



The Livery Society

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LIVERY SOCIETY AGM – with Guest speaker from 45 Squadron RAF



On **Monday 27th February** the **Bakers' Livery Society Annual General Meeting** took place in the Court Room at **Bakers Hall**. All Liverymen, Freemen, and Young Bakers are automatically members of the Livery Society and their guests are all most welcome. A **total of 35** people attended.

As has become the habit, the AGM itself took up the minimum of time (max 5 minutes) – and the **focus was very much on our guest speaker, Flight Lieutenant Scotty Edmed from 45 Squadron RAF**, which is one of the **Bakers' military affiliates**.

Ft Lt Edmed was in his flying jacket (see **photo above** – with Liveryman Julian Dale, the Bakers' Military Liaison Officer) and gave a **fascinating and very personal talk**,

accompanied by some fantastic slides – most of which were taken by him from his cockpit.

He explained **his own story** of how he came to be at 45 Squadron and how that journey saw him literally travelling around the world – **refuelling fighter jets mid-air** from a Voyager military aircraft (a converted Airbus A330).

He also gave us a **short history of the Squadron** – nicknamed **the Flying Camels**, after its extraordinary success in combat with the Sopwith Camel in the First World War.

Finally, Scotty explained the various **ways that the funds the Bakers' Company send the Squadron each year are spent**. As examples, towards the **design of a Squadron Coin** and the refurbishment of Trophies.

Our **mutual relationship is highly valued** and this was further strengthened by the **presentation to the Company** by Scotty, on behalf of 45 Squadron, **of a framed print of the Squadron - signed** by the Squadron members - which also included the **new Squadron Coin**.

This was very **gratefully received**, on behalf of the Company, **by Past Master Patrick Wilkins** who warmly thanked Scotty for his splendid presentation, which had made for a most enlightening and entertaining evening – a sentiment enthusiastically supported by all present.

A **glass of fizz** followed by a **2 course buffet supper** in the Hall **allowed everyone to chat with Scotty**, who very kindly agreed to play 'musical chairs' to do so.

Huge thanks once again to Scotty and the team at **45 Squadron** for making this into such a memorable evening

Max Elvidge
Chairman of the Bakers' Livery Society