

ELECTION COURT LUNCH at the CUTLERS' HALL

The 2015 Election Court Lunch was held at the Cutlers' Hall on 9th April. The Election Court is so-called as the main items on the Court Agenda are to elect, re-elect, re-appoint and/ or confirm Officers and Members of the Court for 2015/16.

The Court had a very busy morning electing Richard Waller as the next Walbrook Warden, re-electing Nigel Cartwright and Mark Lane to the Court and electing new Court Assistants Malcolm Butchers, Simon Catford, Ken Marsh and Nigel Mattravers.



Tom Flood, Simon Dale-Lace (*left*) and Lynva Russell were also admitted as Freeman,



while Christine Duthie, Richard Franceys, Parneet Paul and Tim White were clothed in the Livery (*right*).



In common with many Livery Companies, the Company also enjoys affiliations with several units of the Armed Forces.

An Affiliation Document with 66 Works Group Royal Engineers (Water Development) was signed by the Master and Lt Col Simon Miller.



Following lunch, the Walbrook Warden Mike Williamson, thanked the Master Cutler for the use of his wonderful Hall and then introduced the Guests.

These included the Master Carman (Lt Col Paul Holder), the Master Engineer (Mr John Baxter), the Master Fueller (Mr Neville Chamberlain CBE), the Master Firefighter (Mr Bryan Spearman), and the Master Watermen & Lighterman (Mr Jeremy Randall).

Mike also welcomed Services representatives, namely Cdr Karen Dalton-Fyfe (CO HMS Scott), Lt Col Simon Miller (CO 66 Works Group RE) and Major Douglas Hunter (521 Specialist Team Royal Engineers (Water Development) 66 Works Group RE).

A special welcome was then given to the guest speaker, Allan Cook, CBE Chairman of Atkins (*right*). Allan's address covered the expected growth of our cities, which will set some major challenges such as the planning and design of "Smarter Cities" featuring future proofed systems, integrated urban planning and better management of water and waste.



Allan concluded by proposing a toast to the Company.

Responding, the Master thanked Allan for a most interesting speech and commented that from his own experience it is a real challenge to get city administrations not only to appreciate the risks they face but to implement the changes needed. He also welcomed Allan as Chairman of one of the Corporate members of our Livery Company.



The retiring collection at our Myddelton Lunch was for the Treloar Trust which provides education, care, therapy, medical support and independence training to young people with physical disabilities.

The Master then presented a cheque for £1000 to Walter Gill (*left*) the Clerk of the Carmen Company who represents the Trust.

As part of affiliation agreements with the Armed Forces, Water Conservators present to each service an award for outstanding achievement.

This year the Master welcomed Wing Commander Roger Flynn (No 1 AIDU RAF Northolt) who read the citation for prizewinner Mr Roger Mantal (*right*).



A retiring collection was made for ABF The Soldiers' Charity.