

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF COOKS

Matters of interest to Members during the year to November 1985

Site of the Old Hall in Aldersgate Street

Rebuilding began in February by Rush and Tompkins Limited and is due to be completed in July 1986. The archaeological investigations started in the western part of the site, and groups of domestic pottery and glass from the beginning of the 18th Century were found, including an elaborate jug with the crowned initials "G.R." indicating the reign of George the 1st or George the 2nd. Foundations at the North side might have been of late medieval date with brick additions in the 17th Century, when cellars were inserted. The only sign from the Saxon period was a lead disc struck with three incomplete imprints from a die for pennies of 1052/3 of Edward the Confessor. Along the Western side of the site there were traces of an early Roman Road running North/South. Further excavation was to take place to include two late medieval wells with chalk built shafts.

Walthamstow Properties

The Company owns the freehold reversion of a few remaining properties in Corbett Road and subject to receiving a satisfactory price, it has been decided to sell these where possible.

Assistance of Cookery

In January, the Court held a luncheon and Prizegiving at Innholders Hall to which Prizewinners were invited from the City and Guilds of London Institute, RN, ACC, RAF, and also the Winner of the Silver Jubilee Competition namely Westminster College and their Individual Winner, together with Representatives from their Colleges.

The Master attended the International Food Fair, Olympia, the Silver Jubilee Competition, Cassio College Watford, Lunch at Westminster College and the Dinner of Reunion des Gastronomes at the Dorchester Hotel

Associated Companies

The Master attended Livery Dinners held by the Mercers, Broderers and Masons. With regard to the Charter Estate in Zimbabwe, which is managed by the Mercers, some interest has been received from the blocked funds. The Mercers felt that they should explore the possibility of re-patriating the money and of using it on charitable endeavour in Zimbabwe, rather than have it locked up in 20 year local Registered (external) Bonds. As the Mercers is interested in the major part of the funds, the Company has fallen in with their suggestion.

City and Guilds of London Institute

The new Director-General requested an interview to discuss matters of mutual interest. Following this the Company, which is a founder of the Institute, has appointed Past Master M.H.Powell as the Company Representative. He will be invited to yearly and special Meetings, and be entitled to vote on matters affecting the Institute and its activities. Assistant L.C.Grainger has been nominated to serve on the National Advisory Committee of the Institute for Hotels and

Catering. It is also intended to have a joint review of the arrangements for the Company's prize awards.

Christ's Hospital

The Master attended the Speech Days at the Boys School at Horsham and the Girls School at Hereford.

There is a vacancy for the presentation of a boy to the School and any Member of the Company who requires information should contact the Clerk

Formal Engagements of the Master

Amongst his engagements the Master attended a Buckingham Palace Garden Party, the Festival of the Sons of Clergy at St. Paul's Cathedral, a visit by Livery Companies to Ironbridge Gorge Museum, the ACC Passing Out Parade including Lunch with HRH the Duchess of Kent at Aldershot, the Acc Corps Sunday and also various prizegivings and Mess Dinners with the ACC, the Reception and Sunset Ceremony at the RAF School of Catering at Aldershot, the Battle of Britain Cocktail Party at RAF Officers Mess Bentley Priory and a visit to the RN, ACC and RAF Catering Branches at Aldershot with Officers and Wives.

Personal Notes

The Renter Warden, Admiral Sir L.S. Bryson, K.C.B., is President of the Institution of Electrical Engineers. Freemaide Elaine Herbage has been attending a Sudanese refugee camp as a Nurse for four months which is run by Help the Aged. She had studied at Kings College Hospital in London and had more recently been working at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases. Past Master G.R. Young attended in August the RAF School of Catering, Aldershot, and was one of the Judges in the Preliminary competition by the RAF to choose representatives for Hotelympia.

City Livery Club

Any Liveryman of the Company is entitled to apply to join the Club and details can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary at Sion College, Victoria Embankment, London EC4Y 0DN (tel 353 2431/2)

Golfing Society

Golfers are invited to contact the Hon. Secretary, Past Master S.J. Herbage

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