

Lord of the Manor
The Lord Mayor, Commonalty and Citizens
of the
City of London

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Senior Patrons
The High Steward of Southwark
HHJ Peter Beaumont QC
The Recorder of London
The High Bailiff of Southwark
Charles Henty
The Secondary of London & Under Sheriff

Foreman
Cyril Levy

Clerk of the Manor
Tony Sharp

Clerk to the Jurors
Stan Brown

1 October 2007

Dear Jurors,

As required under Rule 6.1 the following is provided for your information

Annual Letter

You have been notified of the High Steward's Precept and by now received your Summons for the November Court Leet. Please find the Agenda* and abstract of Audited Accounts for the Annual Meeting, which shall take place at that venue at 2.45pm that day, enclosed:

**ie draft agenda; members may propose any business before the Meeting for inclusion, or use 'AOB' at the Meeting*

The Officers to be Sworn are:-

FOREMAN
CONSTABLE
AFEEROR
FLESH TASTER
ALETASTER (St Olave's side)
ALETASTER (St Saviour's side)

Frederick Trowman
David Boston
Ron Leek
Stan Brown
Ian Tough,
Donald Goree,

¹⁻⁶ *Committee of Officers with Trustees; by succession and service under Rule 7.2*

SUPERNUMERARY:-

ALESIZER (St Saviour's side)

Mike Honnoraty⁷, Janet Honnoraty⁸, Howard Doe¹¹, Leslie Grout¹²

“ ” All other Officers and Trustees

ALESIZER (St Olave's side)

Roger Davis⁹, Geoffrey Drust¹⁰, Simon Walsh¹³

“ ” All other Officers and Trustees

⁷⁻¹³ *at pleasure of Committee elected under Rule 7.3*

CLERK OF THE MANOR‡
ORATOR ~ CLERK‡
CLERK TO THE JURORS‡
OUTROPER OR COMMON
CRYER‡§

Tony Sharp (F: 2001-2002)
Peter Gadbury (F: 2000-2001)
Stan Brown
David Wilson (F: 2005-2006)
§ Charter of Charles I 1625

BEADLES ‡
(St Olave's side)
(St Saviour's side)

Stan Brown (Upper Beadle)
All Officers and Trustees
All Officers and Trustees

‡ at pleasure of Committee under Rule 7.3

TRUSTEES‡‡

Peter Gadbury (F: 2000-2001)
Tony Sharp (F: 2001-2002)
Ian Wingfield (F: 2002-2003)
Diane Riley (F: 2004-2005)
David Wilson (F: 2005-2006)
Cyril Levy (F: 2006 - 2007)
Robert Turner (Honorary)

‡‡ Rule 3.

HON AUDITORS §§

Ian Wingfield (F: 2002-2003) Ian Tough

§§ Notified to Annual Meeting under Rule 8.

HONORARY COUNSEL‡

Dr James Behrens

The three Southwark Courts Leet are among the 34 bodies that retain the right to sit for their customary business including “...*the appointment of traditional officers*” as a limited jurisdiction under the ‘Administration of Justice Act 1977; §23 (1)(b) Sch 4 Pt III’.

General

Just a few days before being sworn in as Foreman, the other officers and myself, attended **Guildhall** on the morning of **11th November** to make a presentation to our new Lord Mayor, Ald John Stuttard. We were gratified that some of our guests, who had great experience and had held high office in the Livery, had never attended and said that this reflected on the status and high regard in which the Manor is held within the City. Ald John Stuttard is both a Glazier and a senior partner of PriceWaterhouseCoopers and as such told us he has a close affection for Southwark.

Membership and Tenancy

As the Manor membership expands, so does the costs of running it; nor are we quite big enough to benefit from an economy of scale; the costs of holding the Court Leet have risen and the margin of finance required to hold this means that an additional charge of £10 was levied last year. We have maintained the Tenancy Fee (annual subscription) for some years but now feel we have to set this at £35 pa. Fifteen new members were enrolled. There were two Resignations and five non-renewers. There are now 70 members/ Jurors. However, it is our intention to increase to 100 members so that we can have a better critical mass to support functions. The Committee would therefore request that you actively recruit suitable persons to become Jurors, especially if they are unlikely to become Liverymen but are attracted to the City’s traditions, and of course we offer the unique combination of the Southwark arrangements to propose them for the Freedom and to celebrate its receipt at View of Frankpledge and Quit Rents. We have had visiting Livery Masters at these events, who have indicated that they are most impressed with the ceremonial aspects and have indicated that they are giving consideration to adopting some of our procedures at their events.

Events & Functions of the last year

A general rise in costs for functions over the last two years is reflected in the increase in charges for these events. The Committee is mindful that charges have to be levied at a rate that keeps them attractive for the members. At the **Court Leet** of 15th November 2006 I was sworn in as Foreman in the **Hilton Tower Bridge** a very hectic day because we had to use the same room for the Luncheon before this. The Luncheon was the best attended ever, 79 Jurors and Guests were present. Gratifyingly a large number of new officers were prepared to take up the duties and responsibilities of attending the ceremonial events of the year.

The Manor’s involvement with Southwark Council’s ceremonial activities was cemented when we were asked to participate in the **Bankside Frost Fair** events, in particular to formally give welcome to our City brethren **the Masters of 20 Livery Companies and the Thames Traditional Rowing Boat Association** five parties of which rowed over for the festivities on **16th December**. I greeted on meeting them at the Millennium Bridge landing and we then processed them to **The Shakespeare Globe** for a Reception. We were also given a guided tour of the Globe Theatre including a performance of the short play ‘George and the Dragon’. We hope that this is to become a regular annual event, one that it is most fitting that the Manor be the representative body to welcome the Livery. (See photo spread below)

The combined **Thanksgiving Service and Quit Rents Ceremony** was held on **28th March**, for new Freemen, Members and Guests. We assembled at the **Chamberlain’s Court**, where eleven took the oath. This is combined with a Service of Thanksgiving at Guy’s Chapel, Guy’s Hospital and followed by the Quit Rents Ceremony. We were most gratified that Master Robert Turner, the **Queen’s Remembrancer**, has accepted that it is a duty of his Office to receive these on behalf of the Crown from us (on behalf of the City). For this purpose he constituted the **Court of Exchequer**. This is only one of four City ceremonies which he participates in. I then hosted a Luncheon at the London Bridge Hotel. Almost 90 Jurors and their guests attended, a record number, coming from as far as the USA, York and the Midlands. We had to have an ‘overflow’ lunch room for this purpose. We are rapidly outgrowing all of the venues for our functions. Our civic brethren and guests included Members of the Court of the Loriners Company, Common Councilmen and the President of the Freemen of England and Wales. One of our practices, which has been remarked upon by visiting livery, is the reading by our new freemen of passages from *Some Rules from the Conduct of Life* (‘the little red book’) at the luncheon. The Clerk to the Chamberlain’s Court says he is not aware of any Company doing this. Apparently, visiting livery are much taken with it and have indicated they are to adopt it within their own companies. So perhaps the Manor has started a new ‘tradition’.

The next day, **29th March** we were invited to a **Reception and Tour** of the Central Criminal Court, Old Bailey, by the High Steward and the High Bailiff and presented a cheque for the Sheriffs’ & Recorder’s Fund by way of thanks.

The History Tour of the Borough area on Saturday **14th April** was conducted by our Clerk, Tony Sharp, and started at Borough Tube Station and finished at The Mudlark, Montague Close where we had excellent individual lunches and drinks.

Thirteen members and guests attended. These tours are probably the most convenient and accessible way to understand the fascinating history of the Manors.

Part of our annual round has been visits to various venues outside the Manor and this year we were invited to the **Warwick Court Leet Ale Conning on 21st June**. Janet Honnoraty and Ron Leek represented the Manor at this event and likewise Ron represented us at the **Alcester Court Leet Ale Conning on the 23rd June**.

The Rochester Visit has now become a regular feature of our year, hosted by our sister FEW Guild, The Rochester Oyster and Floating Fishery, held on **Saturday 30th June and Sunday 1st July**. This is a working guild and company of fisherman and has statutory rights of Presentment at the said court which is presided over by the Admiral of the Medway the Mayor of Medway borough with a group of six robed Councillors forming the Admiralty Court, one of whom was none other than our own member Howard Doe. The day started with the Admiralty Court held in the beautiful Guildhall. The Manor Officers were also permitted to convey the formal **Greetings of the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor Ald John Stuttard** to the Mayor and Freemen of the Medway. We then processed the Mayor of Medway from the Guildhall to the river and then took to boats for beating the bounds to Hawkwood Stone and ended with an entertaining luncheon at the Rochester Cruising Club. At this we presented, by way of thanks, an encribed pewter brandy balloon to the RCC's Commodore, Terry Morgan. We were also invited to attend the evening barbeque and following day's festivities which include a Regatta to Sheerness and evening buffet. Most of us avoided the very inclement waters by staying ashore and touring the local Museums, the Castle and Cathedral and a party ventured deep into the Isle of Sheppey for a pub lunch at the Ferry Inn. We are extremely grateful for the warm hospitality extended to the Manor by the Rochester guild, the Cruising Club and Mayor of Medway every year at this event.

The **'Bridge House-Yard Dinner'**, was held on 19th September at the London Bridge Hotel. Aside from the Chief Commoner, Pauline Halliday, as our principal guest along with Sir David Brewer the 'Late' Lord Mayor of London, we also entertained the Sheriffs 'Elect' Aldermen Michael Bear and Alderman Ian Luder, along with Ald Alan Yarrow (Bridge With and Without), Ald Sir Paul Judge (Tower), Master Robert Turner, the Queen's Remembrancer, the Mayor of Medway as well as our civic brethren and guests which included the Prime Warden Goldsmith and the Masters of the Carmen's Company and of the Parish Clerk's. Sixty Five Members and guests attended the largest attendance at this event ever.

Throughout the year various members of the Committee represented the Manor as invited guests at events hosted by the Mayor of Southwark (Annual Council etc), Altrincham Court Leet, and London South Bank University (Honorary Degree Awards) the Sheriffs & Recorder's Fund AGM, among many others. The higher profile of the Manor has meant that there has been reflected in the number of invitations we now receive to attend Livery Company events, such as those of the Guild of Air Pilots, Actuaries Company, Gold & Silver Wyre Drawers and Plaisterer's Company.

The Committee would urge all of the members to try and come to these functions with friends, partners and paying guests. Those of you who are **Liverymen** who intend to sponsor persons for the Freedom by Redemption without the intervention of a Livery Company are urged to consider making use of the **View of Frankpledge** and **Thanksgiving Service and Quit Rents Ceremony** events to be proposed for and celebrate the receipt of the Freedom in a suitable commemorative and dignified way.

Affiliations

The Manor is affiliated to the Friends of Southwark Cathedral and the national association of the Freemen of England and Wales.

Finances and Audit of Accounts / Trustees

With this letter you will find a copy of the Audited Accounts which are placed before the Annual Meeting. As you can see, above, the Committee has chosen Ian Tough and Ian Wingfield to undertake these duties again next year, neither are cheque signatories. Authority over expenditure on goods and services is exercised by the Committee and the Trustees. Ken Hayes ceased to be a member and therefore also an Auditor and Trustee. There is therefore a shortage of Trustees and so I am delighted to accept Nomination as a Trustee along with David Wilson, the immediate Served Foreman. Furthermore, with effect from his retirement as Queen's Remembrancer, Master Robert Turner has accepted the status of Honorary Trustee.

The **Tenancy Fee Account** has to carry the costs of communications, the Tenancy Fee and sundry other items which the membership as a whole ought in fairness to carry, such as entertaining our official guests. The Membership Fine of which 50% accrues to this Account. The Committee has decided to set the Tenancy Fee at £35.00 for 2008-9. This account also has to fund the costs associated with the **Court Leet Day**.

Merchandise & General Account. Once again the membership, Manor activities and ceremonial equipment were effectively subsidised by the sale of merchandise to third parties realising a useful surplus. The large figure for sales to members are in fact a reflection of the Officers purchasing their Ale Conning equipment or providing gifts to each other. The prices for Guildable

Manor Merchandise for our own members are deliberately set at below High Street rates to encourage membership identity, in most cases they are priced at a little above cost. These items are of exceptional quality and value.

Banqueting Account. All of our major functions follow a format of an Event, be it ceremonial or a talk or other entertainment, a good quality meal at excellent prices with drink, usually with excellent company and official guests. This is a sensible mixture of formal and informal. No Livery Company can offer this value and no City Ward Club has this level of civic status and pomp. I would ask all members to bring guests with a prospect of joining a unique institution as an introduction to the rich heritage of both the City of London and Southwark.

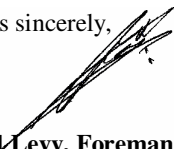
Charitable Donations (Banqueting Account)

The Committee, in accordance with last year's Annual Meeting made further contributions to charitable objects, many of these were laying in long-term 'goodwill' with various institutions to develop better relationships. Over this last year several donations were made which amounted to over £1,700, the largest budget we have contributed. The Committee of Officers shall vary these amounts as to what is a prudent disbursement in regard to the balance of the Accounts.

Queries

If any one has any questions arising out of this Letter, the Accounts or from the Minutes of the last General Meeting, (previously distributed and reproduced below) the point of circulating these in advance is to ask you to give me Notice, in reasonable time before the meeting, so that a detailed answer can be prepared and made at the Annual Meeting. Likewise, at any other time during the year, if members have any queries of, or want to make suggestions to, the Committee then a note about these shall receive a detailed and considered reply.

Yours sincerely,



Cyril Levy, Foreman

For and on behalf of the Committee of the Guildable Manor.



Foreman and Officers awaiting Livery Masters and Boats at Bankside
l-r:- David B, Mike H, Janet H, Tony S, Peter G, Cyril L, Ken H, Freddie T, David W.



Cyril congratulates the Livery rowers arriving ashore: and presents Certificates to finishing teams at the Globe Theatre



THE COURT LEET OF THE GUILDABLE MANOR OF SOUTHWARK

2007-2008

GUILDABLE MANOR

**The names of the Free Tenants summonsed to attend as Jurors of the said Manor at
John Marshall Hall, Christchurch, Southwark
on Wednesday the 14th day of November 2007 at 3.20pm.**

**Roy Alston
Jeremy Barrett
Leoniza Barrett
Dr James Behrens
David Boston*
George Brodie BEM
Stan Brown*
Major Denise Capstick
Scott Cargill
Jane Coglan
Daphne Dale
Norman Dale
Loraine Davis
Roger Davis*
Howard Doe*
William Donovan
Geoffrey Drust*
Victor Drust
Paul Dudley
Edward Errington
Frank Everard
Peter Gadbury SF T
Jonathan Gall
Mark Glover**

**Donald Goree*
Michael Gould
Dr Charlotte Grezo
Mark Grove
Leslie Grout*
James Gurling
Bala Jaspal
Paul Jaspal
Peter Hamel Cooke
John Hammond
Leigh Hatts
Susan Haydock
Richard Hollier
Dr Graham Hollox
Janet Honnoraty*
Michael Honnoraty*
David Hubber
Valerie Jarvis
Dominic Kelsey
Stephen Kirkman
Ron Leek*
Cyril Levy SF T
Kenneth McGrath
Michele McLusky**

**Torquil McLusky
Richard Moore
Gary Munday
Angela Nelson
Edward Newman
Mark Nowell
Simonie Prior
Angela Prodger
Mervyn Redding
Diane Riley SF T
Tony Sharp SF T
Robin Sherlock
Michael J Stewart
Ian Tough*
Frederick Trowman*
Michael Wallis
Simon Walsh*
Bryan Whalley
Ian Williams
Nicholas Williams
David Wilson SF T
Dr Ian Wingfield SF T**

** Officer; SF Served Foreman; T Trustee*

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AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2007 at 2.30pm
to be held at
John Marshall Hall, Christchurch, Southwark

- 1.i) To Accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 15th November 2006 as a Correct Record.
- ii) Matters Arising.
- 2.i) To Accept the Annual Letter as Circulated.
- ii) Matters Arising.
- 3.i) To Receive the Audited Accounts as Circulated.
- ii) Matters Arising.
- 4.) Votes of Thanks, proposed by the Foreman.
- 5.) Any Other Business.

END.

MINUTES OF
ANNUAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2006 at 2.45pm
held at
The Hilton London Tower Bridge, London SE1
(These minutes were circulated in January and any errors or omissions rectified)

1.i) Attendance:

T Sharp; Stan Brown; Geoffrey Drust; Ron Leek; Cyril Levy; Michael Honnoraty, Janet Honnoraty, Donald Goree; Leslie Grout; Ian Tough; Dr Charlotte Grezo, David Wilson; Ian Wingfield; Howard Doe; Roger Davis; Peter Gadbury; Freddie Trowman, David Boston; Diane Riley, Ken Hayes; Mark Glover; James Gurling; George Everard; Victor Drust; Sue Haydock; Edwin Barella; Graham Hollox; Michael Gould; Jon Gall; Paul Dudley; Dominic Kelsey; Edward Errington; Nick Williams, Jane Coglán; Robin Sherlock; John Rice, Bill Donovan, Richard Hollier.

2.i) To Accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting: Wednesday 16th November 2005 at 2.45pm
held at The Glaziers Hall, Montague Close, London SE1 as a Correct Record.

Agreed Nem Com

ii) Matters Arising. **None**

3 i) To Accept the Annual Letter as Circulated.

Agreed Nem Com

ii) Matters Arising. **None**

4.i) To Receive the Audited Accounts as Circulated.

Agreed Nem Com

ii) Matters Arising. **None**

Agreed Nem Con

5.) Votes of Thanks, proposed by the Foreman. The Foreman thanked all of the Officers for their support over the last year and also the Jurors for attending functions.

Agreed Nem Con

6.) Any Other Business:- None.

END.