

## La Flèche email edition

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# The Worshipful Company of Fletchers 650th Anniversary Service

On 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 65 Livery companies assembled at the church of St Vedast-alias-Foster to celebrate the 650<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Worshipful Company of Fletchers. Rarely have so many Masters, Wardens and Clerks congregated together other than at Guildhall. The chosen date was close to the feast of the Decollation (beheading) of John the Baptist on

29 August, for whom the Fletchers were accustomed to maintain a perpetual light.

The chance to raise the profile of the Company and explain its activities has not been missed.  $39^{th}$  in precedence, we are about to acquire a Royal Charter, delayed by lockdown, to replace our dependence on historical usage or prescription. When the Company was formed during the Hundred Years War the military role of archery was at its peak and the guilds of arrow makers would have been among the most prestigious and prosperous in the country. Although hand-made arrows are still lovingly produced, the craft has long ceased to provide gainful employment. Instead, the Fletchers' Charitable Trust helps to fund disabled archers from grassroots to Paralympic level.

Our liverymen have always played their part in Governance of the city with Aldermen, Common Councillors and four former Lord Mayors.







The café across the street proved a popular muster point for Fletchers arriving early while the dignitaries enrobed in preparation for the short procession on to Foster Lane and back into the church.

The service of thanksgiving led us masterfully through the centuries. Jerusalem was followed by 'The Fletchers Prayer' in The Toxophilus of Roger Ascham A.D 1545:

And thus I pray God that al Fletchers getting their lyvynge truly and al archers usynge shootynge honestly, and al manner of men that favour artillery, may lyve continuallye in healthe and meriness, obeying theyr prince as they shude and loving God as they ought, to whom for al things be al honour and glorye for ever. Amen

The choir of St Vedast filled the church with the Agincourt Carol written not long after the Battle:

Deo gratias Anglia redde pro victoria! [Give thanks, England, to God for victory!]

Owre Kynge went forth to Normandy ...... In Agincourt feld he faught manly .....

The congregation looked resplendent in their robes and chains of office and tolerated the rather crushed seating that provided a defiant celebration of the end of lockdown. The





Rector, Paul Kennedy, must have been well pleased to see his church packed with some having to stand. Because of the limited capacity only 41 proud Fletchers were able to

come ......we few, we happy few, we band of brothers.... Henry V would have been pretty pleased with the turnout too.

As the service came to an end, Alderman Vincent Keaveny, Lord Mayor elect, congratulated



the Company and wished them well for the future. We were all invited to move to the reception in the side chapel and in the courtyard surrounding a magnificent acer, where lavish canapés and wine were dispensed. St Vedast or St Foster, who was appointed Bishop of Arras in 499, is said to have conjured up a whole cask of wine when his host's cellar was dry. On this occasion it was left to Kate and Roy to make up the shortfall in the supermarket delivery, due no doubt to the shortage of drivers.

Our hospitality was much appreciated and despite the fading light many of the guests were in no hurry to leave. The service of thanksgiving and celebration of our first 650 years will long be remembered by all who participated.

John Leatherdale



### **HMS DEFENDER – Halfway Round the World**

A quick update on what our affiliated RN ship has been up to since her well documented escapades in the Black Sea in June.

At the time of writing (1<sup>st</sup> week Oct), HMS DEFENDER is 8600 miles away in the Indo Pacific but just about to start her long journey back to UK to arrive shortly before Christmas. She is still in company with HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH as a key part of the Carrier Deployment Group demonstrating the UK Strike Capability whilst reinforcing defence agreements and UK support for international rules.

After a successful visit to Batumi in Georgia, DEFENDER left the Black Sea in late June to re-join the Group for the Suez transit and then passage across the Indian Ocean. Planned visits to Saudi Arabia and India were cancelled due to Covid restrictions, however, opportunities to exercise with the Indian Navy were taken during the transit. After passing through the Malacca Straight near Singapore, she made a planned visit to Brunei though, once again, Covid restrictions prevented any shore leave apart from some river boat trips. Frustratingly, port visits to Singapore, South Korea and Japan were similarly cancelled despite operations with their defence forces. However, two visits to Guam, either side of a highly successful 3-week exercise with the US Navy, went ahead with the opportunity for the ship's company to enjoy some well-earned shore leave at long last!

A further set of important exercises have just been completed and the Carrier group is now heading home. It is strongly hoped that during the trip back easing coronavirus restrictions will allow visits to Mumbai, Oman, Jordan and a couple of Mediterranean ports.

Finally, it is good to report that our bar "The Fletchers Arms" has been the



centrepiece of many inventive recreational activities in the hangar - darts competitions, local food fair, village fete, etc – during the various port visits with no shore leave.

Tim Eltringham



### Annual Golf Day 21st July 2021

Fifteen Fletcher and guest golfers played in our annual golf day on July 21st. This year we played at Tandridge Golf Club, where the 2020 fixture had been planned before it was cancelled.

The weather was excellent but a little too hot for comfort, and the club made copious amounts of iced water available at the halfway hut. The rough was up and the carries from tee to fairway were long enough to cause severe penalties for a mishit shot.

After the golf we were joined by the Master and several other Fletchers for a splendid lunch in the clubhouse.





This year's competition for the MacLellen Cup was won by Mike Williams with a score of 37 points. In second place was Rainer Vogt and third was Melanie Trapnell, who was also the best lady. Some of our guests were also successful with Simon Abrams hitting the longest drive as well as having the best guest score and Jon Moore being nearest the pin with his tee shot on the fifteenth hole. The Scott Knight trophy was a close contest with Alan Limer becoming the holder for the next year.



The Master presents the MacLellan Cup to Mike William



The Fletchers Golfers July 2021

Mike Williams

### Fletchers' Hat Trick against Founders

The annual challenge match against the Founders for the much coveted F-OFF trophy took place on Wednesday 20th October at the fabulous but quite challenging Tandridge Golf Club.

This year, due to reduced availability, each side had four players instead of the usual six. The Fletchers were represented by Mike Seton, Gordon Sharp, Mike Williams and Rainer Vogt.

On a glorious but cool morning we teed off as two four balls, the two Mikes making up the first pair and Gordon and Rainer the second. The choice of the pairing was perfect with both pairs winning by 5 holes making it a 10 hole win for the Fletchers, probably the biggest winning margin since we began competing for the trophy in 1988.

The golf was followed by the usual excellent lunch that only Tandridge can provide and the friendship with the Founders was further cemented by lively and entertaining banter between the two companies. Our opponents were very gallant losers but keen to renew the rivalry at the same time next year.

It would be great if more Fletchers could make themselves available for selection to play in this event so we can feel confident of fielding a team of six. The exact date for next year's match will be confirmed in due course but the most likely date will be Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> October.



Mike Williams, Mike Seton, Gordon Sharp, and Rainer Vogt

**Rainer Vogt** 



### The Prince Arthur Cup Inter livery Competition



The Prince Arthur Cup is an inter-livery golf competition for teams of four players played at Walton Heath Golf Club. The 2020 competition was cancelled because of lockdown and the 2021 version was moved from its usual May date to August for the same reason. Perhaps as a result of the date change, the entry was small this year with only 39 Companies playing.

The Fletcher team was Philip Nye and Mike Williams as first pair and Andy Wiggins and Gordon Sharp as the second. The format is 36 holes of foursomes for each pair, with one round being played on the Old Course and the other on the New.



Our target each year is to score well enough to qualify automatically for the subsequent year's competition as only the better scores get automatic entry. This was comfortably achieved, however the full team did not finish in the top three.

Our first pair however had an outstanding day with Philip hitting long straight drives and wonderful approach shots, including one chip into the hole from off the green, and Mike having a great day with the putter holing from distance a number of times, perhaps helped by the greens being well sanded and consequently slow.

The first pair played the New Course in the morning recording the second best score, and the Old Course in the afternoon with the top score, with the result that we were the pair with the best overall score for the day. The attached

picture shows the generous prizes and this is probably the first time the Fletchers have featured at the prize giving of the competition.

Roll on next year when we will be back to a May date.

Mike Williams



As a few of you know Liveryman Dr. Christopher Scott is not only a published military historian but takes part in English Civil War re-enactments of the mid 1600s. One of his fellow re-enactors has given his permission for Chris to send in this fascinating piece he wrote on archery in those wars, a time when many believed the Company espoused long out-of-date technology. Little do they know...

## Archery in the English Civil War (part 2) Spencer Houghton

The most significant attempt to reinstate the longbow came in 1627 when King Charles's favourite councillor, the Duke of Buckingham raised an army to attack the Isle de Rhe in support of the French Huguenots at La Rochelle. Orders from Buckingham were sent out to the counties for the levying of men and it was stipulated that 24% of them were to be archers. In some counties the order for archers arrived too late and the force had already set off for the embarkation points and in other counties not enough archers could be found to fill their quota. Nevertheless bows and arrows were ordered from the Tower and archers were reportedly assembling at Portsmouth but exactly how many made it to France is unclear but French sources reported arrows being shot into the fort of St Martin de Rhe.

In many years prior to the civil war there were plenty of longbows in circulation and not just a few archers. With 300 men trained in the use of the pike and longbow in London and given William Neade's commission from the King, it is reasonable to suppose that at least some trained with them throughout the provinces. Several hundred archers at least had been assembled for the expedition to Isle de Rhe and by recently enacted law every man from 16 had to own and practise with his longbow. Although we can assume not every man in every part of the country observed the law it would be safe to assume that there were significant numbers out practising on a regular basis. But does that therefore lead to significant numbers of archers taking to the field during the Civil War? No it doesn't seem to mean that but before dismissing the use of the longbow completely E T Fox does provide us with some interesting evidence.

In the period leading up the beginning of the outbreak of the war, King Charles issued Commissions of Array ordering his supporters to raise troops in their locales for his service and they included provision for archers. The Commission sent to the Marquis of Hertford, for example, to raise troops in the West Country and Wales instructed that he raise an army consisting of "Horsemen, Archers and Footmen of all kindes of degrees meet and apt for the Wars". Indeed this Commission included Hereford, one of the counties where there was a company of archers in 1642 according to JW Willis Bund in his book The Civil War in Worcestershire 1642-1646.

During the same period, a company armed with pikes and longbows in Hertford, specifically for defence of the town when they believed the town was under threat of attack from a Royalist force. The local Parliamentarian commander, Earl of Bedford sent a party of cavalry under Captain Ankle to boost the defence of Hertford and when they approached the town they were met with piquets posted on the outskirts of town but having given the password they were admitted. Ankle's cavalry were then met by "a second watch, being a company of pikes with bowes and arrows".

Another company of archers was raised on behalf of Parliament in Shropshire, troops stationed in Bridgnorth were expecting the arrival of the Earl of Essex when instead a Royalist force under Prince Maurice arrived. Cavalry were sent out but a large force of Royalist musketeers under Lord Strange took up position just outside the town and drove the cavalry back. Fearing that the triumphant Royalist would drive home their success by fording the river and enter the town, the defenders "with .....Bowes and Arowes sent to them which did so gaule them, being unarm(our)ed men that with their utmost speed they did retreat".

In the earl months of the War there is evidence of formations of archers being assembled and in at least one case, used in action during the defence of towns. Archers may have been a reasonably common feature of sieges on both sides of the conflict.. At the siege of Gloucester in 1643 bows were used to shoot messages in and out of the besieged city and according to Peter Gaunt in his book"English Civil War, a Military History", messages were shot by longbow into Basing House by Parliamentarian besiegers in 1644. Also at the siege of Lyme Regis, Dorset the Royalists shot fire arrows into the town and set alight to the a good number of buildings and there is additional evidence of arrows being used for sending messages as late as 1648 in the sieges of Colchester and Pembroke.

Locally raised companies of archers raised to defend their towns or what might be only one or two archers present at sieges are not the same as formations of archers being active in the field armies though no less important. In September 1643 the Parliamentarian newspaper Mercurius Civicus reported the news from Oxford that the Royalists:

"have set up a new Magazine without Norgate, onely for Bowes and Arrowes, which they intend to make muchuse of against our horse which they heare (though to their great griefe) doe make much increase: and that all the Bowyers, Fletchers and Arrow head makers that they can possibly get the imploy and set on worke there for that purpose. Also that the King hath two regiments of Bowes and Arrowes. It is therefore necessary, that no Arrow-heads be suffered to goe from London towards Newbery, or into any other parts where the Cavaliers may by any means come to achieve or surprise them. And it were to be wished, that the like provision were made by the Parliament here to get bowes and Arrowes (at least some for their Pikeman) it being not unknown what victories have been formerly atchieved in France and other parts by our English Bow-men> Besides the flying of the Arrowes are farre more terrible to the horse then bullets and doe much more turmoyle and vex them if they enter"

That the king had two regiments of archers is unlikely but the fact that it was printed in 1643 indicates that it was not considered unlikely at the time and the fact that the movement of arrowheads was to be restricted suggests that there was at that time a supply worth restricting. The most intriguing thing perhaps about this article is that the bows and arrows were for supplying the pikemen thus suggesting that the double armed man was still considered a possibility in 1643 and may have been what was meant by the ambiguous reference to the "company of pikes with bowes and arrows" in Hertford in the previous year.

Importantly, the rallying cry of Mercurious Civicus for a Parliamentarian force of archers was heard in the highest circles. Thomas Taylor served as a lieutenant under Colonel Fiennes at the Siege of Bristol and was called as a witness by Fiennes to appear at his trial for surrendering the city too early. When he first gave his deposition he was a lieutenant but by the time of the trial itself he had been promoted to Captain. As well as his promotion, Taylor was also given his own command:



"Whereas, by Virtue of a Commission under my Hand and Seal, dated First Day of November 1643, directed to Mr Thomas Taylor, Citizen of London, he the said Thomas is authorized to raise a Company of Archers, for the service in Hand and to set the same on Foot, by and through the free Bounties of the well-affected People, in and about the City of London, and Parts adjacent, as by the Teneur of the said Commission appears".

It has been said that the last significant use of the longbow in a battle in Britain occurred at Tippermuir on 1<sup>st</sup> September 1644 when Montrose's Royalist highlanders defeated an army of the Scottish covenanters commanded by Earl of Wemyss. The highlanders were still well known for their use of the longbow at this time and at Tippermuir the "Atholl and Banzenoch men had swords, bowes and fyrelockes". In the Bishops Wars of 1639-40 longbow armed highlanders had played their part and from that

conflict comes a wonderful description of the kind of men who fought at Tippermuir:

"They were all or the most part of them well timbred men, tall and active, apparelled in blew woollen wascotts and blew bonnets. A pair of bases of plad, and stockings of the same, and a paire of pumpes on their feet: a mantle of plad cast over the left shoulder, and under the right arm, a pocquet before their knapsack, armed a pair of durgs on either side of the pocquet. They are left to their owne election for the weapons; some carry onely a sword and targe, others musquetts and the greater part bow and arrows with a quiver to hould about 6 shafts maide of the maine of a goat or colt, with the hair hanging on and fastened by some belt or such like soe as it appears almost a taile to them"

Whilst Montrose and Wemyss were battling it out at Tippermuir, on the same day the Earl of Essex was losing the Battle of Lostwithiel in Cornwall. Whether Thomas Taylor's company of archers took part in the battle is unknown but there can be little doubt that having been raised by Essex the previous November they almost certainly went on to join his army for the West Country campaign of 1644. However they were probably knocked out of the fighting in the West Country in mid-August for around 14<sup>th</sup> August 1644, Royalist troops plundered Lanhydrock House, the home of Parliamentarian Colonel Lord Robartes and "in the howes was found many bowes an divers of arrows" as noted in Richard Symonds Diary of the Marches of the Royal Army During the Great Civil War.

There is no evidence of Thomas Taylors company of archers after August of 1644 and it appears likely that if they had survived the long march out of Cornwall following the defeat at the Battle of Lostwithiel they were probably incorporated into another regiment and re-equipped with pikes or muskets or maybe even disbanded. Taylor himself continued in Parliaments service and ended his military career in 1647 when he was one of the three men who presented the Leveller tract "An Agreement of the People" to the army.

The use of the longbow did not entirely disappear with Taylors company as there is evidence of its use by Parliament at both the sieges of Colchester and Pembroke as well as the Royalists still having archers in the field in 1647 when James Winstone, a Parliamentarian soldier "was wounded in ye righte hande by an arrow" at a skirmish in Hathersage, Derbyshire but this is the last known acknowledgement of the longbows use.

For reference I would strongly recommend you buy E T Fox's book, Seventeenth Century Military Archery that contains the complete transcripts of William Neade's The Double-Armed Man (1625),. Other worthwhile reading come in the form of the anonymous A New Invention of Shooting Fire-shafts in Long-Bows (1628) and Gervase Markham's The Art of Archerie (1634) all available from Fox Historical Publications.

### Archery GB Club and Volunteer Awards 2021 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021, Lilleshall

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of September Archery GB held their Club and Volunteer Awards evening in Lilleshall where the Fletchers' Trust was awarded the prestigious Gussy Trophy as this year's Disability Award.

The trophy, colloquially known as the Gussy Trophy. was donated by Michael Bentine in memory of his son Stuart 'Gus' Bentine who died in 1971 in a light aircraft crash. The trophy was inscribed and originally awarded to "The Wheelchair Archer of the Year" and the first winner inscribed was dated 1972. As far as we could tell 2021 was the first time that the trophy was not awarded to an individual – let alone a livery charity.

Michael Bentine will be remembered for his career in comedy and as a founding member of the Goons.

The 2021 AGB Awards Criteria cited that the Disability Archery Award should be made to anyone who has advocated, supported, developed, competed, or represented in the area of disability archery. Other nominations this year were Dave Philips, Jess Stretton, David Holland and Helen Sharpe – the latter two are both coaches while Dave and Jess we all know for their many outstanding performances at World and Paralympic levels.

In accepting the award trustee Andrew McMillan thanked, in particular, Chris Brown for his leadership of the Trust over many years and Michael Holden for his years as Almoner.

The YouTube link, accessible via the AGB website, provides access and our bit starts at 22 mins.

AGB CEO, Neil Armitage, attended the Affiliates Court Lunch on 19<sup>th</sup> October and in front our members and guests re-presented the award our three trustees supported by Michael Holden, until recently our Almoner.

**Andrew McMillan** 

#### October Court Lunch at Grocers' Hall

The splendour of Grocers' Hall provided a wonderful setting for both the Court meeting and lunch that followed. The Company and Trust were pleased to welcome over 25 guests from other Liveries, our Affiliated Military units, Archery GB, the Traditional Guild of Bowyers & Fletchers, and the Royal Toxophilite Society. At the Court meeting (despite an interruption from the LFB) we were able to make some presentations to some of our Affiliates, and to clothe some new Liverymen and Felicity Brown who moved from Freedom to Livery after some 30 odd years! All the units attending updated the Court on their units' activities – all had supported the response to COVID in one way or another.





Lunch was excellent, Grocers' excelled themselves despite the troubles that all caterers are encountering as a result of COVID and Brexit, the meal and wines were excellent. Neil Armitage, CEO of Archery GB was pleased to present the Gussy Trophy to the Fletchers Trust for all its support of archery for the disabled over many years, which would not be possible without your donations. Lady Tessa Brewer spoke of the importance of philanthropy in the Livery movement and City and thanked the Master for the funds raised by her Peasant's Revolt lecture which were split between our Trust and Sheriff's and Recorders' fund. Sadly, neither the Master nor Deputy Master were able to attend on the day and our Upper Warden, Philip Shears rose to the task of chairing the Court and delivering the Master's speech with great aplomb.





**Kate Pink** 



### Rebuilding Archery



#### The Fletcher's Trust agrees future funding of Archery GB for next Olympiad

In each of the past four-year periods leading up to the Paralympics, the Fletcher's Trust has agreed to fund Archery GB to assist in the training of archers and also developing the sport itself. The Trust gave a total of £62,500 prior to Rio (today £71,250) and agreed £53,000 for the four years leading up to Tokyo.

The Trust has now agreed to spend £65,650 spread over each year and to run up to proposed Paris Paralympics. This award is not specifically geared towards the Paralympics but to provide the basis for rebuilding archery over a long term. As in all sports, and society generally, inclusion and diversity are major prominent features in the planning of this initiative.

There is an obvious need to rebuild the sport and set up long term sustainability following the pandemic; some athletes will not return after such a long layoff; others will have problems with their disability. Archery GB are therefore looking at ways to encourage new participation and ensure that access to archery is open to all from grass roots to the top. In other words, the base of the pyramid needs to be broadened and strengthened.

As an example, archery is one of four sports mentioned in the Quran and Archery GB have already implemented an initiative to support Muslim girls in archery with an aim of progressing on to the performance pathway. This new plan is to encourage more clubs, to adopt the position of others like Deer Park Archers, who would be trained to follow through an inclusion policy and develop the sport within their localities.

The planning for the period up to 2024 starts by concentrating on restoring archery following the enormous damage caused by Covid 19. Over 10,000 archers have recently left the sport. Archery GB will look at innovative ways to rebuild the sport, and rebuild better, and seek to bring about a better experience for disabled and all archers.

Archery GB are very aware that the current procedures of training and selection need to be improved to become more accessible to all. This policy is a major part of Archery GB's plan and has formed the bulk of our discussions over the past year.

The Fletcher's Trust consider that this proposal is essential at this time and will definitely assist in the future development of the sport and enhance the lives of new and existing athletes.

"Rebuilding Archery" could not have happened without the generosity of Liverymen and Women and the Trust is most grateful for their continued support.

Michael Holden

#### **Bucharest : European Youth Cup**

Hi Hilda,

I am writing on behalf of my son Fin who very kindly received a grant from the Worshipful Company of Fletchers for a second compound set-up in preparation for him representing GBR at the European Youth Cup in Bucharest, Romania. Fin used the bow throughout the competition and shot fantastic, on his first international competition he secured Bronze in the cadet compound category and Silver in the gents cadet compound team. Your support was critical to Fin performing so well taking away any worry of equipment failures, we would like to thank you again and please pass our sincere thanks onto the Liverymen. Fin will be attending the National Disability championships in a few weeks time so we may see you at Lilleshall.

Not sure if you saw but I wrote a piece for Archery GB which is available here <a href="https://www.archerygb.org/european-youth-cup-a-parents-perspective/">https://www.archerygb.org/european-youth-cup-a-parents-perspective/</a>.

Also if you are interested in watching some of Fins matches in Bucharest they can be viewed as below, please skip to times stated:

Individual Bronze match <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vcc0U8Wnfl0">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vcc0U8Wnfl0</a> (31Min) & Medal ceremony (4Hr35Min)

Team Silver match <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5x3paZcKsHI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5x3paZcKsHI</a> (1Hr18Min) & Medal ceremony (6Hr03Min)

Finally I have attached a few photos which I am happy for you to share. Please let me know if you need anything else.

Best regards,

Ian Clark







### The Worshipful Company of Fletchers Disability Championships 2021

We were pleased to again support Archery GB at The Worshipful Company of Fletchers' Disability Championships 2021, which took place at Lilleshall National Sports Centre on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Both the Fletchers attending, and the competitor archers were pleased to be back at Lilleshall after the Championships were postponed last year. We were blessed with good weather and a good competition.





The Master, Professor Anne Curry, and the Chair of the Fletchers Trust, Mr Christopher Brown, presented the medals and a new set of trophies commissioned by the Master to be awarded at this and subsequent Championships.

The full results can be found on the Archery GB website at: <a href="https://www.archerygb.org/disability-championships-2021/">https://www.archerygb.org/disability-championships-2021/</a>

We were also pleased to host a supper at Lilleshall for representatives from Archery GB Andy Stanford, Arran Coggan and Naomi Gibson (daughter of Liveryman Hilda – and one of the main organisers of the event). We were also pleased to welcome a VI (Visually Impaired) archer Steve Prowse, and his wife Lesley, and Mr Dai Davis the winner of the Fletchers' Cup in 2019.



The Fletchers' Cup is awarded each year to the 'most improved archer. We were able to have Jamie Harris, the 2020 winner photographed with the trophy as we could not present it in person last year. The winner of the Fletchers Cup for 2021 was Martin Saych.



Andrew McMillan

Jamie Harris with the Fletchers Cup

### FLETCHER DIARY DATES DECEMBER 2021 - 2023

Those events marked with an <u>F</u> are open to Freemen, Liverymen may attend all events.

All "in person" events will adhere to any Government guidelines applicable at the time.			
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Tuesday	F	Christmas quiz and drinks with the Master 6:30pm
2022			
10 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday	F	Early History of the Fletchers – Hannes Kleineke
19 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Wednesday – Satur- day		Inter Livery Ski Championships
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday		Court meeting followed by dinner
6 <sup>th</sup> February	Sunday	F	Deer Park Archers inclusion shoot
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Tuesday	F	Concert in aid of the Fletchers' Trust
March 7 <sup>th</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> TBC	Monday / Tuesday		Anniversary Banquet at Mansion House
21 <sup>st</sup> March TBC	Monday		In the Steps of the Fletchers (City Walk)
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Friday		United Guilds Service
12 <sup>th</sup> / 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday / Wednesday		Mary Rose visit
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Tuesday		Installation Court Dinner & Thanksgiving Service
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Wednesday	F	Charity Golf Day
10 <sup>th</sup> May	Tuesday	F	Clergy Support Trust Service at St Paul's
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Saturday	F	Fletchers Day for Archers with Disability
18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Wednesday-Friday		Isle of Wight Visit
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday		Falklands 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary lunch at Cutlers' Hall with other <i>Warrior Companies</i>
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday		Shrieval Elections followed by lunch
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Tuesday		Court lunch
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday	F	Fletchers Golf Day, Hadley Wood
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Saturday	F	Fletchers Elite Archers Day at The Royal Toxophilite Society Grounds, Burnham
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Sunday	F	Sheep Drive and Livery Fair
27 <sup>th</sup> September	Tuesday		Court lunch
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Thursday		Election of the Lord Mayor followed by lunch
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday-Friday		Master's Holiday in Venice
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Tuesday		Past Masters' lunch
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Saturday	F	Lord Mayor's Show
<b>NB</b> more dates to be	added to 2022 & 2023 wher	n known	
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Tuesday		Court
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Friday		United Guilds Service
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Wednesday		Installation Court
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Saturday	F	Fletchers Day for Archers with Disability
2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Saturday	F	Fletchers Elite Archers Day at The Royal Toxophilite Society Grounds, Burnham