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THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF COOKS OF LONDON

Matters of interest to Members of the Company
during the year to November 1988

Assistance of Cookery

The annual Luncheon and Prize-giving was held at Innholders Hall in January and the Master made the following presentations:-

City and Guilds of London Institute - Basic Cookery - Goblet and Certificate

Miss Heather James, Student of Cassio College Watford.
Certificate to the College Representative.

Royal Navy - Best Further training for 1987 - Goblet and Certificate
A/Ck R. M. Brown (sent on as unable to be present)

Army Catering Corps - Army Chef of the Year 1987 - Bowl and Certificate
Cpl. M. D. Gregory.

Army Young Chef of the Year 1987 - Bowl and Certificate
Pte J. Preston

Apprentice RSM 1987 - Bowl and Certificate
Pte N. J. Abbot (presented at Aldershot)

Royal Air Force - Goblet and Certificate

Cpl A. S. Hodson

Silver Jubilee Trophy 1987

College - Cassio College

Individual - Daniel Mosedale (prizes previously presented)

Cooks Charity

The Charity Committee, who will administer the Trust, has been established. At present the income is being accumulated and only interest is being disbursed. Following the original initiative of Past Master Andrew Murdoch the joint charitable project with the Associated Companies has been entered into. They are the Mercers, the Broderers and the Masons. The total sum to be available each year will be £10,000, of which the Cooks will contribute £3,000. Each Company will nominate their Charity in turn and this year it is the Mercers who are making a donation to the London Enterprise Association. The Cooks turn will be next year. The Charity are considering this and other donations to be made by the Company.

Luncheons and Dinners

The usual Livery Dinners were held in May, when the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs were invited, and November when the Officers of the Associated Companies were invited. There was also a Luncheon for all Members of the Company in February at the Innholders. A special Dinner of the Livery and their Ladies was held at Vintners Hall in September.

Innholders Hall is to be closed from next April for about two years to carry out internal decorations and alterations. Arrangements

have been made for the Company to hold its Meetings and Functions at Cutlers Hall.

Annual Church Service

It is proposed to restart the annual Service of the Company at St. Botolph's Church in Aldersgate Street nearly opposite the site of the old Hall. This Service will probably be held before a Luncheon and details will be given in due course. Past Master Colin Cleugh will make the arrangements.

Association with the Services

In October the Royal Navy held its competition for young Cook of the Year, which was sponsored by the Company. Past Master Graham Young was one of the Judges of the practical competition which was considered a resounding success. The main award was won by A/Ck G. Piper and a number of other awards were also made. Captain David Kerr, who is Director of Fleet Supply Duties, Royal Navy, invited the Master and Officers and two Senior Members of the Company to visit HMS Bristol at Portsmouth in October and to take Lunch on Board. The Party met in the Wardroom of HMS Nelson, which is a shore station, and were then transported to the Ship, where they were met by the captain, Captain Peter Franklyn MVO RN, and his Officers. There was a conducted tour of the whole Ship with particular reference to the catering. The hospitality of the Navy was much appreciated.

The Master and Officers accompanied by their Ladies attended the Corps Day of the Army Catering Corps at Aldershot. There was a Service at the Garrison Church followed by a Parade and later there was Luncheon in the Officers Mess. The annual golf match against the Corps was held in the Summer at the Berkshire Golf Club and in the evening the Team were nobly entertained in the Mess to Dinner.

Mayoralty

In 1989 the City of London celebrates 800 years of the City's Mayoralty and the Company intends to participate in this, possibly by arranging an Exhibit.

National Safe Deposit

This closed down early in the year and the contents of the Half Vault, which had been leased by the Company for very many years, had to be removed. Documents and other records were sent to the Guildhall Library, and the Company's Plate is stored in the Bank of England.

Christs Hospital

The Company has decided to present Adam Tinlin. Assuming he passes the entrance examination, he will be admitted to the School in September 1989.

If any Member of the Company knows of a Candidate for presentation in the future, who can be either a boy or a girl, the Clerk can supply details.

Clerkship

The death of our Clerk, Liveryman Jack Lavington, was sudden and much lamented. He died early in January and the Renter Warden became acting Clerk of the Company for about three months, assisted by Past Master Bob Price. Mr. Michael Thatcher, who was a Partner of Mr. Lavington, was appointed as the new Clerk. The Company extends to him a hearty welcome and its best wishes.

Livery Medals

It was the practice for many years for a fine to be levied on Liverymen who were not wearing their Livery Medal at a Livery Dinner. The Renter Warden has again been instructed to collect the sum of £1 from each Liveryman who is without his Medal.