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Cover Image

Wax Chandlers' Hall is located in the heart of the City in Gresham Street on a site that the Company has owned since 1501. Our Clerk and Assistant Clerk will be looking after our Company on the 3rd floor.

From the Master

John Mansfield



If I were to try to put together a Past Masters' group of Viking Cockneys with a (admittedly tenuous) connection to the Great Fire of London and also to the conquest of the South Pole I suspect I might be in a fairly select group of one. I am however that man.

Those who attended Common Hall last year will already be aware that I regard myself as a Viking because my mother's family came from Denmark. Somewhat confusingly when sending out the Christmas cards my mother's family cannot decide, however, how to spell their surname with various branches offering it as Amondson, Amundsen and Amondson. However that clearly means that I must be related somewhere along the line to a long lost cousin, Roald Amundsen, who was the first man to reach the South Pole some five weeks earlier than Captain Scott. I am a cockney as I was born within the sound of Bow Bells. That said technically I was not because alas, Bow Bells could not be rung at that time. This was a consequence of Mr Hitler's favourite airline having destroyed them some years earlier, and they did not ring again until I was about 8 years old. However, the rule says only that you need to be born within the sound of Bow Bells, not that you need to have

actually heard them, so that must be ok. At worst I claim honorary membership.

As to the Great Fire most members know that I worked for Lloyds Bank, and in that capacity spent some time at their offices in Faryners House in Pudding Lane which were built on the site of Thomas Faryners bakers shop where the fire began. Clearly therefore I am responsible both for the financial crash in 2008 and London burning down in 1666.

A friend asked me recently what you have to do to become a Livery Master. My response was that you need to hang around for about 20 years never expecting or cultivating it to happen, and in the unlikely event that it does, reflecting that you must not have upset too many people along the way. Being your Livery Master has, however, been an absolute privilege and one that I would not have missed.

This particular cockney has had tea at Buckingham Palace, unfortunately the Queen was missing as she had to have a cataract operation that day, (obviously understandable as, had she cancelled, I suspect she would have had to wait six months for the NHS to provide another date to her!), so I had to make do with Charles, Camilla, Anne and Prince and Princess Michael of Kent. Rather tough luck really. I have dined with the Prime Minister, the



The Master & Mistress Firefighter at Buckingham Palace



Master at the Brigantes Breakfast

Lord Mayor twice, the First Sea Lord, the last but one head of the Army and have had cocktails with the Air Chief Marshal. Of course they had no idea who I was, but that is a mere trifle.

I attended the Brigantes Breakfast which was held at the Royal Armouries in Leeds. The breakfast (which is actually a lunch - go figure!) is intended mainly for the benefit of Liverymen of City Companies who live in the North of England, but was supported by the attendance of many Masters. Approximately 400 Liverymen were in attendance.

I have attended many lectures on subjects as diverse as the conflict between science and religion and the Roman London still present beneath our feet. The first of those was interesting in that the clerics present all seemed to advocate in favour of science rather than the Bible, and I did wonder where faith fits in. Still what do I know?

Mistress Firefighter Lesley has also had a ball on the Consorts' circuit, and she is one up on me having had lunch with a queen. In her case Queen Elizabeth 1st who apparently looked very well considering her age.

And so I now disappear into the sunset with this final comment - Thank you all so much for giving me the opportunity to serve as your Master.

John Mansfield
Master.

Worshipful Company of Firefighters

Birthday Celebrations

The Worshipful Company of Firefighters celebrate 30 years



Figure: L:R, Past Master Sir Ken Knight, Under Warden Graham Maltby, Sir Clive Martin, Master Firefighter John Mansfield and the Father of the Company Gerry Clarkson.

The Worshipful Company of Firefighters celebrate 30 years since the formation of the Guild of Firefighters.

The 13th June 2018 saw members of the Company gather together for a celebratory lunch at the Little Ship Club in Dowgate.

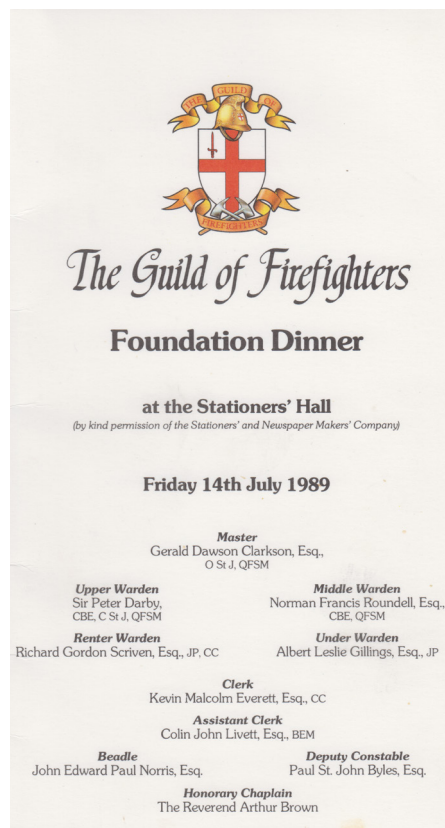
Sir Clive Martin was a sponsoring Alderman who helped to establish the Company on its journey from a Guild to a Livery Company of the City of London with a Royal Charter.

The Guild of Firefighters was formed in 1988 and was recognised by the City on 13th June 1988. The first Court meeting took place on 15th June 1988 at 140 Aldersgate Street EC1, formerly the Headquarters of the London Salvage Corps. On the 13th June 1995 the Guild fulfilled the first stage of its journey and was granted the status of a City Company without

Livery. On the 23rd October 2001 the City of London granted the Company Livery Status, when it

became known as the Worshipful Company of Firefighters. Finally, our Royal Charter was granted on 11th December 2013.

The Foundation Dinner for the Guild was held on 14th July 1989, duly noted in The Times Court and Social Section. A copy of the menu card is pictured, showing the original shield for the Guild. It is interesting to note that, of the guests shown attending the Foundation Dinner, seven attended the recent Celebratory Lunch – our Founding Master Gerry Clarkson, Senior Past Master Jeremy Beech, and Past Masters Ken Barnes, James Blott, Martin Coffey, Frank David and Sir Ken Knight.



David Holt, PRM Committee and Events Committee

Memorial Day Service

At the National Arboretum in Staffordshire



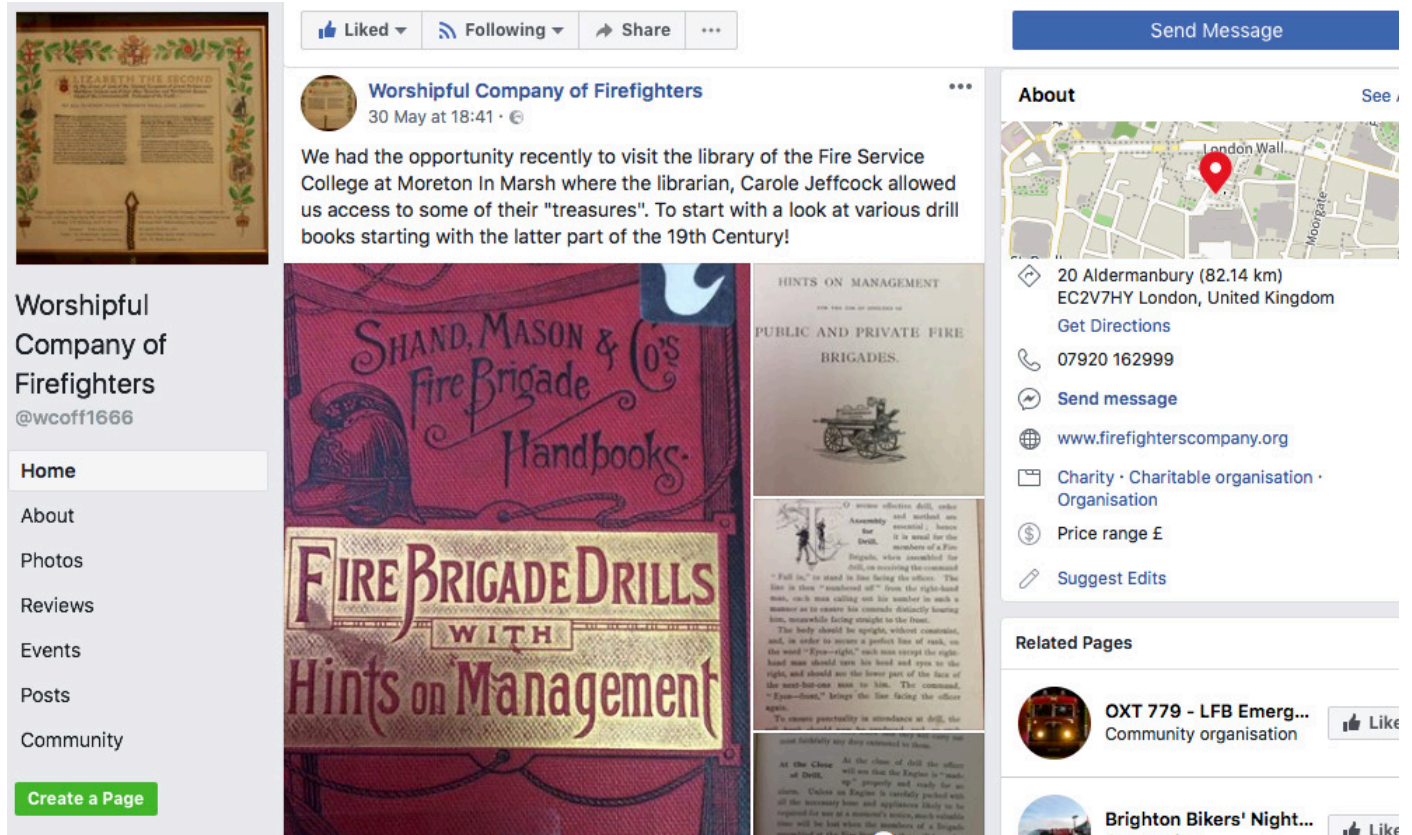
On Sunday 13th May, the Master laid a wreath on behalf of the Company at the annual Memorial Day service at the National Arboretum in Staffordshire. This event is organised by the Firefighters' Memorial Trust at the Fire and Rescue Service Monument within the Fire Service Garden. About 300 people were present at this moving service, with the majority of brigades represented, alongside representation from the Princess Royal, the Patron of the Trust, and the Home Office.



**David Holt, PRM Committee
and Events Committee**

FACEBOOK

Raising the Company's profile on social media



Effective communication is the key to ensuring that as wide an audience as possible know who we are and what we stand for. In the Company we deploy a variety of media to achieve this, both printed and online.

Facebook is just one communication platform that enables the Company to reach like-minded individuals who share our ethos and interests.

The recent publicity around Facebook's founder, Mark Zuckerberg, has overshadowed what is a very useful and importantly, cost effective tool. It is free to use and, aside from the assembling of content, is low in terms of its management and administration overhead. Our plan is for the Company's Facebook page to build interesting content, not just news, although of course it is an excellent way of celebrating successful events and the Company's activities.

Over the coming months we hope to bring interesting items, fire related, both contemporary and historical, so that members can comment and add to the information provided. The Fire Service College library has been an invaluable source of information led by its formidable librarian, Carole.

Her encyclopaedic knowledge of

Reaching out to raise the profile of the Worshipful Company of Firefighters.

the library's contents has been enormously helpful in starting the process of building suitable material for the Company's Facebook page.

We hope to develop content that will be shared and reach people in different spheres, some in the industries related to fire, who may be intrigued to learn more about us. If you attending an event that

you feel other members have missed or would have enjoyed feel free to send it to the PRM Committee to go onto Facebook. Please include captions or notes about attendees, etc.

Anyone who has dipped a toe into the world of social media is only too aware of how it can be misused. There is ample evidence of that on the other side of the Atlantic. Content will be appropriate and intended by association to reinforce the standing of the Company in the public perception. We would welcome constructive criticism and suggestions for current or future use. Anniversaries, notable dates and historical incidents will all be covered in due course as we build a content database. Please visit the Facebook page and share the development of another Company initiative.

Andrew Morgan
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From the Trust

Chairman Frances Blois



Frances Blois Chairman WCoFFCT

The Worshipful Company of Firefighters (WCoFFCT), Charitable Trust continues to consider applications for Grants from worthy causes and support several Fire and Rescue related initiatives along with The Lord Mayor's Charity.

The Charitable world is a continually changing environment with the biggest challenge for the Trustees being able to prioritise those applications which will provide the maximum benefit for the recipients against the resources available. The Trustees have considered carefully where priorities should lay for the foreseeable future. Therefore, the Trustee Board have published the Charitable Trust five priorities as:

1. Young People, Leadership, Development and Responsible Citizenship,
2. Education and Research Projects,
3. Fire and Rescue Heritage,
4. National Charities Associated with Fire and Rescue and the Fire Industry, and
5. Lord Mayor's, Livery Company and City of London Charities.

Since the last Salamander the Trustees have awarded grants to

the following applicants:

- London Cadet Leaders Scheme,
- Essex Fire and Rescue Service (Firebreak) Cadet and Young Persons Outreach Scheme,
- London Fire Brigade Sensory Garden at Brixton Fire Station,
- The Burns Camp (Rehabilitation of Young Persons Burnt in Fire Related Incidents)
- London Fire Brigade Marine Cadets (Uniform Provision),
- London Fire Brigade Personnel and Welfare Scheme (Grenfell Tower Fire Counselling and Welfare Provision),
- The Lord Mayor's Charity (Improving the lives of Disadvantaged Young People),
- National Fire Chief's Council – Fire Cadets Games 2018
- Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service Museum
- Women in the Fire Service – (UK Female Fire Safety Education Specialists in Lebanon)

These Charitable Trust Grants amount to over £55,000 and any member of the Charitable Trust can give more details of the Grant Awards and what they are expected to achieve should Company Members have an interest. The WCoFF are fully recognised in each grant and I am delighted to report that we are regularly updated on each project and have invitations by the respective organisations to various events to witness at first hand the work being undertaken. Where appropriate a Trustee is appointed as liaison for each organisation and monitors the progress in meeting the objectives stated in their grant applications.

The Charitable Trust has made progress on engaging with recognised Educational Establishments over recognition for outstanding Fire and Industry Related Projects and Degrees involving several Universities and Higher Educational Colleges thanks to the work of Liveryman

Dr David Crowther and during the forthcoming months we shall be evaluating how this engagement has progressed.

Concern about future Charitable income exists amongst all the Trustees as time progresses. The Charitable Ball which has been a cornerstone of the Charitable Income almost since the formation of the Company just achieved a "break-even" point last year thanks to the organisers and the Fire Industry who sponsored the event. The Charitable Ball has for some years seen a decline in Company Members attending and sadly is not part of the Company's Annual Calendar of events this year. The Trustee Board continue to be very grateful to the XL Catlin for their Sponsorship of the annual City Dinner in early November that provides substantial income for the Charitable Trust. The Board of Trustees will be shortly considering a range of fund raising options that will be required to sustain our ability to make Grant Awards in the future if we are to continue the valuable work of the Trust.

The Vice-Chairman, Graham Maltby has recently completed a comprehensive review of our administration and Grant Application process which is now wholly electronic and via the Company Website reducing the administration required by our busy Clerk. Senior Past Master Jeremy Beech and the Clerk continue to lead on the process to secure Charitable Incorporation through the process governed by the Charitable Commission.

In the final paragraph on behalf of all the Trustees our sincere thanks to Past Master Michael Harper who has stood down as a Trustee after many years and welcome Maurice Heaster to the Board of Trustees.

Frances Blois
Chairman.

Worshipful Company of Firefighters
Charitable Trust



Visit to London Heathrow

Heathrow Airport Fire and Rescue Service



On May 2nd, an enthusiastic group from the Company mustered at Compass Centre on the Northern Perimeter Road of the airport at 08:30. Here we met Gary Barthram, Senior Airport Fire Manager, who together with his Deputy, Mark Summerhill, were our hosts for the visit.

In the Compass Centre we had a tour of the multi-agency control centre housing teams responsible for fire, police, medical and border control personnel. As well as the banks of screens covering the buildings and apron areas (mind what you do as you pass through the airport, you are on camera), we were able to look out over the northern runway to look directly at the airport operations. It was a spectacular vantage point, but the view was attenuated by the atrocious weather.

After seeing this part of the complex operation of running a major airport we were taken through security and onto the Central Fire



Station. Here, Gary gave us a very informative presentation on the fire and rescue services on site and the systems in place to collaborate with neighbouring county brigades when the need arises. As a Category 10 airport, with over 450,000 air transport movements and 78 million passengers per year, the Airport Fire Service has some impressive kit, divided between the Central Fire Station and another at the eastern end of the airport. Each station has two Rosenbauer Panther foam tenders, carrying 11,500 litres of water and 1,400 litres of foam. They carry bumper-mounted monitors and either a roof monitor or a high-reach

extendable turret. In addition, we saw a range of special appliances which included a hose layer, 42m ALP and an extending staircase - the Rosenbauer Skystair.

We had yet another treat in store – a visit up the 87m control tower, where we got a 360 degree panoramic view of the airport and a unique view of the Central Fire Station.

Our sincere thanks to Gary and Mark for their splendid hospitality, and also to Liveryman Simon Petts, Gatwick Airport, who helped to arrange the visit.

David Holt, PRM Committee and Events Committee

Waterloo Station Visit

Behind the scenes unique visit to Waterloo Station



Figure: L:R, John Norris, Nicole Hoffman, Tony Drewitt, David Holt, Michael Rollings, Frances Blois

A small group of Firefighters had a unique tour behind the scenes of the Waterloo Station upgrade recently. Our visit started with a short overview of the project by the Project Manager for Network Rail, Alison Farwell.

Alison noted the work to extend some of the platforms in the main station, which had been completed last year, and went on to describe the rebuilding of the old Waterloo International Terminal, which was to be the subject of our visit.

Then, courtesy of Liveryman Nicole Hoffmann, who is the

Principal Fire Engineer for the project, we were able to tour the former Waterloo International site, where the old platforms 20-24 will be brought back into use for suburban services by December 2018.

Nicole was able to show us many of the fire safety and passenger evacuation features being incorporated into the project design. Our walk around the site included all three levels of the terminal; the platform level, the Orchestra Pit level and London Underground level.

For those of us who had used the old Eurostar lines it was a real

treat to see some familiar features of the old terminal. This was very much a tour around an active and busy building site so, as the photo shows, we were all provided with full PPE.

After the visit we adjourned for a light lunch, appropriately in the old 1910 Waterloo Road Fire Station, now a restaurant.

Further information on the project can be found on the [Network Rail website](#)

David Holt, PRM Committee and Events Committee

MASSEY SHAW EDUCATION TRUST

Fire Cadet Marine Unit cast's off!



Fire Cadet Marine Unit cast's off! The Massey Shaw Education Trust was pleased to host the first session of the newly founded Fire Cadet Marine Unit aboard the fireboat at the beginning of May.

The Marine Unit has been organised with support of several partner organisations, primarily the RNLI, LFB River Service, Massey Shaw (MS) Education Trust and a generous donation from the Worshipful Company's Charitable Trust. The young people participating in the marine activities have to undertake an in-depth selection process and demonstrate that they are willing to commit to new challenges.

Each of the partners will be providing knowledge on water-based skills, based on their own expertise. The MS Education Trust has developed a programme which informs the Cadets about the life

of a "floatie" on the Thames, and how the fireboat was used to fight fires and save lives during her thirty-six years of service. One of the highlights for the Cadets during our session with them was to start their rowing programme, helped by members of the Docklands Scout Project. Why you might ask would fireboat crew need to be able to row? Well in the early days when the Insurance Companies started to provide a fledgling fire service, fireboats were rowed to incidents by Watermen and Lightermen and Firemen. The floaties as they were called, rowed the floating barges and their Manual Pumps to fires and then rowed the hoses ashore to provide land-based crew with water. This practice continued for many years, even when the fireboats had their own mechanical propulsion and would have been an integral part of Massey Shaw's firefighting capability.

In more recent times, fireboat crews showed their prowess by participating in The Fishmongers Cup Competition, rowing against crews from the Port of London Authority (PLA) and River Police. Unfortunately, this Competition is no longer undertaken, but we hope that the Fire Cadets can show their skills by participating in the annual Great River (GR) Race which takes place each September. The GR Race started in 1988, and last year over 300 rowing craft took part in the 21.6 mile course from Millwall Dock (London Docklands) to Ham in Surrey. We hope that the Marine Fire Cadets will be able to take part in next year's race and provide an opportunity to raise funds for the Worshipful Company's Charitable Trust.

David Rogers
CEO Massey Shaw
Education Trust

Gerry and the Peacemakers of 1918 - 2018



Founder Master Gerry Clarkson, in his other role as Leader of Kent's Ashford Borough Council, engaged with the City of London Corporation and The US National WWI Museum and Memorial to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War with an open air photographic exhibition in Guildhall Yard during May.

The exhibition "Fields of Battle, Lands of Peace: 1918 – 2018", highlighted the global nature of the conflict. The exhibition subsequently came to the Memorial Gardens in Ashford throughout June. There integrated with complementary floral displays it was a masterpiece. The use of sandbags reflected the sombre battle-torn mood of 1914-18 amidst the green and colourful garden setting. The displays featured a silhouette sentinel by a symbolic grave of a fallen soldier and a decorated miniature replica of a tank, echoing the real one which has pride of place in the town. The real one was presented at the end of WWI in recognition of the town's contribution to the 'National War Savings Appeal'. Congratulations Gerry to you and your fellow sponsors!

Past Master Alan Wells

Kent Firefighting Museum



During 2012 Past Masters Jeremy Beech, Alan Wells and Liveryman Howard Myers, with others, negotiated with the Kent Fire and Rescue Service to ensure Kent's firefighting heritage was preserved. A charitable trust was formed and fortuitously we were offered some buildings at Woodlands Garden Centre at Ash near Brands Hatch.

The museum was formally opened by Baroness Blackstone in August 2014. Woodlands is a family run venture, by Kim and Wayne Barr. Kim's father, Harry Knox was a former firefighter. The garden centre partnership works well and is very successful. Since

opening more than 26,000 people have visited the museum and donated a little over £15,000. Presentations and displays of artefacts are given to outside organisations and clubs and many groups visit the museum.

The museum is well represented on Facebook and Trip Advisor and open seven days a week from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. with a brief winter closure period from mid December until the following March. To help support this enterprise please speak to Howard Myers about becoming a Friend of the museum for just £12 per year.

Past Master Alan Wells

www.kentfirefightingmuseum.org.uk

Fire Authority to seek judicial review

Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority met on Thursday (May 24) and agreed to issue a claim for a judicial review to challenge the Home Office's decision to transfer governance of the fire service to the police and crime commissioner. Members have taken legal advice and believe there has been no evidence presented to demonstrate a business case for the change. Chairman of the Fire Authority, Councillor Kevin Reynolds said: "We have given this careful consideration since the decision was first announced by the Home Office in March. We have requested additional information from the Home Office about the rationale behind the decision and we have sought legal advice. "The fire authority and fire and rescue service work extremely well together under the current governance model and continually

perform well. No reason has been demonstrated as to why a change in governance will bring any substantial benefits. Having taken legal advice, we have decided to challenge the decision by making a claim for a judicial review." The Fire Authority (FA) was formed in 1998 to govern Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service (FRS) when Peterborough became a unitary authority. Prior to that, the county council had been responsible for the county's fire service. Seventeen members – 13 from Cambridgeshire County Council and four from Peterborough City Council – make up the Fire Authority. Since 1998, with the Fire Authority at the helm, the fire service has continuously been one of the lowest cost fire and rescue services in the country, and scored well in the various assessments

and inspections that have taken place by both government appointed bodies and peers. In more recent years, the Authority has navigated its way through two comprehensive spending reviews where it has needed to find over £7million of savings to meet a reduction in government funding and has done this successfully whilst maintaining frontline services and still improving equipment and vehicles for firefighters. In the last 14 years alone, fires have reduced by 48 per cent and people are safer in their homes with a 44 per cent reduction in accidental fires, a 61 per cent reduction in casualties from fires and a 68 per cent reduction in deliberate fires in our communities.

**Cambridgeshire FA
Dated 25th May 2018**

St Neots Fire Station welcomes over 500 children for "Safety Zone"



Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service (FRS) held a "Safety Zone" last week at St Neots Fire Station. The five day multi-agency event for local primary schools was attended by approximately 500 school children aged between eight and nine, and gives them vital information on how to keep safe. The children took part in fun activities and demonstrations

provided by Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue service, Cambridgeshire Constabulary, Cambridgeshire County Council Trading Standards & Road Safety Team and Wood Green the Animals Charity to deliver the important messages to youngsters. Different agencies set up 'zones' which small groups of children visited to learn about a specific area of safety, including water safety,

home fire safety, the importance of wearing a seat belt, first aid, dangerous toys, how to approach a dog safely and internet safety. Jill Gibbs, Community Fire Safety Officer in St Neots, said: "The Safety Zone is a great way of engaging young people in our community in a fun and interactive way and we're thrilled to host it again this year. This is a great partnership between many services and agencies all working together to make our communities safer places, and feedback from the schools who've attended has been fantastic." This is the third Safety Zone of the year, and further events will be held later in the year in Peterborough and Ramsey.

**Cambridgeshire FRS
Dated 31st May 2018**

Working with the Royal Marines



Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service have been delivering road traffic safety presentations to the Royal Marines 30 Commando Troop based in Plymouth for the last three years. This year they demonstrated a Road Traffic Collision (RTC) involving three cars with two fire crews from Plympton fire station attending the exercise.

Plympton's watch manager Neil Willmott explained: "Today is building on the partnership we already have established with 30 Commando Troop with the intention that the relationship will continue to grow. By demonstrating how we deal with a RTC we aim to reduce the current trend on the amount of service personnel being involved in road traffic incidents.

"This trend occurs in particular when serving personnel return from deployment and for various

reasons while travelling in the UK are being involved in RTCs. The Marines take a lot of risks in their day job and it's important to keep them safe when they are home. That's why we're here. We are really grateful to the 30 Commando for their support. "

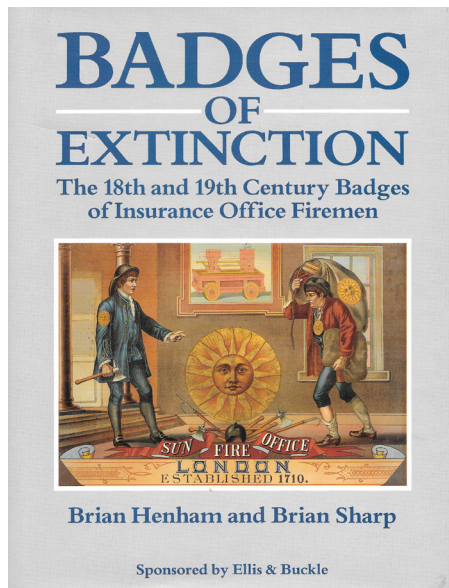
Statistics have shown that from 2012 till 2016 there have been 74 deaths across the armed services as a result of RTCs. 95% of these were young males and 39% were involving cars and 35% were involving motorbikes. On top of this is the fact that service personnel are 65% more likely to be involved in these accidents than other member of the general public.

Sergeant Harrison said: Today's event is based on road safety awareness focusing on speeding. This is a massive part of safety for the military especially our department in particular as we are the transport troop. So we use the Lorries; all of the vehicles in fact on

a daily basis. So it's raising their general awareness of road safety. "Also the lads drive home every weekend travelling for 6 or 7 hours. So it's that gentle reminder to look after themselves, as we are all human. Today allows the lads to get involved, really hands on, especially with the cutting equipment so they know what it's like to work with. We have been liaising with Neil Willmott for three years and every year is a new presentation with a road safety focus."

Medic MA Spaars said: "We really enjoyed the day. As medics we never normally work with the fire service like this so we didn't have any idea of what they do at a RTC. I was involved in dealing with the casualties and the Fire Service continued to work around me cutting the car, then everyone helped get them out of the car and carry them to a safe place. A really good experience. "

Book Review



Badges of Extinction

details the arm badges worn by firemen of the insurance company brigades during the 18th and 19th Centuries. Written by two former Chairmen of the Fire Mark Circle, the book is beautifully illustrated, with many rare photographs of the badges and a description of their symbolism.

We have a copy of this hard-back book, published in 1989, in excellent condition, available for £8, plus £3 P&P to a UK address.

To purchase please contact

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London's Fire Engines

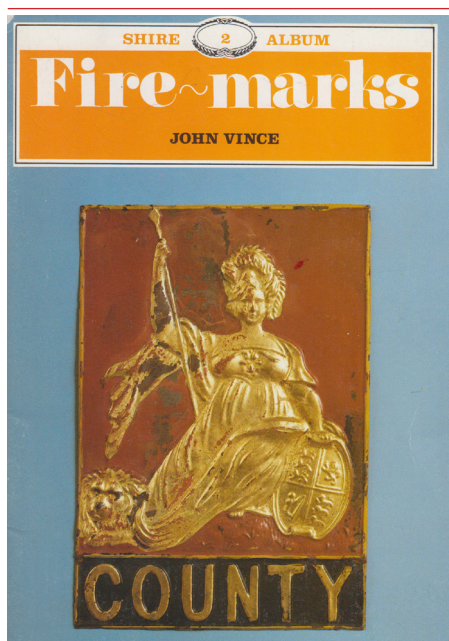
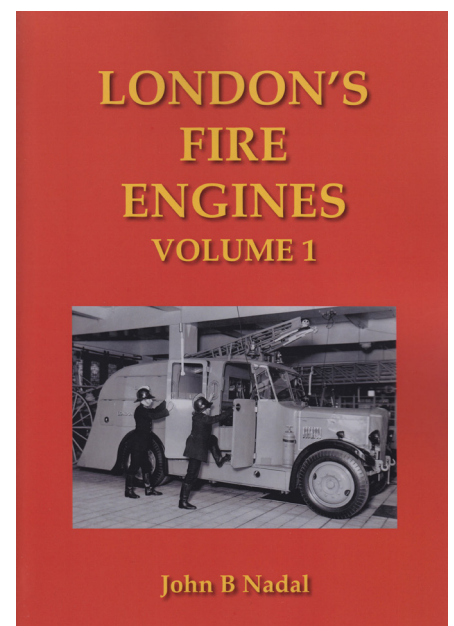
The ex-London Firefighter John Nadal, known for his book London's Fire Stations, has published two new volumes entitled London's Fire Engines. With a total of 624 pages, copiously illustrated, the two volumes are a substantial contribution to documenting the history of London's fire appliances.

Volume 1 spans early manuals and horse-drawn appliances to

machines in use at the start of the GLC era, and has a Forward by our own Liveryman Mike Hebard.

Volume 2 covers appliances up to 2016, as well as having a chapter on Brigade Workshops and a series of Appendices on vehicles and Fleet Lists.

The books can be ordered from: <http://www.firebookshop.co.uk> and has a current print run of 300.



Fire Marks is part of the Shire Albums series and details the history of the distinctive plates used to identify buildings insured with particular companies. Almost 200 are illustrated in this publication.

This paper-backed booklet, a 1989 reprint of the 1973 original, is in excellent condition and is available for £3.50, plus £2.50 P&P to a UK address.

To purchase please contact

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8" Coupe Plate

Plate depicting a scene of the Great Fire looking towards St Paul's from beneath London Bridge. The image is a coloured aquatint after a painting by Philippe-Jacques De Loutherbourg (1740 -1812)

The plates are limited to an edition of 100 with an authentication certificate signed by The Master

£55 Including P&P

Great Fire of London Book

Paperback - £16.66 + P&P

Hardback - £24.99 + P&P

Faux Leatherbound - £166.60 + P&P

All profits from its sale will be donated to the Worshipful Company of Firefighters Charitable Trust.



Wenceslaus Hollar Print

As part of our contribution to the commemoration of the 350th Anniversary of the Great Fire of London, Liveryman Jeanne Brinton commissioned a limited edition print showing two views of the City of London, before and after the Great Fire. The views were drawn by the Czech artist Wenceslaus Hollar (1607 - 1677) and the original is held by the British Museum.

£19.50 Including P&P

First Day Cover Stamps

The Worshipful Company of Firefighters First Day Cover of Great Fire stamps postmarked with a specially commissioned hand stamp which is exclusive to the Worshipful Company of Firefighters.

The covers are limited to an edition of 350 and signed by The Master. The first day of issue was 2nd September 2016.

The 2 stamp set: £10 + £4 P&P



More items are available for purchase from our online shop:
shop.firefighterscompany.org

From the Clerk Steven Tamcken



Wow, another year has come and gone in what feels to be a blink of an eye. It seems only last week that I was sitting at my laptop writing out my report for Common Hall 2017.

Firstly, may I pay tribute to the Master and Mistress Firefighter, John and Lesley Mansfield, for their dedication and the amount of effort that they have put in over the last year with regards to the Worshipful Company of Firefighters. I know that the Master has attended over 100 events on behalf of the Company and the Mistress has also been very active on the now firmly established Consort's Circuit.

Whilst sounding like an Oscar winner, may I also take this opportunity to thank the Wardens', Court of Assistants, Chairmen and members of the various Committees, the other Company Officers and the members of the back-room staff in the office for their support and assistance during this, our 30th year.

As we enter this period of change, nationally with Brexit, the change of the Civic Team in the City, and more importantly within the

Company, I feel that it may be a good time to reflect on whether the Company is still; to use Business parlance: Fit for Purpose?, Actively engaging with the membership?, Value for money?, or does it need to change / adapt / evolve?, re-engage with its members?, look at how to be better value?, any of the above, some of the above or all of the above.

I cannot give you any answers for the above questions, all I can do as your Clerk is to give pointers, suggestions and advice to those Committees and Individuals that will have to make them.

What I can say without sounding like our Honourable Treasurer or Chairman of the Finance Committee is that the Company has at present, approximately 200 members, however our Formal and Civic events can only see approximately a 2 – 20% take up, for a good example - look around you today, this event is arguably the most important in the Company's annual calendar, yet there are only approximately 30 members here, with another 40 giving apologies. A total of 35% replies and a take-up of 15%.

I know that in this room today, I am "preaching to the converted", but this report is also being published in the next edition of the Salamander and therefore to all members of the company, and it is to the wider audience that I am really speaking to.

But seriously, the Company needs to..., NO MUST, find a way of re-engaging with our membership so that all our events, not just the Formal and Civic events are over-subscribed all the time!

Equally, the Charitable Trust need to ensure that members remember one of their first agreements with the Company, that of charitable giving. To put it bluntly, without your donations into the Trust, the Trustees will not be able to

discharge their duty on behalf of the Company and assist those in greater need and less able than ourselves, and again attendance at the Company's Charitable events are to say the least disappointing, as is the percentage of members regularly donating.

Again, to use business terminology, where is the Company's 5 or 10 -year strategy plan, does it need one? Where do we see the Company at the end of that period?

Would this be a good time to look into a small but efficient working group to give the Company a Root and Branch review and set up a strategy and policy that Court could approve and which would enable us to go forward, whilst keeping in touch with the original Aims and Objectives of the Company.

As many, if not all of you are aware, the Company has had to change, we are holding what will most probably be our last Common Hall in the magnificent surrounding of the Great Hall of Insurance Hall.

As from 2019 we shall most probably be holding most of our Company events in our new home of the Wax Chandlers' Hall, or elsewhere.

The Office after many years has had to leave Insurance Hall and is almost back up to speed and hopefully giving the membership a good service. If not please let us know, it is the only way that we can try to improve our service to you all.

But these changes also mean that the Company will need to modify it's thinking when it comes to meetings. Committees are initially planned to be in the Clerk's Office, the Management Board and Court, will have either to be more flexible with dates / times or venues, to enable the

Company to keep any increase in its finances to a minimum.

I am sure that once we have settled in to our new home and with our new landlords, it is the hope of all, not just those involved in our relocation, that Wax Chandlers' will become a long-term home, much like the Insurance Hall has been.

It would be remiss of me not to mention our Committees, and that they would always welcome "new blood". So if you feel that you have a skill that you feel would be of use to the various Committees, please contact the Chairman, I am sure that they would be only to glad too hear from you.

It is a great way to become involved in the workings of the Company, getting to know your fellow Firefighters, and breathe new life and ideas into the Committees.

In closing, I have already thanked the outgoing Master and Mistress, and I would now like to take the opportunity of wishing The Master Designate, Andrew Mayes and his lovely Wife Carol, all the best for their year as Master and Mistress Firefighter and promise I will do my best to assist and help them during their tenure.

Finally, and as I always reiterate at the end of my report, it has been an HONOUR to be your Clerk, and to be of SERVICE to you all. Your FRIENDSHIP, has as always, been appreciated and I am sure that the HARMONY with in the Company will continue for years to come.

Members all, here is to the continued health of The Worshipful Company of Firefighters, may it flourish Root and Branch – Forever.

Thank you.

Steven Tamcken
Clerk
Worshipful Company of Firefighters

Court Meeting 9th March

Members Taking their Freedom:

- Andrew Chandler

Members being clothed in Livery:

- Douglas Vaughan

Court Meeting 1st June

New members to the Company:

- Edwin Galea
- Robert Howard
- Gary Neal
- John Theobald
- Robert Bryant

Members Taking their Freedom:

- Anthony Davis
- Philip Robey
- Geoff Hobbs-East (Honorary)

Members being clothed in Livery:

- Paul Fuller

William (Bill) Fulton



Bill was a fairly new member to the Company and joined in March 2017 and took his Freedom in September of that year and his Freedom of the City in November. I met him briefly, and he was very knowledable in books and printing requirements and was invited to join the PR & Marketing Committee.

Bill came to us via his links with the Western Front Association for whom he was currently serving as Chairman of their Essex Branch. Bill was much respected and will be sadly missed by us all.

Colin Simpson
PR & Marketing Committee

Forthcoming Events

JULY

Friday 6th

WCoFF Common Hall
The Insurance Hall

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 9th

Annual UK Firefighters Memorial Service
St. Sepulchre-Without-Newgate

Friday 14th

Members Informal Luncheon
Old Doctor Butlers

Friday 28th

Installation of Sheriffs
Guildhall

Sunday 30th

Sheep Drive across London bridge
London Bridge

OCTOBER

Monday 1st

Election of Lord Mayor
Guildhall

Friday 19th

St Florian's Installation
Banquet
Salters' Hall 4 London Wall

NOVEMBER

Monday 5th

Garden of Remembrance
St Pauls Churchyard

Tuesday 6th

City Dinner
XL Catlin HQ 20 Gracechurch St

Friday 9th

Silent Ceremony
Guildhall

Saturday 10th

Lord Mayors Show
City Wide

Friday 23rd

Festival of St. Cecilia
St. Paul's

St Florian's Installation Banquet Salters' Hall

Friday 19th October 2018
4 London Wall Place, EC2Y 5DE



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