FOREWORD BY THE MASTER

Dear Glovers,

Gloving and the associated trades have very much been the theme of the last two months. I attended the judging of the Design Competition at BM Polyco’s factory in April. The judges did not have an easy task and you will be impressed by the winning designs at the Awards Lunch in July. The Lord Mayor’s Big Curry Lunch was an opportunity to offer a raffle prize consisting of a made-to-measure pair of gloves which are being made by Chester Jefferies Ltd.

I have also presented gloves to the Light Cavalry of the Honourable Artillery Company who provided a carpet guard for the Past Master’s Dinner at Armoury House. However, as a Glover, the highlight of the last few weeks was undoubtedly Liveryman Rick Wakeman’s concert in Camberley. There is no doubt that Camberley Civic Hall on 22 April was the hottest ticket of the year and Rick’s performances at our Banquets were just a taster. But if you missed the big show I understand that Rick is performing in the O2 Arena in June.

The Leathery Liveries meet on a variety of occasions. Besides the usual lunches and dinners, we met at our Golf Day (when a Glovers’ team were narrowly defeated on a count-back) and at the Charter Weekend of the Cordwainers of York, when we dined in Merchant Adventurers’ Hall and processed together to the annual service in the guild church. This was a very enjoyable weekend and smoothly coordinated by our Clerk, Mark Butler. The Incorporation of Skinners and Glovers of Glasgow celebrate the 500th Anniversary of their Royal Charter this year and they kindly invited the Glovers and the Skinners of London to attend their Civic Dinner. As reported below we also visited the leather works at Bridge of Weir. Our visit to the Leather Technologies Institute at Northampton ten days before was an invaluable preparation and it was fascinating to see the processes we had learned about there reproduced on an industrial scale.

!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!--GO KART DRIVERS URGENTLY SOUGHT--!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Company is looking for one more driver to make up a second team for the Daytona Grand Prix which will take place at Sandown park Go Kart track on Sunday 19th June 2016. The Mistress is also looking for a lady driver for her team. If you would like to take part or at least find out a bit more then please contact Malcolm Freeman by Sunday 5th June.
LIVERY ONLY LUNCH AND COMMON HALL AT BARBER SURGEONS’ HALL

On 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016 78 members of the Company met at Barber Surgeon’s Hall for lunch and Common Hall. At Court prior to lunch Past Assistant Derek Bishop was presented with his Past Assistant’s badge and was thanked for his significant contribution both on the Court and in various committees. The themes for Common Hall were Social Media and the Social programme run by the Company.

Liveryman Michael Redwood with his publication Gloves & Gloving. Past Assistant Derek Bishop in celebratory mood. The Master Glover addresses the Company with Past Master David Anderson in the foreground.
NEWS FROM THE GLOVE INDUSTRY

YEOVIL COLLEGE ENTERS NEW WORKING PARTNERSHIP WITH Pittards

YEOVIL College has announced that it has entered into a relationship with Pittards, a leading firm in the town, in order to improve the opportunities it can offer to its students.

It is hoped that Pittards will benefit through increased training and development opportunities for its employees, while the agreement will open doors for students of the college to explore possible career chances.

A spokesman for Yeovil College said: “We are building a relationship with Pittards that will further support training and development of their employees, and will offer learners at the college various opportunities, for example, to look at careers in laboratory technology.

“The college is offering bespoke training for machinists to upskill the manufacturing process and to add value to the raw product.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DENTS - BY ROYAL APPOINTMENT

Dents has announced that the company has been granted a Royal Warrant of Appointment to HRH The Prince of Wales for the manufacture of gloves. “We are enormously proud to have been awarded a Royal Warrant,” said Dents’ Chief Executive Deborah Moore. “This is a real tribute to everyone who works at Dents and to the quality of our gloves”.

The company has already had long connections with the British Royal Family, creating special gloves for Queen Victoria and the unique gloves used in the Coronation Services for both HRH King George VI in 1937 and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 1953.

In recent years a brand new Dents factory and head office was opened by the Princess Royal and last year the Duchess of Cornwall visited Dents to present long service awards provided by the Glovers. Some families have worked at Dents for generations and traditional skills and craftsmanship handed down from generation to generation are part of the unique Dents heritage.

BENNETT SAFTEYWARE IN THE NEWS
The following is an abridged version of an article that appeared in the Liverpool Echo. For the full article see: http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/business/innovation-goes-hand-glove-family-11093492. Bennetts was founded by Hugh Garnet Bennet 79 years ago and began specialising in gloves for heavy industry. Liveryman David Bennett is the third generation David Bennett and joined the firm in 1980 having studied law. During the 1970’s the firm diversified into protective clothing for industry and at one time had a monopoly supplying all the Scotch whisky distillers with gloves, wellies and jackets.

Over the last couple of decades and especially after the 2008 recession the company has consolidated from 3 plants employing 120 people to one site with a 35 strong workforce making a range of gloves from lightweight to heavy gloves as well as heat and cut resistant gloves. The firms’ military gloves are cutting edge technology which was recognised by the 2015 award of the Golden Glove by the Worshipful Company of Golvers and was presented at haberdashers’ Hall in February.

The Australian Army, Customs & Excise and Airbus are just some of the big name customers. But with the UK Armed Forces and Fire Service shrinking, the budget squeeze in the Police and a squeezed and competitive overseas market the Company is always embracing new technology in order to remain competitive.

**GLOVERS FUND PROSTHETIC HAND**

Glovers may be aware that the Glovers’ Charitable Trust Board, with the support of the Court, has established a £5000 pilot project aimed at flagging up and raising funds for the Charitable Fund. Thanks to an introduction by the leading charity Meningitis Now and Nottingham University Hospital, Charlotte Hannibal, a 19 year old from Selston, Nottinghamshire will play a vital role in the project. In 2014 she survived a devastating attack of Meningitis W virus caught in her first year at University. Despite intensive hospital treatment doctors were forced to amputate both her legs below the knee and her left-hand fingers.

Charlotte is a fighter. She returned home from hospital last June and she has been recovering step by step...
step and has even re-learned to ride her bike. Her prosthetic legs have been provided by the NHS but understandably she wanted her left hand to look as normal as possible and this is achievable with a bespoke high definition silicone prosthetic hand. This cannot be funded by the NHS and so through our project the Gloyers have the opportunity to make a real contribution to getting Charlotte’s life back on track. Board member David Stone has been in touch with her and in her words she “is very excited” and is absolutely delighted by our donation and has expressed a willingness to do what she can to help us in our fund raising activities.

The nominated manufacturer of the “glove” is The London Prosthetic Centre, part of the Steeper Group, and David and John Wait recently visited them in Kingston upon Thames to establish contact and learn about the process. Their clinician visited Nottingham Hospital on the 19th May to measure Charlotte’s residual limb, create a cast and establish the exact mix of skin tone and pigmentation using their unique “Spectramatch” camera that has over 22000 colour tones to ensure her silicone “skin” is a perfect match.

Further reports on Charlotte’s progress will follow and we hope her story will demonstrate what can be done with modest contributions and in turn we hope it will encourage future giving.

“The Master and Charitable Trust Board want to thank Assistant David Stone for his inspiring pursuit of this project and the tremendous amount of time that he has spent working on it over nearly 3 years. He has been dedicated and determined to find a project that was inspirational for the Gloyers and of great assistance to the recipient of the grant.”

THE GLOYERS REGIMENTAL EVENING -27TH APRIL 2016

The variety of modern weapons, vehicles and equipment is confusing, the training procedures are complex and the physical and mental stamina needed to fulfil the varied roles required by the young men and women of our affiliated Regiment is severely challenging. In addition they are volunteers, also pursuing civilian careers, and yet they are most hospitable and were happy to share with us, the knowledge and experiences that they have gained from their service.

It is no wonder therefore that those of us who attended the Regimental Evening at their Barracks on a chilly Thursday evening, were enthralled by what we saw. The new CO welcomed us and referred to the 61 years of our association which was cherished by their unit. Our Master, himself a former member, replied with an outline of our history and the work of our Livery, as well as the close ties between us, before presenting gloves to 10 members of the Regiment.

We then split into groups to visit the various stands set up by the soldiers. Some rode in a modified Land Rover, others in Jackal combat vehicle, both with a GPMG machine gun mounted, whilst others fired weapons with plastic rounds on the squash court; others watched over realistic medical treatment under battle conditions or learnt about parachute training or talked with the soldiers who participated in the recent Devizes to Westminster canoe race and inspected “our canoe”, funded by a donation from our Charity Projects Committee.

After each group had visited each stand, we all retired to the Mess for a curry supper and a chat which left little time to inspect the Regimental silverware and note the cabinet holding some of these treasures, again funded
by a donation some years ago from our Charity Projects Committee. Like all successful events, Glovers left wishing there had been more time but it was also encouraging to note that several of the Regiment are interested in what we do and there is a real prospect that some members of the Regiment may wish to become Glovers, although little prospect of the reverse! It is therefore to be hoped that our close and happy association may continue for another 61 years.

CALLING ALL TENNIS PLAYERS

David and Christine Thorp will once again represent the Glovers at the Feltmakers annual Inter Livery Tennis Competition at Queen’s Club on 7th September 2016. They are looking for 2 other Liverymen (or partners of Liverymen) to join them. If you would like to do so please contact David on his email in the Livery list.

JUDGING FOR THE 2016 GLOVE DESIGN AWARDS

Judging the 2016 Glove Awards: Back Row: The Master, Past Master John Spanner and Liveryman Leslie Blustin. Front Row: Lynn Mead of Dents, Haseena Latheef of DFYNorm and Shona Easton of Easton Design Studio. The prizes will be given to the winners and runners up at the Wards lunch at Drapers’ Hall on Tuesday 5th July 2016.

THE LONDON WING AIR CADETS INNESS SWORD COMPETITION
SATURDAY 9TH APRIL 2016

It rained hard all the way to the Training Camp at Crowborough where Christopher and I were to watch a team from our supported Air Cadet Unit – 444 (Shoreditch) Squadron - compete for the Inness Sword against 27 other units from the London Wing.

First we watched the Assault course. It looked tough and, thanks to the rain, revolting in places. During the warm-up exercise a young, not very tall Cadet (they can join at age 13) had to drop out and sit down, but she was there for the start and got through, under and over everything – the water, the mud, the tunnel and a very high wall, thanks to her colleagues’ support and the grit and determination you could see in her face. As they ran back up the hill to their warm-down exercises, a cheer went up from the watching Livery group. (I felt a real wimp for carrying an umbrella!)
The other elements we watched were equally full-on (especially when you are covered in mud); navigation, a stretcher race, first aid, archery and one that involved the team devising a way to move a bucket of water over obstacles from one side of a circle to the other, using only cords. It was a fascinating day. The Cadets were lovely to talk to (when they had a moment) and their discipline, fitness, ability to think and to work as a team were very impressive. The competition amply demonstrated all the qualities the Cadets are being taught. The Golvers’ support is well deserved.

**GLOVE COLLECTION TRUST NEWS AND THE NEW EXHIBITION IN THE MUSEUM AT BATH**

We are still buying gloves but from E-Bay and we have recently acquired a pair which I personally find extremely attractive and in fact were the perfect fit for Mrs Ebsworth, but the Trustees wanted them for our Collection. The left-hand image is of a rare Deco Vintage cream brown kid leather ladies gloves so make a perfect addition to collection.

The Fashion Museum at Bath has a new exhibition, ‘A History of Fashion in 100 Objects’ and features, in the words of one of our Trustees, “some of our early 17th century embroidered gloves which are beautifully lit And very eye catching. Later in the final section the Galliano Glove is on display.” Must be worth a visit? The photograph of the Fashion Museum is courtesy of Trustee Stephen Brooker.

If you want to see more of the Collection please go to our web page [www.glovecollectioncatalogue.org](http://www.glovecollectioncatalogue.org)

**LIVERYMAN NICHOLAS SHAW’S HISTORY PAGE**

*(Please visit the website for the full biography)*
Victor Spencer Bowater Liveryman 1891 – 1967 and Other Members of the Bowater Family

Victor Spencer Bowater joined the Glovers’ Company as a Liveryman in 1915 and remained on the Livery until he died in 1967; participated as a member for 52 years! He was born on 24th May 1891 at Normanhurst, Upper Grove, South Norwood and was the eldest of 6 children to Sir Thomas Vansittart and Emily Margaret Spencer. His grandfather was William Vansittart Bowater, born on 15th March 1838 and was the founder of Bowater, which became one of the world’s largest producers of newspaper print. Victor remarried Louise Mountjoy née Lunnon, a widow, in the September quarter 1919 in the Croydon of District.

His father was Sir Thomas Vansittart Bowater who was born on 20th October 1862 at Cheetham Hill, Manchester, Sir Thomas married, on 8th June 1887, Emily Margaret (1867-1924), daughter of John Spencer of Croydon, with whom he had four sons and two daughters. In 1889 Thomas Bowater became a partners in W V Bowater & Sons. From at least 1904, Bowater had left his two younger brothers (Frank and Frederick) to run the business while he devoted most of his time to public life in the City of London.

He was elected as one of the City’s two Sheriffs and at the end of his term he received a knighthood (June 1906). In 1907 he was elected as Alderman of Castle Baynard, a position he occupied until 1931. In 1913-1914 Bowater sat as Lord Mayor of London and soon after (16th July 1914) he was created a Baronet. He was known as Baron Bowater of Hill Crest, Croydon. He also stood as an Independent Conservative in the City of London by-election in 1922 and was narrowly defeated. However, in 1924, he became a Conservative MP for the City of London until his death on 28th March 1938. Sir Thomas’s younger brother Frank held the same office at the outbreak of the Second World War (1938-1939) and so Victor had huge pride in knowing his father and uncle were both Lord Mayors of London, when he was aged 22 and 47.

Major Sir Frank H Bowater (1866-1947) was born in Cheetham Hill, Manchester on 3rd April 1866. He, like his older brother Sir Thomas, was educated at Broughton College, Manchester. He was a Major in the 4th London Howitzer Brigade, Royal Field Artillery (T.F.), during the period of the war commanded a battery in France. He was created a Baronet in 1939 and was known as Baron Bowater of Friston in the County of Suffolk. His mother company was as a Girdler. His son Sir Noel Vansittart Bowater (1892-1984), 2nd Baronet became Lord Mayor in 1953 to 1954 and he was a Vintner. His younger brother Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Ian Frank Bowater (1904-1989) also became Lord Mayor of London from 1969 to 1970 and he was a Haberdasher.

Victor began life at Fritton Lodge, 44 Howard Road, Woodside with his four brothers and two sisters. By the 1911 Census he was living at Hill Crest, Brownlow Road, Croydon, still with all five siblings at that address. Victor Spencer Bowater was admitted to Whitgift School on 19th January 1903 and left in April 1905 his two elder brothers had also gone to Whitgift School. However, he was readmitted to the school on 3rd May 1906 and left in Christmas 1908.

On October 31st 1912 Victor was admitted as a Freeman of the City of London by redemption, son of Sir Thomas Vansittart Bowater of 159 Queen Victoria Street. He served as a Lieutenant and then Captain with 2nd Battalion 4th London Regiment in World War I. In 1915 Victor joined the Livery of the Glovers’ Company and remained a member until he died of a stroke in 1967 whilst living in Solihull. Victor married Hilda Mary Potter, daughter of W. Henry Potter on 8th February 1917 in the Croydon district but she died in August 1918. Victor and Hilda had one son, Sir John Vansittart, who was born on 6th April 1918 who later became the 4th Baronet. Victor then remarried, Louise Mountjoy née Lunnon, a widow, in the September 1919.


Victor came from a very privileged and entrepreneurial family and although he played no part in working in the family business saw his family’s wealth spiral ever upwards throughout his 76 years. He was content to live life as a gentleman and by all accounts enjoyed life to the full. It was remarkable that the City of London appointed four members of his family to be Lord Mayors’ of London, a feat that has not been matched in recent times. The Glovers’ Company were
Indeed fortunate to have Victor as a Liveryman whilst his eminent relatives reached the highest positions running the City of London. In researching this article I was unable to find a picture of Victor but was able to find photographs of his family.

THE MASTER & WARDENS VISIT TO THE SKINNERS & GLOVERS OF GLASGOW

The Master and three Wardens (Jonathan Crossman, Alvan Seth-Smith, Rodney Jagelman) and their wives accepted invitations to attend the 500th Anniversary Dinner for the Incorporation of Skinners and Golvers of Glasgow on 20th May. Provided by the City of Glasgow to celebrate the oldest of the 14 trade Incorporations in the city, 200 guests were entertained on arrival at the City Chambers by the Scottish Fiddle Orchestra. Drinks were enjoyed at the top of the tallest marble staircase in Europe before the 200 guests descended to the main Hall still resplendent in Victorian decoration. The Deputy Lord Provost bid everyone welcome and then Jamie Mason, this year’s Deacon of the Incorporation, spoke of the contribution made by Skinners and Golvers to the trading success of the city, their continuing charitable contribution and support for the crafts particularly through awards for student design. Among other guests were the Master Skinner and her husband and representatives from related ancient guilds in other Scottish cities. The next morning there was a coach tour to the Bridge of Weir to visit the extensive leather works operated by the Scottish Leather Group. Taken round in groups of eight, the visitors were shown the many processes required to create the best quality car seat covers from cow hide. On return to Glasgow the Incorporation kindly provided a buffet lunch in the Trades Hall designed by Robert Adam in the 18th century. This meal completed a fascinating visit to a city once known as the Second City of the Empire. The welcome to the Liveries from London could not have been friendlier or warmer.

THE CLERK’S NOTICEBOARD

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
Should you have articles or flyers for the newsletter which will go out at the end of July please let me have your articles no later than 20th July.

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