

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
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The High Bailiff of Southwark
Charles Henty
The Secondary of London & Under Sheriff

Foreman
David Wilson

Clerk of the Manor
Tony Sharp

3 October 2006

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)
ALESIZER (St Saviour's side)

ALESIZER (St Olave's side)

Cyril Levy
Frederick Trowman
David Boston
Ron Leek
Geoffrey Drust⁵, Ian Tough⁷, Howard Doe⁸
Stan Brown⁶
Donald Goree⁹, Mike Honnoraty¹⁰, Janet Honnoraty¹¹,
Leslie Grout¹²
" " All other Officers and Trustees
Richard Moore¹³ Roger Davis¹⁴ Simon Walsh¹⁵
" " All other Officers and Trustees
⁵⁻¹⁵ order of succession
7,8,9,10,11, 12, 13, 14, 15 at pleasure of Committee elected under Rule 7.3

Supernumerary:-

CLERK OF THE MANOR & JURORS ‡
ORATOR~ CLERK ‡
OUTROPER OR COMMON CRYER ‡
BEADLES ‡
(St Olave's side)
(St Saviour's side)

TRUSTEES

HON AUDITORS

HONORARY COUNSEL

Tony Sharp (F: 2001-2002)
Peter Gadbury (F: 2000-2001)
David Wilson (F: 2005-2006)
Richard Moore¹³ Roger Davis¹⁴ Simon Walsh¹⁵
" " All other Officers and Trustees
Donald Goree⁹, Leslie Grout¹⁰
" " All other Officers and Trustees
‡ at pleasure of Committee under Rule 7.3
Peter Gadbury (F: 2000-2001)
Tony Sharp (F: 2001-2002)
Ian Wingfield (F: 2002-2003)
Ken Hayes (F: 2003-2004)
Diane Riley (F: 2004-2005)
Ken Hayes (F: 2003-2004) §§
Ian Wingfield (F: 2002-2003) §§
§§ Notified to Annual Meeting under Rule 8.
Dr James Behrens

General

Just a few days before being sworn in as Foreman, the other officers including myself, with Ken Hayes 'acting Foreman', attended **Guildhall** on the morning of 12th November to make a presentation to our new Lord Mayor, Ald David Brewer. 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. I was sworn in as Foreman in the Court Room of Glaziers Hall, with sincere thanks to our City brethren the Master, Wardens and Livery of the Worshipful Company of Glaziers and Painters of Glass for this excellent venue, the only 'City' hall in Southwark. Apart from the large number of new officers, prepared to take up the duties and responsibilities of attending the ceremonial events of the year, we also welcome Dr James Behrens of Lincoln's Inn as our **Honorary Counsel**. We are indeed fortunate to have his advice as one learned in the law, especially the arcane aspects affecting manorial and freemen's law under which we operate. James, aside from being a practising Barrister, is a PhD and a Recorder, but also the Chancellor of both Leicester and Bristol dioceses. We look forward to seeing him at our formal functions. We have also instituted another 'new' office, or rather one vacant for very many years, in fact the ancient title of '**Common Crier of Southwark**' a post granted by a Royal Charter of Charles I in 1625, as far as we know a unique arrangement and probably stemming from one of the conflicts of jurisdiction between the City and Surrey, perhaps the City's Common Crier could not operate within Southwark without this authority. I am pleased that the Committee have granted me this post, along with Peter Gadbury as 'Orator'; in effect we are the 'speaking clerks' at ceremonies.

Membership and Tenancy

From this year the Committee decided to offer 'termly' subscriptions of five years and 'life' tenancies. This has meant, under the discounted depreciation rules the Auditors have proposed, that there has been a slight fall in the annual income pro rata to the number of members. Thirteen new members were enrolled. There are now 65 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

The **Court Leet** of 16th November 2005 was attended by a remarkable 40 Jurors and numbers at the London Bridge Hotel luncheon were 59. The use of the Court Room of the Glaziers Hall as the Court Leet venue was suitably impressive and the arrangements to transfer the members from the hotel went smoothly. After the ceremony socialising continued with a stirrup cup at the newly refurbished function room of the 'Mudlark' opposite.

As those who attended the Court Leet may recollect, I 'presented' myself, the officers and jurors in regard to our support of the **Unicorn Childrens' Theatre**, an establishment which our 'charges' instruct us to exclude. The first theatre ever to be established within the City's jurisdiction in Southwark, ie since theatres have existed. We were invited to conduct the grand opening of the outstanding new building on Tooley Street on 5th December, which the officers undertook with appropriate pomp. We also fined the developers 'More London' 40 shillings and this was paid by cheque which is now framed at the Theatre. Following this, the first production took place, *Tom's Midnight Garden*. We hope to continue our relationship with this wonderful institution in future years.

The combined **Thanksgiving Service and Quit Rents Ceremony** was held on **22nd 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. I then hosted a Luncheon at the London Bridge Hotel. Over 60 Jurors and their guests attended, a record number, coming from as far as York and the Midlands. Our civic brethren and guests included Members of the Court of the Pewterers Company, including immediate Past Master Peter Wishart. 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'.

Part of our annual round has been visits to various venues outside the Manor and this year we were invited to a national gathering of active Courts Leet at **Warwick on 6th May**. Mike Honnoraty, Bailiff and the Warwick Court Leet were hosts. The Manor was in fact the largest group attending, with fifteen Officers, members and family. The day began with Reception at The Court House, in fact the town hall of the Court Leet. We then had a Guided Tour of historic Warwick,

including a visit to the Lord Leycester Hospital, a guild almshouse on the city wall, its Guildhall and Chapel and on to the St Mary Collegiate Church and Beauchamp Chapel, resting place of the Percys. We then took our place in a Robed Civic Procession by attending Courts Leet Officers from the Court House the Warwick Masonic Rooms for a cooked three course luncheon. We then had a Talk on aspects of the legal arrangements affecting Courts Leet, given by our learned Clerk, Tony Sharp, and contributions from representatives of the attending Courts Leet.

The History Tour of the Borough area on Saturday 13th May was conducted by our Clerk, Tony Sharp, and started at London Bridge and finished at The Mudlark, Montague Close where we had excellent individual lunches and drinks. Some 22 members and guests attended, which was the largest number ever at one of these events. These tours are probably the most convenient and accessible way to understand the fascinating history of the Manors.

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 8th and Sunday 9th 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 sub-committee of the Council. 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** 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. We were also invited to attend the evening Barbeque and following day's festivities which include a Regatta to Sheerness and evening buffet. 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.

Tower of London Once again thanks to our strong membership connection with the Yeoman Warders, we visited the Tower on **7th September**, at which thirty two members and guest attended. We are extremely grateful to our Yeoman Warder members for affording us the facility.

The **'Bridge House-Yard Dinner'**, was held on 21st September at which was intended to be at our new dining venue, the Hilton London Tower Bridge, unfortunately the venue was cancelled at short notice and we attended at the London Bridge Hotel instead. Aside from the Chief Commoner, Deputy Pulman, as our principal guest along with Sir Michael Savory 'Late' Lord Mayor of London, we also entertained Sheriff Alderman John Stuttard, Master Robert Turner the Queen's Remembrancer, as well as our civic brethren and guests which included the Masters of the Glaziers, Loriners and Pewterers Companies.

On Tuesday 3rd October the Officers and myself conducted the **'Assize of Buildings'** ie the opening ceremony of the new **Hilton London Tower Bridge** in Tooley Street, at which where the Worshipful the Mayor of Southwark Cllr Paul Kyriacou and the Mayor of London Ken Livingstone were presented with the key, following which we held the **'Assize of Ale'** in the Bar, all of this before 10am!.

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, 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, Pewterers' Company, Actuaries Company, Gold & Silver Wyre Drawerers 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 Ken Hayes 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. Al Green has resigned as a Trustee, as he is unable to attend meetings.

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 hold the Tenancy Fee at £25.00. 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 charity, another contribution to the Unicorn Childrens' Theatre in the sum of **£100** for its opening celebration. To the Yeoman Warders Charity **£100.00** at the Tower and to the two 'Old Bailey' charities of **£202.10**. However, this does not preclude additional donations to causes being made later this year. The Banqueting Committee shall make recommendations to the Committee of Officers as to what is a prudent disbursement in regard to the balance of the Account.

At the June Committee Meeting it was decided to constitute a separate '**Guildable Manor Education Trust**' from which we hope additional benefits to the Manor and local communities can develop; watch out for future announcements.

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,

David Wilson, Foreman

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



Visit by Officers to Warwick, 6th May, modelling the new caps and gowns.
l-r:- Tony S, Peter G, Freddie T, David W, Stan B, Ian W, Ken H.

GUILDABLE MANOR

The names of the Free Tenants summonsed to attend as Jurors of the said Manor
at

The Hilton London Tower Bridge, London SE1 2BY
on Wednesday the 15th day of November 2006 at 3.20pm.

Roy Alston
Edward Barrella
Laurie Beazley
Peter Beesley
Dr James Behrens
Captain GP Brocklebank
George Brodie BEM
David Boston
Dr Stan Brown
Major Denise Capstick
Jane Cogan
Roger Davis
Howard Doe
William Donovan
Geoffrey Drust
Victor Drust
Paul Dudley
Edward Errington
Frank Everard
Peter Gadbury
Jonathan Gall
Mark Glover

Donald Goree
Michael Gould
Dr Charlotte Grezo
Leslie Grout
James Gurling
Leigh Hatts
Ken Hayes
Dr Graham Hollox
David Hubber
Valerie Jarvis
Dominic Kelsey
Malcolm Keyoe
Stephen Kirkman
John Hammond
Susan Haydock
Richard John Hollier
Janet Honnoraty
Michael Honnoraty
Ron Leek
Cyril Levy
Kenneth McGrath
Michele McLusky

Torquil McLusky
Peter Moore
Richard Moore
Michael Mortimer
Angela Nelson
Simon Polkinghorne
Simonie Prior
John Rice
Diane Riley
Tony Sharp
Robin Sherlock
Frederick Trowman
Ian Tough
John Vaughan
Michael Wallis
Simon Walsh
Bryan Whalley
Nigel Williams
David Wilson
Dr Ian Wingfield
Terence Winter
Simon Wintle



Opening Ceremony of the Unicorn Theatre 4th December 2005 ~ 'More London Development Co' fined 40 Shillings

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AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY 15th NOVEMBER 2006 at 2.45pm
to be held at
The Hilton London Tower Bridge, London SE1 2BY

1.i) To Accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 16th November 2005 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 16th NOVEMBER 2005 at 2.45pm
held at

The GlaziersHall, Montague Close, London SE1

[THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED PREVIOUSLY AND ERRORS AND OMISSIONS NOTIFIED HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED]

1.i) Attendance: Roy Alston; Lee Bartlett; Laurie Beazley; David Boston; Dr Stan Brown; Howard Doe; William Donovan; Geoffrey Drust; Victor Drust; Paul Dudley; Edward Errington; Peter Gadbury; Jonathan Gall; Donald Goree; Al Green; Dr Charlotte Grezo; Leslie Grout; Leigh Hatts; Ken Hayes; David Hubber; Dominic Kelsey; Susan Haydock; Richard John Hollier; Janet Honnoraty; Michael Honnoraty; Ron Leek; Cyril Levy; Torquil McLusky; Richard Moore; Michael Mortimer; Simonie Prior; Diane Riley; Colin Smith MBE, BEM; Tony Sharp; Frederick Trowman; Ian Tough; John Vaughan; David Wilson; Dr Ian Wingfield;

ii) Apologies for Absence: (Essoigns) Kim Adams; George Brodie BEM; Major Denise Capstick; Frank Everard; Steve Froggatt; Valerie Jarvis; Malcolm Keyoe; John Hammond; Keith Hanson; Kenneth McGrath; Michele McLusky; Peter Moore; Angela Nelson; John Perkins MVO; Tony Pickard; Michael Wallis; Simon Walsh; David Warman; John Watts; Bryan Whalley;

iii) Major Richard King had died after a protracted illness - the Jurors observed a minute's remembrance.

2.i) To Accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 12 November 2004 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

iii) Charitable Contributions: The sum of £500.00 to the Unicorn Children's Theatre, in Tooley Street, £50.00 to the Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund at Old Bailey and £52.10 to the Old Bailey 'Victims of Crime' fund. The £2.10 was the Clerk's Precept Fee. Other charitable contributions were notified in the Annual Letter: **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.

ii) Matters Arising. None

6.) Any Other Business:- None.

END.