

The Worshipful Company of Bowyers

## Master's Dinner



Tallow Chandlers' Hall,  
4 Dowgate Hill, London EC4R 2SH

24th July 2008

*Master*

Mr Peter Harrow

*Upper Warden*

Mr Howard Mundy

*Renter Warden*

Mr Michael Wren

*Clerk*

Mr Richard Wilkinson



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### *Bill of Fayre*

Pan Fried Sea Bass  
with Rocquette Salad and Salsa



Marinated Loin of Lamb  
Parisienne Potatoes  
Pak Choy  
Parsley Carrots



Crème Brulee



Baked Field Mushroom topped  
with Leeks and Roquefort cheese



Coffee and chocolates

### *Wines*

Champagne - Delamotte Brut  
Domaine de Montauberon, Viognier, 2007  
Pata Negra Grand Reserva, 2000  
Graham Late Bottled Port

### *Toasts*

THE QUEEN

*Proposed by the Master*



THE PRINCE PHILIP DUKE OF EDINBURGH  
THE PRINCE OF WALES, THE DUCHESS OF CORNWALL  
and  
THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL FAMILY

*Proposed by the Master*



THE LORD MAYOR, AND THE CITY OF LONDON CORPORATION

*Proposed by the Master*



THE PIOUS MEMORY OF JAMES WOOD

*Proposed by the Master*



THE COMPANY

*Proposed by Mr R Model KCMCO, Deputy Master*

*Response by Mr P Harrow, Master*

### *Music*

BY KIND PERMISSION OF THE RECTOR OF ST BRIDES

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## *The Ceremony of the Loving Cup*

THE LOVING CUP is a delightful feature of the Hall-feasts of the City of London. The Cup is of Silver and Silver-gilt, and is filled with spiced wine, immemorially termed “Sack”. Immediately after dinner and Grace, the Master and Wardens drink to their guests a hearty welcome; the Cup is passed round the table, and each guest after he has drunk, applies the napkin to the mouth of the Cup before he passes it to his neighbour. The more formal practice is for the person who pledges with the loving cup to stand up and bow to his neighbour, who, also standing, removes the cover with his right hand and holds it while the other drinks; a custom said to have originated in the precaution to keep the right (or dagger) hand employed, that the person who drinks may be assured of no treachery, like that practiced by Elfrida on the unsuspecting King Edward the Martyr, who was slain while drinking at Corfe Castle. This was why the Loving Cup possessed a cover.

On passing the Loving Cup, the one who has pledged should immediately turn his back on his neighbour until he in turn has passed the cup on, ostensibly to protect him from attack from behind whilst in the act of drinking.

## *Grace*

*From the “Laudi Spirituali” – AD 1545*

For these and all Thy mercies given.

We bless and praise Thy name, O Lord,

May we receive them with thanksgiving,

Ever trusting in Thy Word,

To Thee alone be honour, glory,

Now and henceforth, for evermore, *Amen*