' and Fletchers' Hall on 15<sup>th</sup> January. There were 15 Livery companies in attendance, including 8 visiting Masters, 3 Past Masters, and a former Prime Warden. The menu of seared tuna, sirloin of beef and lemon and lime posset was exceptionally well presented and very appetizing too.

Musical entertainment during the reception and after dinner was



were needed. Judging by the noise level, a good time was had by all. *John Leatherdale*

## A visit to Charterhouse

In 1371 some land was granted for the foundation of the London Charterhouse Monastery by the Carthusians. The name Charterhouse is an Anglicised version of “La Grande Chartreuse” whose order founded the Monastery. The Monastery was closed in 1537 in the dissolution of the Monasteries in the English Reformation. As it resisted dissolution, the Monastery was treated harshly. The priest, John Horton, was hanged, drawn and quartered at Tyburn. 10 monks were taken to the nearby Newgate prison where nine starved to death and the 10<sup>th</sup> was executed three years later on Tower Hill. They constitute the group known as the “Carthusian Martyrs”.

In 1545 the site was bought by Sir Edward, later Lord, North, (circa 1496 to 1564), who transformed the complex into a luxurious mansion house. North demolished the church and built the great hall and the adjoining great chambers. Following North’s death in 1564, the property was purchased by Thomas Howard, fourth Duke of Norfolk, who renamed it Howard House. In 1570, following his imprisonment in the Tower of London for scheming to marry Mary, Queen of Scots, Norfolk was placed under house arrest at Charterhouse. He occupied his time by embellishing the house and built a long terrace in the garden which lead to a Real Tennis court which has now disappeared. In 1571 Norfolk’s involvement in a plot was exposed after a letter from Mary Queen of Scots in cipher was decoded and he was executed the following year.



Chris Brown Pam Holden Anne Curry John Painter

In May 1611, the property came into the hands of Thomas Sutton, 1532 to 1611. He made a fortune after discovering coal on the estates which he had leased near Newcastle upon Tyne.

Later, on moving to London, he carried on a commercial career. Before he died in that year, he endowed a hospital on the site of Charterhouse. He bequeathed money to maintain a chapel, a hospital, almshouses and a school. The foundation was constituted to afford a home for 80 male pensioners - gentlemen in poverty, soldiers that had borne arms by sea or on land or servants in the Royal household - and to educate



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40 boys. Charterhouse continues to serve as an almshouse to 40 male pensioners. They are known as brothers and are those who need of financial support and companionship.

After an introductory talk by our guide, we were shown into the dining room where the brothers take their meals. On a royal visit to Charterhouse by the Duke of Edinburgh, he was heard to say that the brothers looked emaciated!!

From the dining room we were led into the old library which used to be the school room. Among the artefacts there was the punishment book recording the names of junior boys who were caned by the senior boys. Charterhouse school developed beyond the original intention of its founder to become a well respected public school. In 1872 the school was moved to new buildings in Godalming in Surrey.

After the school room we were shown North's long terrace passageway. Behind the wall of the passageway the monks had their cells. They spent most of the time in the cells, but gathered in the evening at the chapel and went for occasional walks.

At the back of the gardens at Charterhouse stands the infirmary. When new brothers are admitted, they expect to be cared for during the rest of their natural life. The infirmary is therefore needed to provide medical assistance. In earlier times Charterhouse established a reputation for excellence in hospital care and treatment, thanks in part, to Henry Levitt M. D. an Oxford graduate who joined the school as a physician in 1712. Levitt was widely esteemed for his medical writings and is buried in the chapel. The great chamber was formed by two rooms being knocked into one. There was some damage here by bombing, during World War II. In the ceiling are some mottoes including that of the Order of the Garter and Sutton's motto which was created after his death. On the walls are some tapestries which have seen better days. The room is now used for giving lectures and was used by Crossrail for the laying out of skeletons uncovered by their digging. On the way into the chapel there are plaques on the walls commemorating former scholars including John Wesley, 1703 to 1791, who said, "the world is my parish", Thackeray, the author of *Vanity Fair* and Baden Powell, founder of the Boy Scout movement.

Social services such as education for the young and care of the elderly in Tudor times and before were provided mainly by the Church and people gave money through trusts in order to save their souls. Later in Protestant times money was given in a more structured ways. It is a Protestant belief that God gave his only Son and therefore I should give. Charterhouse today is a vibrant institution which owes its origins to the financial acumen of Thomas Sutton.



Susan Knight Paul Knight Margaret

*Jocelyn Lewis*

## A New Arrival

After Mel Clarke's article in the November edition we heard a rumour and asked Mel if it was true. Her response was;

"Yes, you've heard right– Rich and I had a gorgeous little baby girl on January 2nd. We have named her Cali and are absolutely in adoration of her..... even though she doesn't seem to like to sleep at night time!!"

Congratulations and Best Wishes from all of us

*Michael Holden*



## The Fletchers' Trust

The Worshipful Company of Fletchers, through its charitable wing, The Fletchers' Trust, is a major supporter of archery for the disabled and the blind.

The principal immediate focus is on our Paralympic Archery GB team for both the Tokyo Paralympic Games next year and in Paris in 2024 (following on from their record medal haul at the Rio Games). But the Paralympic archers are just the top of the apex. The broad base that they sit on needs encouraging and nurturing to produce the Paralympians of tomorrow. Of course, many disabled archers will never reach that standard but nevertheless receive huge physical and psychological benefits from archery as the many letters of thanks, some very moving, received by the Almoner attest. The success of our Paralympians has resulted in an increase in requests for financial help which we cannot meet from our present resources.

So, we are looking for additional funding to give our Paralympic team the greatest chance of success and to continue the development of projects to assist/grow disabled and blind archery e.g. access to pavilions, shooting equipment, mobility aids etc. The funds raised at our golf day are part of this fund raising and we ask you to be as generous as you can by buying raffle tickets, bringing a bottle of wine etc.

If not in training, we are expecting one of our successful Paralympians to be speaking at the post golf lunch. We hope that you will be able to support us, and we look forward to seeing you on what promises to be a most enjoyable day.

*Michael De Strycea Chairman of the Fletchers' Trust Fundraising Committee*

*See the next page for details of the competition and entry form*

## The Lapel Pin

Our lapel pins in the shape of the Fletchers' shield are selling well. They measure 2cm across and 2.5cm long (3/4"x1") and come in a presentation box. Our picture shows three of them. They are nicely executed in enamel and make a suitable gift for partners or can be worn to show you are a member of our livery. They cost £5 each including post and packing and any profits will go to the Fletchers' Trust.

Some enterprising Fletchers have made them into cuff links. We still have a limited number available, please order by post from the Clerk enclosing a cheque for £5 made out to the Worshipful Company of Fletchers.



## Fletchers' Golf Day Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

We are delighted to invite you to the first Fletchers' Charity Golf Day to take place at Dummer Golf Club, Down Street, Dummer, Basingstoke. RG25 2AD, on the above date.

The format of the day will be teams of four with two best Stableford scores on each hole to count towards the team total. Maximum handicaps will be 36 for Ladies and 28 for Gents. It is hoped that you will be able to raise a team, or even get a friend to bring a team too. If it is only you we will endeavour to select a team for you to join.

A rough guide for the day, subject to possible final adjustment would be:

8.00am onwards. Bacon or Sausage Rolls with coffee and registration. 9.30am. Shotgun start. 2.30pm Lunch – two course sit down meal. Dress code; smart casual for Ladies, Jacket and tie for Gents.

Presentation of Prizes. Departure at leisure.

The price for each playing participant will be £80 and naturally, we would like to give you other opportunities to support the Charity: such as bringing a bottle of wine which will form part of the major prize of a 'barrow of wine' – the winner takes all except the barrow! You can also Purchase of 'Mulligans' for £5 each (max two per person) – transferable to other team members! And/or challenge the Pro on a Par 3. For £5 hit your ball to the green inside the Pro's attempt for a prize. Heads/Tails before lunch – ensure that you have a £1 coin with you.

If you would like to join us for a convivial day, please complete the attached form and email or post to me. Peter Beard – email: [peterbeard2@gmail.com](mailto:peterbeard2@gmail.com) address: Cockaigne, The Chase, Wooburn Green. High Wycombe. HP10 0LN

### Application Form

Name and Address;: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Golf Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_

I am pleased to accept your invitation to participate in your Golf Day.

I will/will not be bringing guests with me. If so kindly complete below:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

I will require a buggy: Yes/No

Please advise any dietary requirements \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Details: Please either send a cheque for £80 per person, made payable to A J Scott Knight, to Peter Beard – details below, or transfer £80 to:

AJ Scott Knight // 40-02-31 // 41015648, please add your name as the reference.

Peter Beard Email: [peterbeard2@gmail.com](mailto:peterbeard2@gmail.com). Address: Cockaigne, The Chase, Wooburn Green, High Wycome. HP10 0LN

# BEATING RETREAT AND CEREMONIAL SUNSET

24 Fletchers and their guests enjoyed a military musical spectacular provided by the massed bands of HM Royal Marines at Horse Guards Parade on Thursday the 31st May. Despite an adverse weather report the evening proved to be warm and dry, presided over by HRH the Duke of Cambridge who took the salute in the absence of his brother Prince Harry, Captain General Royal Marines. Beating Retreat has its origins in the practicalities of warfare when the drum was used for all signals on the battlefield. It was then used as a signal for troops to disengage from combat as light faded and to warn outlying troops to withdraw to the confines of the encampment. Subsequently it was known as 'Watch Setting' giving notice at the setting of the sun the gates were about to be closed. The call of Retreat was originally for drums alone but in the 1930's the ceremony of Beating Retreat in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines became an impressive spectacle when the Fleet visited foreign ports and massed bands were added with a bugle call concluding the ceremony at Sunset as the White Ensign was lowered.



Following the preliminary drum salute to announce the arrival of the Corp of Drums, spectators were then entertained by a ceremonial display of massed bands playing a number of marching tunes associated with both the Royal Navy and Royal Marines, including drum solo's and finally Beating Retreat, the finale, the evening hymn and Sunset, plus a rousing chorus of Rule Britannia and the National Anthem. The evenings display concluded with the traditional march past, to Heart of Oak, and a Life on the Ocean Waves, with the massed bands departing Horse Guards Parade marching back to barracks. As one would expect, a highly polished ceremonial occasion thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

*Paul Knight*

# Fletchers Carol Service



This year we shared our Carol Service with our affiliated Regiment, the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, who arranged an excellent Carol Service at the Chapel Royal of St Peter ad Vincula, inside HM Tower of London. As one attendee put it:



“We really enjoyed ourselves. Everything was so atmospheric, the Tower complex was like a fairy tale film set, the church service with the fun and interesting vicar and the fantastic choir wholly enjoyable, and the Fusilier Museum surroundings provided an interesting backdrop for the meal”.



## Can we help?

One of the provisions of the Fletcher's Trust is to provide help for those Liverymen in need, which has been extended to spouses/partners where appropriate. If you know of any Liveryman who might appreciate such help then please contact the Hon Almoner, Michael Holden.

[michaelholden@hotmail.com](mailto:michaelholden@hotmail.com) or 07989 564477

## ARCHERY DATES TO DECEMBER 2019

The Fletchers Trust sponsor a number of events for Archers and members of the Company are welcome to attend these to spectate and support. In addition, the Trust has taken on support for Metro Blind Sports who run a monthly shooting session for archers with disability. These sessions are held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month [acjcmcm@btopenworld.com](mailto:acjcmcm@btopenworld.com)

Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Deer Park Archery – Annual event sponsored by the Trust. A group usually stay at a Hotel on the Saturday <a href="mailto:michaelholden@hotmail.com">michaelholden@hotmail.com</a>
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> February	British Blind Sport Coaching day for blind or visually impaired archers. Stoke Mandeville <a href="mailto:murrayxhallam@gmail.com">murrayxhallam@gmail.com</a>
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> March	British Blind Sport Coaching day for blind or visually impaired archers. Stoke Mandeville <a href="mailto:murrayxhallam@gmail.com">murrayxhallam@gmail.com</a>
Easter Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup> April	British Blind Sports Indoor Championships sponsored by the Fletchers Trust – Lilleshall <a href="mailto:murrayxhallam@gmail.com">murrayxhallam@gmail.com</a>
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup> May	Fletchers Day for Archers with Disability - Clerk
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup> May	Noak Hill
Sunday – Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 9 <sup>th</sup> June	European Disability Championships – see email 28 January - Chris Brown <a href="mailto:office@brownandpartners.co.uk">office@brownandpartners.co.uk</a>
Saturday & Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> June	British Wheelchair Archery Championships, Stoke Mandeville <a href="mailto:michaelholden@hotmail.com">michaelholden@hotmail.com</a>
Thursday & Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> August & 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Blind Veterans Shoot Ovingdean, Brighton <a href="mailto:murrayxhallam@gmail.com">murrayxhallam@gmail.com</a>
Saturday	31 <sup>st</sup> August	Fletchers Day for Elite Archers – Clerk
Sat 14 & Sun 15	September	Fletcher National Disability Championships Lilleshall <a href="mailto:michaelholden@hotmail.com">michaelholden@hotmail.com</a>
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup> September	Noak Hill
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	October	British Blind Sport Coaching day for blind or visually impaired archers. Stoke Mandeville <a href="mailto:murrayxhallam@gmail.com">murrayxhallam@gmail.com</a>
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	November	British Blind Sport Coaching day for blind or visually impaired archers. Stoke Mandeville <a href="mailto:murrayxhallam@gmail.com">murrayxhallam@gmail.com</a>
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### AGINCOURT MUGS

#### Special Price to clear remaining Stock



We still have a few of these attractive mugs left. They commemorate the 600<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle and were produced in a strictly limited edition of 600, the Mug has the Coat of Arms of the Fletchers Company on one side and those of Agincourt with the Agincourt 600 badge on the other. There are also three arrows on the inside of the Mug and a brief history of the Fletchers' Company on the base. Proceeds from the sale will go to the Fletchers' Charitable Trust, which principally supports Archery for the Disabled, from grass roots up to

support for Paralympic archery.

Each mug, which is 3½ inches (90mm) high, comes with a numbered certificate signed by the Master Fletcher.

**The price of a single mug is £20 but to clear the few remaining, we are offering a set of 4 for £40. Both prices include post and packing.**

The mugs can be collected from the Hall if ordered from the Clerk, and paid for electronically: Fletchers Trust, Act. No.11115146 Sort code: 40-05-21 or by post from Andrew Trapnell, 17 Prince Consort Drive, Ascot, SL5 8AW. [andrew@trapnell.co.uk](mailto:andrew@trapnell.co.uk). Cheques should be made out to the Fletchers Trust.



# NOAK HILL ARCHERY

Thursday the 16th May and Wednesday the 18th September



These events are open to all Fletchers and newcomers are welcomed. This is an excellent chance to learn more about archery and its practices which resulted in the formation of our Worshipful Company in 1371. Lesley Agutter writes the following;

“I am delighted to confirm that there will be the usual two visits to Noak Hill, near Romford, this year - Thursday the 16th May and Wednesday the 18th September. All equipment is provided by the club and all are welcome and catered for, whether shooting for the first time or a seasoned archer. We are coached by club members and each day has the same format of target and field archery, with a substantial cold buffet lunch provided, as well as tea and coffee throughout the day and a delicious spread at teatime before we all disband. The cost of the day remains at £70 and anyone interested should contact PM Lesley Agutter, [lesley@corfa.co.uk](mailto:lesley@corfa.co.uk) or 01798 839169, to book a place or for further information.”

## Prize Giving at the City Academy

On Thursday 1 November, PM Andrew McMillan and the Clerk attended the City Academy Hackney Founders' Day. The tenth such occasion but our first as, following a visit earlier this year by PM McMillan and Court Assistant Anne Curry and with the support of the Fletchers' Trust, we now have a link to the Academy. As a result, this was the first occasion that the Fletchers' prizes for GCSE History and Geography were awarded. First, however we must explain that this academy benefits from having two sponsors – the City of London Corporation and KPMG - and was founded in 2009 in the mayoralty of Ian Luder, whose father taught at the previous school on the site. Ian was present again this year as the Corporation's representative to present the prizes. Ian was supported by “our own” Liveryman Lin Luder so the Fletchers were well represented.

We were all treated to a very lively series of musical interludes and there was group of enthusiastically supported prize winners and also a fair number of recent students, who had passed their A levels earlier in the Summer, which gave the whole event the feeling of a reunion of old friends and an insight into the positive atmosphere running through the whole Academy. None of this happens without a huge amount of work by the students and support by the staff led by Principal, Mark Malcolm, who I am sure will join us at a Fletchers' function before long. However, there is no disguising that the stars of the show were the two winners of the Fletchers' prizes – so huge congratulations to Tomisin Oyedoyin, winner of the History prize, The Perpetual Arrow Trophy; and Hande Durna, winner of the Geography prize, The Perpetual Fletchers' Shield Trophy.



More information about the Academy is available on their website [www.thecityacademyhackney.org](http://www.thecityacademyhackney.org)

## FLETCHER DIARY DATES FEBRUARY 2019 – APRIL 2020

Those events marked with an **F** are also open to Freemen, Liverymen may attend all events.

2019			
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> February		Ladies Banquet
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup> March		Visit to Heathrow animal centre
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> March		United Guilds Service
Monday	15 <sup>th</sup> April		Installation Court Dinner
Easter Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>F</b>	British Blind Sports Indoor Championships sponsored by the Fletchers Trust - Lilleshall
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>F</b>	Fletchers Day for Archers with Disability
Thursday	16 <sup>th</sup> May		Noak Hill
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup> May		Sons of the Clergy Service at St Pauls
Wednesday	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	<b>F</b>	Fletchers Trust Golf Fund Raising day at Dummer Golf Club, near Basingstoke. Non-golfers also welcome.
Tuesday	11 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>F</b>	Fletchers Golf Day – Thorndon Park, Essex
Monday	24 <sup>th</sup> June		Shrieval Elections and Lunch & Armed Forces flag raising
Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> June		Joint Shoot at the Tower
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup> July		July Court (Lunch or Dinner TBC)
Saturday	31 <sup>st</sup> August	<b>F</b>	Fletchers Day for Elite Archers
Wednesday	18 <sup>th</sup> September		Noak Hill
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>F</b>	Sheep Drive over London Bridge
Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> October		Election of the Lord Mayor and Lunch
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup> October		Court (Lunch or Dinner TBC)
Tuesday – Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> October		Master’s Holiday, Taormina, Sicily
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>F</b>	Lord Mayor’s Show
Monday & Tuesday	25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> November		Red Cross Christmas Fair
Early December			Carol Service & Christmas Luncheon
2020			
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup> January		Court (Lunch or Dinner TBC)
<b>Date to be confirmed</b>	February or March		Ladies Banquet
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> March		United Guilds Service
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup> April		Installation Court

Other dates, such as the Master’s *special events / visits* in 2019 & 2020 are to be added, and these will be circulated by email and in the next Edition of La Fleche.