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Shiny 2 News



We treasure our affiliation with the RAF Number 2 Squadron, surely the embodiment of the fastest moving fans. Currently the Squadron is taking a break from following Russian aircraft encroaching on British airspace. It is on active service, deployed on Operation SHADER in the Middle East returning to the UK in the autumn.

Earlier this year HM the Queen honoured 41 RAF squadrons with the Battle Honour "AFGHANISTAN 2001-2014". No. II(AC) Sqn was honoured, without the right to emblazon, for playing a notable and significant role in the Campaign. Battle Honours reflect the tremendous contribution of RAF Squadrons to operations in the air and on the ground and they congratulated the Tornado GR4 predecessors for their outstanding efforts in extremely challenging conditions. (The Squadron now flies Eurofighter Typhoons) Since its formation in 1912,

Shiny Two has received 22 Battle Honours, 11 of which are emblazoned on the Squadron Standard.

Last year, the Allies celebrated the 75th anniversary of D-Day. On 6 June 1944, Shiny Two's 20 pilots and 10 aircraft flew 36 sorties from Gatwick, mostly spotting for the naval bombardment. Flt Lt Weighill and Fg Off Shute were airborne at 0500 hrs and were first over the beaches. Overall, the Squadron, in Spitfires flew over 400 plus sorties in support of the invasion force.

The Fan Makers make an award to the Airman of the Year, it is currently held by Corporal Ben Cook .

We look forward to seeing Wing Commander Em Rickards and her officers soon, lamenting the missed events in April and June this year when we had the opportunity to strengthen our ties.

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Getting to know you: New Members of the Court and their taste in music

At the April Court Meeting, the first one to be held virtually, Liverymen Geoff Cannell and Mark Scoggings were elected as Assistants. Both have demonstrated over the years strong commitment and support for the Livery Company and the Court was delighted to elect them.

Due to the unusual circumstances, as the Court was not meeting in person, it was agreed by all, that rather than clothed and badge them virtually, we would wait until we met again in person to complete the formalities. In the mean time the Court agreed to co-opt the new Assistants elect, until they have sworn the oath they remain Liverymen!!

Congratulations Geoff and Mark.

Liveryman Geoff Cannell



Geoff was introduced to the Fan Makers by Past Master Doug Clasby in 2010 having worked together with Past Master Ray Scott-White in Structural Engineering across a broad range of industry sectors for over twenty years. In more recent times, Geoff has worked on rail projects including London Underground Station Upgrades, Crossrail and HS2. His 15 minutes of fame came in 2013

when he stopped the Victoria Line running after filling a signalling room with concrete!

Geoff is a Governor at Lansbury Lawrence Primary school and assists the Charities Committee as a grant secretary maintaining ties with several of our education-based charities. Geoff also represents the Fan Makers in judging the Innovative Spaces category of the City of London Sustainability Awards.

Geoff fills his spare time pursuing his interests in history and participating in triathlons, open water swimming, running and cycling events. He also works as a volunteer ambassador for World Vision and supporter of Alzheimer Research UK.

My inheritance track:

In memory of my proud ex Royal Navy Father, who died this year, I choose David Garrick's great anthem "Heart of Oak" and the image it invokes in my mind of field guns, teamwork and camaraderie.

Liveryman Mark Scoggings

Mark has worked for the family firm Stellison Limited since leaving school. Stellison Ltd repair and sell domestic appliances, supply and fit bespoke kitchens and also supply commercial laundry equipment, mainly to the care and health sectors. The company currently works from 10 sites across Essex, Kent and Suffolk.

Mark is married to Helena, and they have two sons James and Charles. Mark has been refurbishing his house for the last ten years and also has a keen interest



in both classic cars and rugby. Mark's eldest son plays national league two rugby for Westcliff RFC. Mark was introduced to the company by his father and Past Master Mr Peter Lush. Mark was admitted to the company in 2003.

Inheritance track:

The music Inheritance track that I would pass on is "Who wants to live forever?" by the band Queen.

The History of the Fan Makers Company in 20 Objects

Like many Livery Companies, the Fan Makers has a collection of historic artefacts, some of which may be familiar to you, others not. The last three editions of *The Fan Maker* featured the Beadle's Staff, the Poor Box and two beautiful fans. In this edition we look at a special fan and a Rose Water Bowl.

Object no.7: The British Flowers Fan 2012



English/Indonesian 2012
Single paper leaf
Beechwood sticks (2 + 19)
9 inches, 23 cm.

This fan was created for ladies attending the Banquet at The Mansion House in December 2012 on the occasion of the Diamond Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

The leaf from which this printed fan was made was painted by Charles Summers*, Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Fan Makers, with roses, thistles, shamrock and daffodils, and signed and dated CS 2012. The reverse is undecorated.

The beechwood sticks have a tassel with a polished stone and the fan has gilt metal pivot pin. The printing and the production of the fan (170 were made) were carried out by Ketut Wiranan Taj in Indonesia.

Born in London in 1945, Charles Summers lived his early years in Columbia and Jamaica, returning to England in 1956. In the 1970's he began to paint botanical studies and in both 1977 and 1978 was awarded Gold Medals by The Royal Horticultural Society. Charles' work is concentrated on the natural world and most of his fan leaves, painted in a variety of media, have botanical themes.

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Object no.8: The Rose Water Bowl



English
1894
Sterling silver gilt
Diameter: 14 inches, 35.5 cm. Weight: 45.9 oz., 1423 g.

The Company uses several Rose Water Bowls. This one, made in silver gilt, is decorated with repoussé work of floral motifs and scrolls on a pounced ground. The rising central plinth is decorated with festoons, medallions and fruit sprays and bears the inscription

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Presented
BY

FRANK LAIRD HOWARD COLLINS
Master 1895-6

AS A TOKEN OF REGARD AND ESTEEM FOR HIS COLLEAGUES
ON THE
COURT OF ASSISTANTS

It is also engraved with the arms of the City of London and the Company. It bears the hallmarks for London 1894, and the sponsor's mark for Richard Martin and Ebenezer Hall. A similar Rose Water Bowl, hallmarked for London 1980, was presented by Leslie Ross Collins, Master 1952 and 1957 in memory of his brother W. Bernard, Master 1939 - 1943. The Rose Water Bowls together with a matching ewer are displayed along with other pieces of Company plate on the buffet behind the top table at formal dinners. On completion of the meal the Rose Water Bowls, filled with chilled scented water and decorated with rose petals, are circulated among the diners enabling them to refresh themselves by dabbing a soaked napkin edge behind the ears. (NB)

Update from the Master

In March we had little idea how to respond to the lockdown. Thanks to the group of Court Assistants who came up with the idea of the programmes of talks and interviews, we have got to each other better and discovered quite how interesting the lives are of those we have met in the past in at Skinners. Whether it is providing police protection to Nelson Mandela, commanding and saving a Type 42 Destroyer in the Falklands which had been hit by an Exocet, confronting a polar bear and climbing Mount Everest (not at the same time), researching the Polish SOE or being a Rector who is also a male model, Fan Makers have realised we are go-getters, people who never cease to surprise ourselves by what we can do.

The talks about the art of the fan have shown that by exploiting its delicate mechanics, it is an unusual medium, whether as used for advertising, being an early version of holiday postcards or a modern form of street art. These talks have provided an opportunity for all of us to re-engage with the craft of fan making. Tom Saunders's talk on Decorative Art left me spell bound, we have Michaelangelo in our midst!

It would be fair to say that the lifting of restrictions has left us a little uncertain as to when we can meet physically; last week the Lord Mayor in his interview with the Free Warden intimated that it might be that drinks parties return before dinners were possible. Sadly, I suspect we will look at the traditions of the Rose Bowl and the Loving Cup a little less lovingly when normal life resumes.

The Livery Committee and the group of Assistants who have laid on the programme are planning out our autumn events, keeping it fresh, interesting and fun.

At the moment I do not think that we will have a dinner in October or at the Mansion House, but I remain hopeful about the Carol Service and mulled wine. Fingers crossed, in the meantime the Honourable Clerk is looking for opportunities for physical events.

Rest assured when the time is right, we will be back!

I hope that you all are able to enjoy the summer, and that in the meantime, you and your families stay safe and well.

Colin Bramall, Master

Forthcoming Events

Fan Makers are going on holiday during August but return in September with a Cheese and Wine Tasting and a new programme of talks and interviews. More details will be announced in early September. The first interview is known, please book on the website

Wednesday 9th September 7pm Wine and Cheese tasting—organised by the Livery Committee

Wednesday 16th September 7.45pm for 8pm Owen O'Regan, Head Teacher, Lansbury Lawrence School

A Thought for the Day from Our Chaplain

One of the remarkable things to have come out of lockdown is how we, in the family of Fan Makers, have grown together through our fortnightly meetings.

I have adopted as my forward position our Lord Mayor's marvellous phrase, "repositioned normal".

Like all of us we are repositioning ourselves post-lockdown.

Spare thoughts and prayers for our leaders and for our communities that we may, with grace, reposition ourselves.

Stay safe.

Every blessing,

David Reindorp
Hon Chaplain