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Thanksgiving Service—19th October 2016



The Church of St Bartholomew the Less tucked away inside Bart's Hospital

The Court met early on Wednesday 19th October with a start at 9.45am so that business could be finished in time to attend the Annual Thanksgiving Service. The Master encouraged all speakers to be brief and the Court was over in plenty of time for the procession to the church. Among the matters discussed were the archery results from the Paralympic Games in Rio and

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the possibility of helping to sponsor the same events in Tokyo 2020. There was a brief report from the Archery Committee and the Chairman of the Charity Committee issued an invitation to the Livery to attend various disabled archery events. The Membership Committee Chairman reported on the success of the recent membership evening and it looks as if this might become an annual event aimed at introducing potential new members to the Livery.

The highlight of the Court, however, was the induction of Michael Hoffman as a Liveryman. Michael is a retired stockbroker and a member of the MCC. He was warmly welcomed into the Livery. After the Court, the Beadle had the unenviable job of lining up the Court in order of precedence to process to the Church of St Bartholomew the Less – our normal church being occupied by a film crew. The service was conducted by the Reverend Dr Martin Dudley CC, who also preached the sermon. He commented that archery got very little mention in the Bible but managed to produce some very apt quotations and praised the Fletchers Company for their work in the City and their help to disabled archery. After the service we returned to the Hall for Luncheon.



The Paralympic Archery Team together with representatives from Archery GB were present at the Thanksgiving Service and also at the lunch and we had plenty of opportunity to talk to them and admire their medals. The Master commented on their success as a team and congratulated them all on their success and team spirit when he addressed us during lunch.

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The archers responded in kind and presented the Fletchers with a team shirt complete with all their signatures.

The Archers were not the only guests present at lunch. Commander Steve Higham who recently commanded HMS Defender was present together with Lieutenant Oliver Behan and PO Paul Stockell from the ship. Commander Higham outlined the work that Defender had been doing in the Gulf where not only had the ship served with the American and French navies but had also been engaged in rescuing refugees in the Arabian Gulf and actions against smugglers and people traffickers. He mentioned the outstanding work of PO Stockell in the ship's operations room and recommended him for the Fletchers' annual Arrow Award. This was duly presented to PO Stockell by the Master. As usual, the Hall provided an excellent lunch with Chestnut Mushroom Crème Brûlée, followed by a delightful Roast Loin of Lamb with a Poached William Pear as a dessert. This was one of the most interesting Thanksgiving Day lunches for several years.

Christmas Lunch

The annual Christmas Lunch was held at Farmers and Fletchers Hall on December 12th. As ever it was an opportunity to meet with friends in an informal atmosphere. An enjoyable glass of "bubbly" ensured that we enjoyed a relaxed pre-lunch reception and were able to catch up with friends.



The Master's Chaplain gave an amusing and pertinent Grace. The Master then welcomed us all to the occasion and earned a cheer by announcing that there would be no speeches! The Hall caterers provided an excellent meal of trout mousse followed by pheasant, finishing with a superb trio of desserts. All this was rounded off with coffee and mince pies (sadly served cold!). With no official guests the atmosphere was extremely relaxed and the conversation lively. Having partaken of the wines accompanying the meal we were happy to join in the singing of the Twelve Days of Christmas, ably led by the Learned Clerk, who wisely didn't let us know we were going to need our singing voices until the moment of reckoning! We didn't always precisely follow the script but we certainly sang with gusto and the singing made a very convivial end to the occasion.



The event concluded with the Master wishing us all a very Happy Christmas and we went home feeling that the Festive Season had truly begun.

Anne Regan

FLETCHERS PRIZE ARROWS

You will have seen in editions of La Fleche photos of the Master presenting “prize arrows” to various recipients , I thought that some of you may be interested in a brief description of how we make these in the workshop.

The base is made from Yew because of its association with archery and the longbow . We try to incorporate some of the pale coloured sapwood , which in the longbow forms the back of the



bow ie. the outside curve because it is good at resisting tension and the orange coloured heartwood which forms the belly of the bow because it is good at resisting compression . We usually try to use English Yew which we cut from a log. The wood is sawn to size , planed , the top edge chamfered and then sanded and varnished.

The arrow which measures 9” overall is made from Poplar , a wood common for arrows in the Medieval period , in fact a law was passed in 1416 stating that Poplar was to be used for arrows and not clogs . We bobtail the shaft ie. it tapers from the head to the nock end , a profile common in war arrows , we cut a slot in the nock end and glue in a horn insert to strengthen it , a method used on the arrows recovered from the Mary Rose . A nock slot is then cut at right angles that would hold the string.

The arrow is fletched with Peacock feathers , not the brightly coloured ones but the brown wing feathers which are very strong. Roger Ascham refers to Peacock feathers in his book “Toxophilus” written in 1545 , the first English book written on archery. We select either right or left wing feathers because they curve in different directions and after gluing them to the shaft bind them on, as was the Medieval practice, in this case with red silk , this was intended to stop the feathers coming off in wet weather as glues at the time were not waterproof being made from bone, skin or even bluebell bulbs.



We fit an arrowhead made to a medieval pattern which we have specially cast for us in solid silver.

The whole arrow is then supported off the base by two brass rods which is intended to give the impression that the arrow is flying through the air.

Our stock of Peacock feathers is starting to run low so if anyone has access to some wing feathers I would be interested.

Lindsay Head

(out of interest there is a video of these arrows at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=u0Q1nIhYaCc>)

Fletchers Golf 2016

The Goblet

The Goblet (named after the trophy that is awarded to the winner), is an annual match play knockout tournament that runs throughout the year. 2016 was the tenth time the knockout tournament had taken place for The Goblet. This year the competition was won by Mike Williams who defeated Rob Cossey in the final. The picture shows Mike being presented with the Goblet by the Master at the Golf Dinner (see below) (photo).

The Norfolk Holiday

A new and most enjoyable short break for both Golfers and non-golfing partners alike began with the kind hospitality of Rob and Pippa Cossey for a relaxed lunch, before heading for an afternoon of Golf at Swaffham (Rob's home course) or a tour of local National Trust properties. A rather wet end to the golf with thunder and lightning and a torrential downpour. Still with spirits not dampened (too much) we gathered again at The White Horse, Brancaster on the North Norfolk coast for a lovely dinner to round off the day. After a hearty breakfast it was off to Brancaster, aka The Royal West Norfolk Golf Club for our second round of golf on the fabulous, but challenging links course.

The Fletchers Golf Day

Our annual Golf Day this year was at Royal Blackheath, the Master's home course, and a great treat for those who had not previously played the course. With a history going back 400 years and quoted as being 'One The Oldest Golf Course in World', and at its heart having a 17th century club house. Twenty Fletchers competed for a number of prizes including The MacLellan Trophy for the overall winner, and the Scott-Knight Trophy for the golfer aspiring to improve. The MacLellan Cup was won this year by Rob Cossey with Mike Williams runner up. The ladies prize was won by Anne Prout, best guest by David Limer and the Scott Knight Trophy, by Adrian Scott Knight!!



The Golf Dinner

On Monday 28th November the annual golf dinner was held in the Court Room at Farmers' and Fletchers' Hall. Sixteen members and guests attended and, before dinner, took part in a putting contest on a fiendish one hole course in the reception area devised by Adrian Scott Knight. This raised £160 for the Fletchers Trust.

Looking ahead to 2017

After dinner, Mike Williams, who co-ordinates the Fletcher's golf activities, presented a short review of the year and looked ahead to 2017. The Company golf day will be held at Muswell Hill Golf Club on Tuesday July 11th. The annual match against the Founders will take place on Wednesday September 20th at Tandridge Golf Club. The Prince Arthur Cup at Walton Heath is on May 18. Anyone wishing to be added to the circulation list for our golf events should contact Mike Williams <michaeld.williams@sky.com>.

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 John Dumbrell, Riverholme, The Towpath, Shepperton, TW17 9LL enclosing a cheque for £5 made out to the Worshipful Company of Fletchers.



The Away Weekend

The Master's trip to Spain: 5-9 October 2016

Wednesday, 5 October

An early start to Gatwick Airport with the usual traffic problems on the M25/M23, so some possibly bleary-eyed Fletchers reported in for the BA flight to Malaga; the airline's generous "lunch" of a packet of crisps or nuts plus drink was a matter of some mirth or regret. On arriving at Malaga, the party was expertly corralled and guided by Kate and the tour guide, Paul, from baggage hall to the waiting coach, and we were soon on our way through parched and often arid lands as we climbed towards Granada, stopping for rather more substantial nourishment en route. Pre-meal drinks and canapés local to the area in the hotel courtyard [photo 1] preceded the meal, for which Kate had produced a seating plan. So to a night-cap and bed.

Thursday, 6 October



A late morning call, with a journey winding through the streets of Granada as we travelled upwards to the 14th Century Alhambra Palace. Timed-entry being the order of the day, we met our two guides and were conducted through the throngs to the wonderfully fertile gardens so cleverly made part of the various Palace structures, the gardens awash with numerous flowers, ever present green hedges and shade everywhere to-

gether with what seemed an army of gardeners. From the ramparts and finely decorated Moorish buildings [photo 2] there were lovely views of the surrounding hills and neighbouring country-side. The guides were excellent, firmly steering us to where we needed to be at the appointed hour, the crowds swelling in what was, for the Fletchers, unaccustomed heat – it was a relief to return to the coach and journey down to Grenada's Bullring and an excellent lunch [photo 3]. A visit then to the Royal Chapel, built between 1506 and 1521 as the final resting place of Isabella of Castille and Ferdinand of Aragon under whose union Spain united and linked with England, Portugal, the Netherlands, Burgundy and Austria through the marriage of their children; also on show were a number of personal items of Isabella and Ferdinand as well as a small, but excellent, collection of Flemish, Italian and Spanish Renaissance paintings. The adjacent Cathedral, built by Charles V, provided soaring rooflines, a portentous commentary from the obligatory portaguide and was, perhaps, of more limited interest. The evening's outing to a restaurant on a hillside adjacent to the by-now floodlit Alhambra Palace was tinged with farce as the two minibuses charged with transporting us spent 15 minutes wandering around the streets of Grenada before passing the hotel from which we had started but in the opposite direction, then could only transport half the group down the hill after the meal because one of the buses had another assignment – so leaving the more doughty amongst us to walk downhill back to the hotel! No matter – the evening was a great success, with Kate once again organising a different seating plan.



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Friday, 7 October

Back to the coach for an early start to Cordoba, the industrialised plain that laps the foot of Granada soon left behind as we climbed into the surrounding hills and an abundance of olive trees for as far as the eye could see – mile after mile of them set out in parched stretches of cultivation to left and right. Following a pit-stop for a delicious drink of freshly squeezed orange juice at a railway station with no railway lines (General Franco apparently insisting that, on security grounds, all lines go via Madrid rather than point-to-point so that movement of travellers could be tightly monitored), we made our way to Cordoba and its extraordinary Mosque-Cathedral [photo 4], originally built by the Visigoth in the mid-sixth century, and containing the oldest remains of Muslim architectural features and decorations in Spain. Following the Christian conquest of Cordoba, the Mosque was consecrated, latterly in 1236, for use as a Catholic Church, a chapel subsequently being constructed within the shell of the existing Mosque – it was an extraordinary experience to move from the columns, double arches and domes straight into a transept with all the traditional Catholic trappings. Following a walk through the sun-baked alleyways to lunch, we then embussed en route to Seville where our hotel was well located near to the river. Despite the attractions of the town, we were relieved to be eating in the hotel seated, once more, in accordance with Kate's well thought-out and new table-plan.



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Saturday, 8 October

Not a particularly early coach departure for a drive round Seville to see the buildings of the ultimately unsuccessful Great Ibero-American Expo of 1929, and a stop to admire the giant curved arcade of Plaza de Espana built as part of the Expo. We met our guides to be shown round the Alcazar Real [photo 5], the site of the ruler's palace since Roman times, and where the Spanish Royal Family still resides whenever it visits Seville. The walls, ceilings and floors of the various rooms of the Palace are highly decorated with Muslim motifs; outside, the terraced gardens are full of light and shade, pools and pavilions, sculptures and fountains, and a delight to the eye. We were, once again, highly fortunate to be led by experienced guides who carefully navigated us



around the milling Saturday crowds, with Paul and Kate on ever present duty to make sure that stragglers were rounded up. [At this point your correspondent left for the airport, with the result that a second writer takes up the story] Now somewhat footsore from significant walking, our subterranean restaurant made a cool location for a welcome lunch. Sadly the splendid Seville Cathedral was closed for a service in the afternoon, although a hardy few climbed the bell tower for great views over the city. The remaining groups had a leisurely afternoon stroll along the banks of the canal and so back to the hotel.

Pre-dinner we were treated to a traditional Flamenco show featuring a number of champion Flamenco stars, a combination of traditional and more popular pieces and dances. And so to our last dinner at the Taberna del Alabardo restaurant. A meal comprising numerous small courses and a chance to chat with friends new and old. Past Master Coward, the 'poet Fletcher' treated us all to a splendid speech in verse recapitulating our journey and thanking the Master and Laura. The response from the Master [photo 6] sent us happily back to our hotel.



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Sunday , 9 October

An early start took us on our way to Ronda, and thankfully for those of a delicate disposition, we took the new (less 'bendy') road up to the plateau on which Ronda stands. Pausing only for the group photo in the Plaza de Toros outside the Bullring (complete with photo-bombing Spanish rider!!) [photo 7], we embarked yet again with a wonderfully knowledgeable guide, on our tour of the town. The gorge and bridge with vast views over the surrounding hills were stunning, [photo 8] and the town a little gem.



Lunch near the Bullring and then a tour inside together with a visit to the museum forming part of the complex. Walking back to the coach we stopped for a refreshing and well deserved ice cream making plans to find Archie, who we thought we might have misplaced. But no, all present and correct, we departed for Malaga and our return home. It was a late return and all departed into the night (well except your second correspondent who had cheekily booked a night at the Gatwick Sofitel and a late start Monday morning!!)

An overall impression

This was a splendidly relaxed trip with the Master, so ably assisted by Kate and Paul, ensuring that all 39 participants were able to derive as much enjoyment as possible from a well-organised, if busy, visit to some fascinating architectural treasures. Kate's seating plans were excellent, and thoughtfully contributed much to the overall enjoyment of the visit.

Andrew Trapnell & David Hall

FLETCHER SUPPORT FOR OUR LEWISHAM AIR CADETS

Part of the wording on the Manuscript of Affiliation between us and 1921 (Lewisham) Squadron states: *"the Master of the Worshipful Company shall appoint a liveryman of the said company to act as a liaison between the Company and the Squadron with responsibilities for fostering even stronger bonds and arranging support to the Squadron as deemed necessary."*

It is therefore excellent news that our liaison liveryman, Tim Eltringham, can announce that liveryman Mike Tadman has volunteered to join the 1921 Squadron Civilian Steering Committee. The committee has an important governance and fundraising role as well as providing independent oversight of the squadron's finances. Mike, with his banking background and more-recent history of fundraising in the education sector, is ideally suited and will bring some much-needed help to this committee, which has struggled over recent years. Conveniently, Mike lives only a few miles from the Squadron's Grove Park training facilities.

Thank you Mike!

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Michael Tadman

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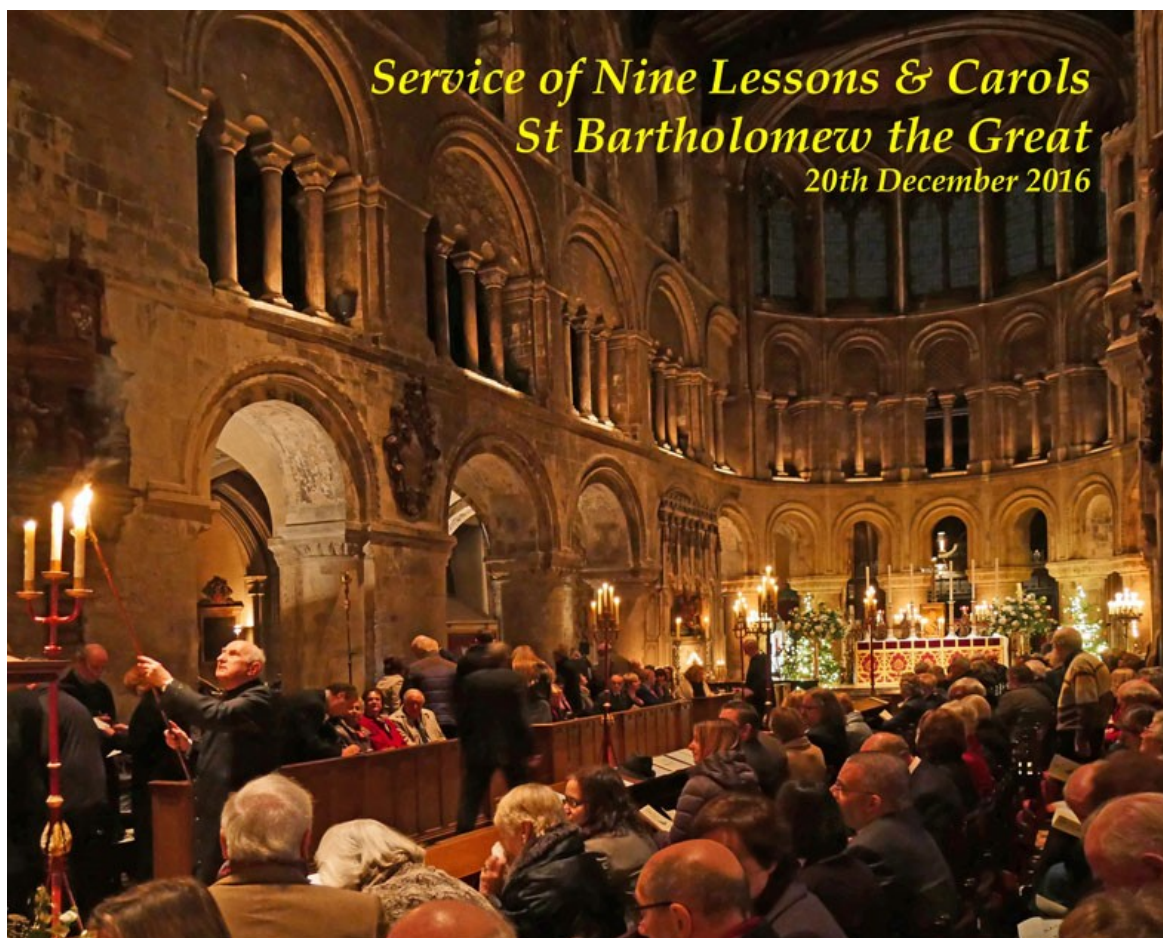
The Carol Service and Supper 20th December 2016



On page 13 there is an account of the tea that preceded the Carol Service in St Bartholomew the Great but here we are concerned with the Service and the Supper.

This was one of the last services conducted by the Rector, the Reverend Dr Martin Dudley, before he moves on. As usual the service was excellent with various Livery Masters reading some of the lessons and our Deputy Master standing in for the Fletchers. The choir was at its best and the quote below from someone who attended both the service and the supper sums up the evening.

"After a Service to rival that of King's College Cambridge, those Fletchers who had not already enjoyed tea at our Hall repaired to the Private Members Dining Room at Guildhall. They were joined by Liverymen from the Hackney Carriages Company and dined on smoked salmon and goose. The evening concluded with a hearty rendition of the Twelve Days of Christmas (building on its success at the Fletcher's lunch); and all left full of Christmas cheer."



*Service of Nine Lessons & Carols
St Bartholomew the Great
20th December 2016*

Fletchers at The Royal Tox in 2016

Every year the Fletchers support two competition events at The Royal Toxophilite Society, a shoot for archers with a disability in May and a general shoot in September. At each event we are made very welcome by the Tox at their Burnham HQ where they provide a lovely afternoon tea of sandwiches and cakes before the Master awards the prizes.

We were honoured this year that our shoot for archers with a disability on Sunday 22nd May, was supported by the Agincourt 600 Trust, and their Chair, Liveryman Professor Anne Curry, was able to join us for the day. It was a lovely spring day, giving ideal shooting conditions for the archers, and an opportunity to sit out for tea in the



garden.

We also

had the Invictus Games archers present, fresh from their medal winning triumphs in Florida. The Master was pleased to present the prizes to the winning archers

Annette Skuse, pictured with Professor Anne Curry, won the Des Clark Trophy

with John Cunningham winning the Burntwood Round, Michelle Nash the Kestrel Round, Simon Powell the Recurve Albion and Andy Phillips the Compound Albion.

A lovely day, and many thanks to Agincourt 600 for their very generous support for the event. Professor Anne Curry is shown here with prize winner Annette Skuse.



Our shoot in September was not quite so fortunate with the weather.



The archers

had good conditions until the last distance when the rain started, at which even the most hardy Fletchers beat a retreat to Archers Lodge, where tea was served.

The competition was closed slightly early, but some of the archers, with a possibility of personal best scores, decided to continue to finish their rounds. That provided time for the Fletchers present to have a look at the very inter-

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Some Charity News

We helped John Kavanagh get to Rio with an extra piece of kit—here it is together with his thanks.

Dear Kate and Michael,

A huge thank you for helping me out with the purchase of this Smartdrive. It may not look very exciting but underneath it is in fact pretty sophisticated, using a Bluetooth connection to a wristband that detects how much effort you want the drive to produce in a very natural manner. I've been testing up the slopes at Lilleshall and it certainly makes a difference! Now I just get teased about getting old. Fair enough I guess.

We fly out to Brazil on 31st and return on 20th Sept. I'm not sure how much coverage there will be compared to the Olympic coverage, it is likely to be mostly online, yet no doubt Archery GB will be providing regular updates. We shall do what we can - but I'm certainly not going to make any predictions as the competitive standard is getting stronger all the time. Plus we have the added complication of no Russians, some thirteen para archers whose places need to be filled at this late stage. We shall see!

Best regards,

John



Medal Winners

We also had a “thankyou” from Archery GB

Hi Michael,

Please accept and pass on a massive thank you to all at the Fletchers.

You all helped Jodie & John win their Silver in the mixed team.

Thank you.

Michael Peart
Head Paralympic Coach, Archery GB



FLETCHERS AND LEWISHAM AIR CADETS NOW OFFICIALLY AFFILIATED

On 16 December 2016, 1921 (Lewisham) Squadron marked the last night of the training year with their Annual Review in front of parents, families and friends. It is an important occasion when, not only is the latest batch of recruits formally sworn in, but prizes and badges are awarded in recognition of achievements over the past 12 months.

The evening, however, became even more significant for the Squadron as the opportunity was taken to recognise our friendship of the past eight years with the exchange of formal certificates of affiliation. Impressive illuminated manuscripts were exchanged between the Master and the OC, Flight Lieutenant David Preece, during the Review ceremony. The Master was supported by Laura, his wife, the Clerk and Commander Tim Eltringham. Once framed, our copy of the manuscript will hang in the lower level of the Hall along with the other affiliation certificates.



The Fletcher Silver Arrow, which is awarded to the cadet who most displays the qualities of our motto "True and Sure", was not presented as this year's recipient was unable to attend. It will be awarded as soon as possible in 2017.

Our air cadet squadron has had yet another impressive year. Despite losing a tranche of their senior and most capable cadets as they reached the upper age limit of 18, the squadron still managed to achieve record results in the annual field day competition (against the 31 other London squadrons) and continues to excel in many areas. It is a great credit that the squadron continues to attract recruits strongly from the Lewisham area; and it is always impressive to see how quickly the young teenagers mature into self-confident, responsible senior

cadets in the disciplined but supportive environment of the Air Training Corps.

Finally, the evening also marked a change of command on the Squadron. After eight years in charge, Flt Lt David Preece handed the reins to the current Training Officer, Flying Officer Wesley Pollard. Flt Lt Preece will continue to support the unit, as his time allows, from his busy new post as a head of department at St Dunstan's school.

Tim Eltringham

(See also the note on p7)

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esting historical artefacts collection at Archers Lodge. Once the scores were in, the Master presented the prizes. Judith Martin won the Ladies' Recurve; Lucy O'Sullivan, the Ladies' Compound; Jonathan Shales, the Men's Recurve and Marcus Yeoman, the Men's Compound. Finally, the Master was pleased to present a set of the Fletchers Commemorative Agincourt 600 Mugs to The Royal Tox.

Melanie Trapnell



Paralympians seize chance to say thanks

Our Rio heroes took to the streets of Manchester and London to say thanks to the British public. In October, our Paralympic archers carried out one final Rio duty: visiting perhaps their greatest supporters, the Worshipful Company of Fletchers

And they did not go empty handed. Double gold medallist John Walker presented the Company's Master, Stuart Fraser, with a Rio team shirt, signed by our Paralympic team, during a special lunch that followed a service of thanksgiving. It was attended by: John Cavanagh, Jo Frith, Jodie Grinham, Mikey Hall, Vicky Jenkins, Tania Nadarajah, Jess Stretton, John Stubbs and John Walker as well as Paralympic Team Manager Hilda Gibson, Paralympic Coach Michael Peart and Beverley Everton.



So how did the Worshipful Company of Fletchers help? Hilda said: "Without the support of the Company these guys would not have been in Rio and won the medals. There is a direct link."

Michael said: "It is great to be able to come here and say thanks because, for many of the team, their recruitment campaign was supported by the Company. They literally would not be here without them. The Worshipful Company of Fletchers paid for the arrows that won a gold medal, so to come here and show them the medals? Priceless."

Compounder Mikey Hall praised the Company for the warm welcome the team received. "It's fantastic," he said. They are really friendly and so helpful. I cannot thank them enough."

And recurver Tania Nadarajah said: "I think the hospitality the Worshipful Company of Fletchers has shown us can only really be outdone by the support they have given us in the run-up to Rio and for such a long time now."

"I am an example of what their funding has done. The Recurve to Rio programme that brought me to Archery GB was a Fletchers-funded initiative. Without something like that I wouldn't have been able to go to Rio and I wouldn't be able to do the things I'm doing with these wonderful people today."

"The Company has made a huge difference to this squad, helping virtually all of us, I believe, at some stage. We are eternally grateful to its members for all they have done and continue to do."

As well as helping our Paralympians and other archers buy equipment, for the past five years the Company has donated £12,500 each year towards identifying, training and preparing potential Paralympians for success and Pass It On courses for coaches.

It has also helped Archery GB's inclusion programme and given funding to Blind Veterans Archery section, to archery schools it set up for disabled children, to the British Wheelchair Archery Association and British Blind Sport.

Jane Percival

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AN INNOVATION

For several years, the Farmers have enjoyed an afternoon tea before going on to our annual joint Carol Service in St Bartholomew's. This year it was opened up to the Fletchers as well and several of us took advantage of the opportunity.



Tea started at 4pm and was open to Fletchers and Farmers and their guests and children were included. On arrival at the Hall, we were greeted and offered a glass of champagne which was most welcome as some of us had come from a fair distance.

Tables of ten were set out in the dining room and looked

most inviting. There were plates of sandwiches with a variety of fillings—egg, smoked salmon and more. Tea and coffee were available on the tables with tea drinkers having a choice of flavours with various juices available for the children. Everyone had a cracker and there were tiers of delicious cakes to suit everyone's taste.

Everyone had a good time and the room was full of cheerful chatter. A quick count showed about



forty people present with the Fletchers outnumbering the Farmers. Tea passed almost too quickly as we donned our coats and made our way down the lane to the Church and the Service of Nine lessons and Carols.

Tea is a great idea, especially for those living a distance away as they can start on their way home straight after the Carol Service.

Help Needed

La Fleche needs your help as without the articles sent in by readers there would be no magazine. So please keep sending articles and pictures into the editor—John Dumbrell. They can be submitted either by e mail to john@dumbrell.org.uk or by post to Riverholme, The Towpath, Shepperton, TW17 9LL. Photographs will be returned.

We now have a capable assistant editor in Carol Kisby—caanki@hotmail.com —who can also be contacted for advice on articles and, as always, our Clerk is available for help.

FLETCHER DIARY DATES DECEMBER 2016 – APRIL 2017

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

Tuesday	17 January		Court Dinner
Friday	27 January		Visit to RAF Northolt
Monday	6 February		Ladies Banquet
Friday	31 March		United Guilds Service
Tuesday	4 April		Installation Court
Date to be confirmed	April		Guided tour of Smithfield - evening
Tuesday	9 May		Sons of the Clergy
Sunday	14 May	F	Fletchers Day for Archers with Disability
Wednesday	31 May	F	Noak Hill Archery
Wednesday	7 June		Highgate Cemetery Visit and Lunch
Tuesday	20 June		Joint Shoot at the Tower
Monday	26 June		Shrieval Elections and Lunch
Tuesday	4 July		Court Dinner
Tuesday	11 July		Fletchers Golf Day – Muswell Hill
Saturday	2 September	F	Fletchers Day for Elite Archers
Friday – Sunday	8 – 10 September		Master's Holiday - Guernsey
Sunday	24 September	F	Sheep Drive over London Bridge
Friday	29 September		Election of the Lord Mayor and Lunch
Thursday	5 October	F	Noak Hill Archery
Tuesday	17 October		Court Luncheon
Thursday	2 November		Visit to Folgate Street
Saturday	11 November		Lord Mayors Show
Tuesday	5 December		Christmas Luncheon
Thursday	14 December		Carol Service, finger buffet at St Magnus the Martyr
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Tuesday	16 January		Court Buffet Supper and Jazz evening
Date to be confirmed	February or March		Ladies Banquet
Date to be confirmed	February or March		Visit to the Jewish Museum
Friday	16 March		United Guilds Service
Tuesday	17 April		Installation Court Dinner