

Editorial

After a summer of cricketing disappointment (for the English Test team, anyway - how will they fare against India this winter?) and a fortnight of medal success in Rio, let me turn, belatedly, to pewter. A data crash threw me into, temporary, confusion; but we managed to salvage some, and are now operating again.

Tin mining

In this issue, Laila Zollinger looks at tin mining, and the safer route that the tin now takes to the market. See the last issue (7.2) for an article by Jonathan Rickwood of ITRI on the subject of Conflict Tin.

The EPU

We have a report by Jayne Abdy on this year's European Pewter Union AGM, held - rather successfully it seems - in Sheffield. We welcome a new Chairman of EPU, Martijn van Zon, of *'t Oude Ambacht Tin*, in The Netherlands. Martijn takes over from Richard Abdy - and next year's meeting is already being planned.

Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge

One comes across pewter in unexpected places. We found some in Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge in Epping Forest. The Lodge, and the adjacent Visitor Centre, are well worth visiting.

Puzzle

Last month's puzzle was solved by two people, though one of them, Marc Meltonville, disqualified himself on the grounds 'insider knowledge'; therefore, the bottle of passable claret goes to Ralph German, along with congratulations for getting the right answer. A second bottle goes, however, to Marc for being first with the answer, even if prompted by insider knowledge!

The answer: The Treaty of London (also called the Somerset House Conference), 1604; Artist unknown. The Treaty was signed by Robert Cecil, Secretary of State to the New James I of England and sometime courtier to Elizabeth I, along with others. It ended a long war with Spain.

Pewter Live 2016

Finally, Pewter Live 2016 - another exciting competition, the last to be chaired by Richard Parsons. His post is taken over by Isabel Martinson. We hardly need to wish her luck - she has been handed a running, successful competition; she now needs to add her 'twist' to it and take it to new levels of excellence.

There are two competitions: the Student and the Open.

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This year the brief for the Open competition asked entrants to produce a pewter item, or range of pewter items, that could be used by the Company in its day-to-day activities. For more information, and for access to the list of winners, please click [this link](#).

The winner of the Open Competition was Ella McIntosh, with her [Canapé Tray](#). Please click the link and scroll along to page 18.

Finally

The data crash has meant the postponement of a number of articles; but we will catch up over the coming months. In the meantime, do keep reading and letting me have your comments and ideas for articles. Thank you!

Alan Williams

PS I have agreed to support the Lord Mayor's Appeal this year by abseiling down the spire of St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall. If you wish to support this unnerving exercise, please go to

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Alan-Williams18>

and donate as much as you feel able to two good causes: the Sea Cadets; and JDRF, Type 1 Diabetes.

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