

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

Foreman
Frederick Trowman

Clerk of the Manor
Tony Sharp

1 October 2008

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 Saviour's side)
ALESIZER (St Olave's side)

David Boston
Ron Leek
Ian Tough
Janet Honnoraty
Mike Honnoraty
Leslie Grout

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

SUPERNUMERARY:-
ALESIZER (St Saviour's side)

ALESIZER (St Olave's side)

Stan Brown⁸, Geoffrey Drust¹⁰,
“ ” **All other Officers and Trustees**
Roger Davis⁷, Donald Goree⁹, Howard Doe¹¹
“ ” **All other Officers and Trustees**
⁷⁻¹¹, at pleasure of Committee elected under Rule 7.3

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

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

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

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)
‡‡ Rule 3.
Ian Wingfield (F: 2002-2003) Frederick Trowman (F: 2007 2008)
§§ Notified to Annual Meeting under Rule 8.

HON AUDITORS §§

The three Southwark Courts Leet 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 **10th November 2007** to make a presentation to our new Lord Mayor, Ald David Lewis. 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 Lewis has an association with Southwark having been a senior partner of Norton Rose which is based at More London.

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 our margins are squeezed. Nine new members were enrolled. There was one Resignation and two non-renewers. There are now 72 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 some very senior City representatives at these events, who have indicated that they are most impressed with the ceremonial aspects and conviviality.

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 14th November 2007 I was sworn in as Foreman in the **John Marshall Hall, Christchurch** a very hectic day because we had to hold our luncheon at the **Bankside Rooms** some distance away. The Luncheon was attended by 60 Jurors and Guests. No new Officers were Sworn, no ordinary members applied to serve as officers. However, we have a considerable pool of talent that shall give us continuity for at least a decade into the future.

One of newer members, Norman Dale, is Master of the **Tower Ward Club**. At his invitation we held a joint **Carol Service** at the splendid church of **All Hallows by the Tower**, on the 5th December. I read the first Lesson. We hope to repeat this in future years as a joint event, as when we have attempted to hold our own the attendance has been disappointing.

The Manor's involvement with Southwark's community activities was cemented when we were asked to participate, for a second year, 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** twelve teams of which, the largest number ever, rowed over for the festivities on **15th December**. We first processed from the Globe Theatre to the Tate Modern, to the delight of the many tourists in the area and then went to the Bankside pier to meet and greet the teams at the landing. We then processed them to **The Shakespeare Globe** for a Reception. This has now become a regular annual event, one that it is most fitting that the Manor be the representative body to welcome the Livery. From December of this year this will become a formal Manor event to which all Jurors can subscribe. Following this we undertook an **Assize of Ale at the Brew Wharf** microbrewery in the Borough Market. (See photo spread below).

The Manor officers performed the Assize of Survey & Buildings Ceremony on 27 February for the newly opened **London Bridge Experience** which is a fully interactive display and exhibition of the history of London Bridge.

The combined **Thanksgiving Service and Quit Rents Ceremony** was held on **2nd April**, 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 this year held at the newly refurbished **St George the Martyr, Borough High Street**. The Service was followed by the Quit Rents Ceremony. The Senior Master Steven Whitaker, the **Queen's Remembrancer**, received these on behalf of the Crown from us (on behalf of the City). For this purpose he instituted the **Court of Exchequer**. This is only one of four City ceremonies which he participates in; the others being the Trial of the Pyx, the presentation of the Sheriffs and the presentation of the Lord Mayor. I then hosted a Luncheon at the London Bridge Hotel. Some 74 Jurors and their guests attended, a record number, coming from as far as the USA, York and the Midlands. Our civic brethren and guests included the Masters of the Glaziers, Scientific Instrument Makers and the Masons companies. 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. Apparently, visiting livery are much taken with it and have indicated they are to adopt it within their own companies.

The History Tour of the Borough area on Saturday **12th April** 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. 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/ Sunday 5th/6th 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. 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 David Lewis** to the Mayor and Freemen of the Medway (see photo). 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 buffet 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. This event is by invitation to the Manor Officers and therefore as guests ourselves we cannot invite Manor members on a subscription basis. However, the Officers are attempting to change the format of this but it will necessitate the hire of a boat sufficiently large enough to become economically viable.

The **'Bridge House-Yard Dinner'**, was held on 17th September at our new venue the **Hall of St George the Martyr**, Borough High Street. Aside from the **Chief Commoner, Deputy John Barker OBE CC**, as our principal guest, we also entertained the **Sheriffs Aldermen Ian Luder and Michael Bear, the Sheriffs 'Elect' Alderman Roger Gifford and George Gillon CC, The City Remembrancer - Paul Double, Master Steven Whitaker (the Queen's Remembrancer) as well as Masters of the Girdlers, Scientific Instrument Makers and Plaisterers. Sixty seven Members** and guests attended the largest attendance at this event ever. This was without doubt an occasion matched by very few others in the City save for those at Mansion House and Guildhall for the number of senior civic dignitaries present.

Throughout the year either an Officer, the Clerk or myself represented the Manor as invited guests at events. This year on **Friday 2nd May** I was invited by the Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths Company to their Hall to witness the 'Verdict' of the **Trial of the Pyx**. This is the independent assay of the coinage of the Realm presided over by our friend the Queen's Remembrancer. The invitation was extended through 'the 1327 Connection' as both the Manor and the Goldsmiths Company's charters date from that year. In October I was invited to the Presentation of the Sheriffs at the Royal Courts of Justice, this as a reciprocal from the Queen's Remembrancer, the Honorary Degree Awards of London South Bank University and the Sheriffs & Recorder's Fund AGM at the Old Bailey. 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, lectures and Receptions, such as those of the Pewterers, Fuellers, Horners, Masons, Distillers, Guild of Air Pilots, and Marketors. On the **Morning of the Lord Mayor's Show, 8th October**, I and the Officers shall make a **presentation to the Lord Mayor Ald Ian Luder**. I shall attend, by kind invitation of the Queen's Remembrancer on 14 October the **introduction of the Sheriffs at the RCJ for the City Quit Rents**.

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 Freemen of England and Wales.

Finances and Audit of Accounts

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 myself and Ian Wingfield to undertake these duties from next year, I am a cheque signatory. Authority over expenditure on goods and services is exercised by the Committee and the Trustees.

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. However, this year it mainly had to take the strains of what was usually afforded from our profits from General sales. It was necessary to apply support to the BHY Dinner. The Tenancy Fee shall be set at **£40.00** for 2008-9. This account also has to fund the costs associated with the **Court Leet Day**.

Merchandise & General Account. Usually this account is profitable from sales and this subsidised our other activities but this year was mainly of expenditure and stock purchase. The value of the stock is written down as nominal on purchase as it is acquired as a much larger order the cost of which is covered on the initial part sale. The value of the stock is realised as full profit at sales, these will be in the next financial year. The balance represented this acquisition part of the cycle. 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. Normally this realises surpluses, applied to charity, but this year the general inflation has increased costs while we held the Event subscription down to attract support. 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. The Committee of Officers shall vary these amounts as to what is a prudent disbursement in regard to the balance of the Accounts.

Constitutional Amendments

At the Commtee meeting of 3 August it was decided, in principal, to turn the Manor from an unincorporated association into a 'body corporate'. As a first part of that process an approach is to be made to the Court of Aldermen requesting that it recognises the position of the Manor Jurors as an organisation of the City. However, to enable this process certain constitutional changes are necessary to reflect that relationship; The Trustees and Committee therefore ask you to support the following proposals:

Court of Aldermen: Although the Manor has been controlled by the City since 1327, the Manor Jurors are an unincorporated association and our current constitution ought to adopt the same form of words as that of City Guilds and specifically state that our rules are subject to the Court of Aldermen and under their ultimate jurisdiction.

Area of Manor and Legal Status: References to the a) Manor boundaries, b) the Charter of 1550 and c) the Administration of Justice Act 1977 is to be included.

'Club', 'Members', 'Committee' and 'Subscriptions': These terms are to be replaced by 'Manor', 'Jurors', 'Officers' and 'Tenancy Fees'.

A clarification of the Annual Meeting as the occasion to elect the Officers and receive the audited accounts.

Renumbering of Sections: The emphases of the foregoing points requires a certain rearrangement and renumbering of Sections.

Any further changes required by the Court of Aldermen shall be notified in due course.

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,



Freddie Trowman

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



**At left:
Procession to
Court Leet 2007**



**At right:
Court Leet in
Session**

**Below:
Swearing in**





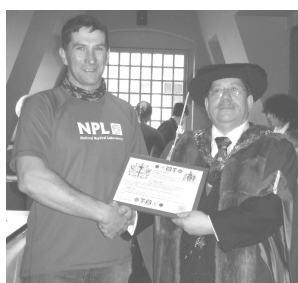
Foreman and Officers awaiting Livery Masters and Boats at Bankside
l-r:- David W, David B, Cyril L, Freddie T, Ron L, Roger D, Janet H, Mike H, Peter G,
Tony S.



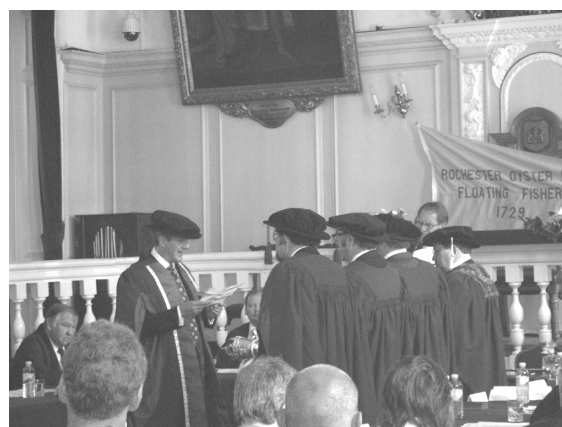
First Crew arrives at Globe Pier



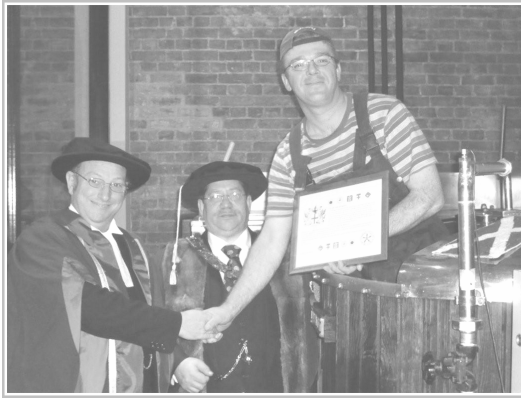
The Reception and Presentations



Rochester Visit



Foreman Freddie presents the Lord Mayor's illuminated address of greeting to the Mayor of Medway
Cllr David Carr



ALE CONNING

Foreman and Clerk present the Certificate of Ale being
"... good and wholesome for mans boddye ..."
 on December 15th
 to Billy Baines brewmaster of the
 Brew Wharf
 micro brewery
 in
 Borough Market

THE COURT LEET OF THE GUILDABLE MANOR OF SOUTHWARK 2007 - 2008

The names of the Free Tenants summonsed to attend as Jurors of the said Manor at
 LSE Bankside House, Bankside, Southwark
 on Wednesday the 12th day of November 2008 at 3.20pm.

Roy Alston	William Donovan	James Gurling	Dominic Kelsey	Diane Riley SF T
Jeremy Barrett	Geoffrey Drust*	Bala Jaspal	Stephen Kirkman	Tony Sharp SF T
Leoniza Barrett	Victor Drust	Paul Jaspal	Ron Leek*	Robin Sherlock
Beryl Bolton	Paul Dudley	Peter Hamel Cooke	Cyril Levy SF T	Michael J Stewart
David Boston*	Edward Errington	John Hammond	Kenneth McGrath	Ian Tough*
George Brodie BEM	Harry Evans	Leigh Hatts	Simon McIlwaine	Barry Theobald-Hicks
Stan Brown*	Frank Everard	Susan Haydock	Michele McLusky	Frederick Trowman SF
Major Denise Capstick	Peter Gadbury SF T	Hilary Haydon	Torquil McLusky	Michael Wallis
Scott Cargill	Jonathan Gall	David Henderson	Gary Munday	Bryan Whalley
Jane Coglan	Mark Glover	Lesley Henderson	Angela Nelson	Ian Williams
Daphne Dale	Donald Goree*	Richard Hollier	Edward Newman	Nicholas Williams
Norman Dale	Michael Gould	Janet Honnoraty*	Malcolm Potter	David Wilson SF T
Lorraine Davis	Dr Charlotte Grezo	Michael Honnoraty*	Simonie Prior	Dr Ian Wingfield SF T
Roger Davis*	Mark Grove	David Hubber	Angela Prodger	
Howard Doe*	Leslie Grout*	Josephine Huggins	Mervyn Redding	

* Officer; SF Served Foreman; T Trustee

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY 12th NOVEMBER 2008 at 2.45pm to be held at

Bankside Hall, LSE Bankside House, Bankside, London SE1

- 1.i) To Accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 14th November 2007 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.) i) To Approve the Constitutional Changes as outlined in the Annual Letter.
- 5) Votes of Thanks, proposed by the Foreman.
- ii) Matters Arising.
- 6) Any Other Business.

END.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2007 at 2.45pm held at

The John Marshall Hall, Blackfriars Road, London SE1

(These minutes were circulated in December 2007 and any errors or omissions rectified)

1.i) Attendance:

Jeremy Barrett, Leoniza Barrett, David Boston*, Stan Brown*, Scott Cargill, Jane Coglan, Daphne Dale, Norman Dale, Lorraine Davis, Roger Davis*, Howard Doe*, Geoffrey Drust*, Victor Drust, Edward Errington, Peter Gadbury SF T, Donald Goree*, Dr Charlotte Grezo, Leslie Grout*, Bala Jaspal, Paul Jaspal, Peter Hamel Cooke, Leigh Hatts, Susan Haydock, Richard Hollier, Janet Honnoraty*, Michael Honnoraty*, Stephen Kirkman, Ron Leek*, Cyril Levy SF T, Gary Munday, Edward Newman, Mark Nowell, Mervyn Redding, Tony Sharp SF T, Robin Sherlock, Michael J Stewart, Ian Tough*, Frederick Trowman*, Michael Wallis, Ian Williams, Nicholas Williams, Dr Ian Wingfield SF T

2.i) To Accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting: Wednesday 15th November 2006 at 2.45pm held at The Hilton London Tower Bridge, 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.

6.) Any Other Business:- None.

END.