



Master's Newsletter - May 2022

Dear Liverymen and Freemen

Myself and many Liverymen of the Bakers Company attended the funeral of our Master Simon Springett at St Mary's Church, Chigwell on 12th April. It was a lovely service in a very full church and a fitting tribute to such a well loved figure. I am sure you all join me again in expressing our condolences to his wife Sandra, children James and Rebecca and to his mother Jackie.



Court Meeting and Dinner 4th April

Monday 4th April we held our Court Meeting and Dinner. At the Court Meeting Michael Roberts was Clothed a Liveryman and Jacqueline Cornwell, widow of Past Master Alan Cornwell was made an Honorary Freeman of the Company. We also welcomed six new Freemen; Malcolm Groat, Shaan Ilyas, Mike Marino, David Owen-Jones, Roy Parton and Alistair Salmon. Dr Joan Alcock was installed as a new Court Steward.



Honorary Freeman Jacqueline Cornwell



Steward Dr Joan Alcock



Liveryman Michael Roberts

The speaker at Court Dinner was Liveryman Christopher Tomkins, President of Bakers Benevolent Society who spoke about the important work of the Society and the Bakers Villas at Epping. The Worshipful Company of Bakers has a long record of supporting the Society.



Liverymen Andrew Dinsdale, Malcolm Groat, Shaan Ilyas, Master Christopher Freeman, Mike Marino, David Owen-Jones, Roy Parton, Alistair Salmon.

The April Court Meeting was also Martina's last official event before she left the Bakers Company to relocate to Spain. I'm sure you will all join me in thanking her for her loyal service over four years and wishing her well. A cheque and flowers were presented to her.

The Big Curry Lunch

The Lord Mayor's Platinum Big Curry Lunch took place on 7th April at Guildhall. WCB had a stall selling a bag of bakery products which were donated by Tiptree, Fine Lady, University College Birmingham, National Bakery School, Dunns' Bakery, Bettys, and Zeelandia. Thanks to Assistant Alison Springett and Steward Kathy Hooper for helping to pack the bags and to Liveryman Fiona Henderson and Freeman Elaine Thompson for running the stall on the day. We were pleased to welcome the Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie to the stall. Over £1590 was raised on the day.



Bakels

Saturday 23rd April saw the repeat of the Baking Day for Non-Bakers at Bakels. This was a great success again and thoroughly enjoyed by those attending. Particular thanks to Liveryman Andy Hooper for organising and running the day. Over £300 was raised for the Benevolent Fund.



Richmont Bakery Course - Lucerne

Last week the much delayed bakery course at the world famous Richemont bakery school in Lucerne Switzerland took place. Fourteen delegates accompanied by Assistant Sara Autton and Liveryman Henry Jefferies spent four intense days at the Richemont School learning new techniques and recipes to help develop their careers in baking. The delegates were from a variety of bakery backgrounds from all over the British Isles. A full report will follow shortly including photographs of some of the best patisserie and bread there is to see. All delegates were extremely grateful to the Trustees for giving them this opportunity. This was considered to be the best group that has been on any of the WCB sponsored courses. They were very enthusiastic and willing to work hard and learn. A full report will follow shortly.



Update on Bake4Ukraine

Bake4Ukraine continues in with people retuning to work despite the War they try to return to normal life and are general positive that Ukraine will be victorious ._Bread continues to be provided along with the traditional Easter bread. Local people still come to the bakery and the team deliver to those in and around Kyiv. Bake4Ukarine has received great support from the company including ovens and equipment that is being consolidated will be sent across to Andriy and the team to be distributed to those in need.



Ukrainian Easter bread or paska (which means Easter) is a slightly sweet egg bread that can be decorated with religious symbols. It's traditionally taken to church on Easter morning in a special basket with other foods to be blessed.

Easter cakes by Bake4Ukraine. Photo credit: Perspektiva 21.3.



Forthcoming events

- Wednesday 18th May Interlivery Clay Shoot at Holland and Holland. Details from the office.
- Thursday 26th May Beating the Bounds. Details from office.
- Thursday 23rd June Master's Day Out; Wine tour and lunch at Denbies Vineyard, Dorking, Details from office.

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All Best Wishes

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