

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
David Boston

Clerk of the Manor
Tony Sharp

1 October 2009

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 2.15pm 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)

Ron Leek
Ian Wingfield
Janet Honnoraty
Mike Honnoraty
Leslie Grout
James Gurling

¹⁻⁶ *Committee of Officers with Trustees; by succession and service under Rule 7*

SUPERNUMERARY:-
ALESIZER (St Saviour's side)

Ian Tough, Geoffrey Drust
“ ” **All other Officers and Trustees**
Roger Davis, Donald Goree
“ ” **All other Officers and Trustees**

Rule 7.9

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*

‡ *Rule 7.9*

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

All Officers and Trustees
All Officers and Trustees

‡ *Rule 7.9*

SERVED FOREMEN
AND 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)
Frederick Trowman (F: 2007 2008) ‡‡
David Boston (F: 2008-2009)

‡‡ *Rule 3.*

HON AUDITORS §§

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

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 Old Museum** on the morning of **8th November 2008** to make a presentation to our new Lord Mayor, Ald Ian Luder. 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. This was reinforced when our Foreman Freddie, Clerk Tony and Ale Conner Donald were invited to the **Mansion House to view the Show and receive Lunch with the Lord Mayor**.

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 necessity is now that we have to hire larger venues required to hold this means our margins are squeezed. Because of the Recession, the committee was expecting a major loss of membership, especially among those Jurors who had not been attending functions for some years, and indeed we had formal resignations from six Jurors and had four non-renewers. However, we actually had **twenty three** new members join us more than covering our losses, so that we feel that we are heading in the right direction. There are now 83 Jurors. So once again we believe it is possible 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. 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.

Events and Functions of the last year

Court Leet

Our most important event of the year was held on **12th November 2008** when I was sworn in as Foreman in the **LSE Bankside Hall**, a new venue for us which enables us to hold a Reception, Luncheon and the Court Leet all at the same convenient place. The Luncheon was attended by **71 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 some years into the future. Of some importance for the future organisation of the Manor was that at the annual meeting we adopted new terms into our constitution and informed the High Steward, HHJ Peter Beaumont, at the Court Leet that we were asking him to request of the Court of Aldermen that they recognise the Manor organisation of Jurors formally.

Carol Service

One of newer members, Daphne Dale, is Master of the Tower Ward Club. At her invitation we held a joint Carol Service at the splendid church of **St Olave's, Hart Street** in the City, on the 8th December. I read the first Lesson.

Thames Traditional Cutter Race

The Manor's involvement with the Bankside Winter Fair events for the third year has resulted in our becoming **co-sponsors of the Thames Traditional Rowing Association's Cutter Race** in particular to formally give welcome to our City brethren **the Masters of 19 Livery Companies, Rowing Clubs** and their crews of which, the largest number ever, rowed over for the festivities on **13th December**. We then processed 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 all **170 attendees** into **The Shakespeare Under-Globe** exhibition centre for a Reception and buffet, where I presented each of the participating Crews with an illuminated address and certificate of completion. I was particularly delighted to greet our 'Southwark Livery' neighbours the Masters of the Glaziers, Scientific Instrument Makers and Launderers with their crews. Additionally, for the first time the Watermen and Lightermen (in their Shallop Blue livery) participated. It is most fitting that the Manor be the representative body to welcome the Livery. **This was the largest event ever hosted by the Manor**. This we hoped to become a regular annual event, however it won't be held in 2009 due to lack of a suitable venue. (See photo spread below).

Quit Rents and Court of Exchequer

The combined Thanksgiving Service and Quit Rents Ceremony was held on **19th March**, for new Freeman, Members and Guests. We assembled at the **Chamberlain's Court**, where **eleven** took the oath. Once again this was held at **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** to which the Southwark Jurors were Summoned. 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 St George's Hall, catering by Juror Mark Grove's **'The Cook & The Butler'** which was of quite the best quality of catering available in the City. Some 88 Jurors and their guests attended, a record number for any formal event of the Manor. Our civic brethren and guests

included the Master of the Watermen and Aldermen Wootton, Woolf, Graves and Evans. 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

The annual guided walk was held on Saturday 4th 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. These tours are probably the most convenient and accessible way to understand the fascinating history of the Manors.

Justices and Jurors Dinner: Annual Spring Banquet

The success of the Bridge House-Yard Dinner led me to believe that the gap between two of our formal events, the Quit Rents in March and the Bridge House-Yard Dinner in late September was too long. However, an institution such as ours has to have a theme for its events and the Manor's theme is always its ancient jurisdiction. In discussing just what this could mean with the Clerk I was surprised, not for the first time, just how unique our Borough is both historically and currently, when he explained that although Southwark was the historic home of many courts and their jurisdiction prisons, The King's Bench and the Marshalsea, the Borough Compter, the White Lion, the Clink, the Surrey County gaols and our own Court House and the Union Hall, it is still today the home borough of three Crown Courts and its Coroner's and two Magistrates Courts. It is hard to find any other borough with even half that number. To that end we invited the several Justices of these to attend a lecture and dinner at the London Bridge Hotel. Apart from the principal resident justice of **Southwark Crown Court** who is **The Recorder of Westminster HHJ Geoffrey Rivlin QC**, (that is too complicated to explain here!), we also entertained the senior justices of the **Inner London Sessions HHJ Nicholas Philpot; the District Judge of Camberwell Green, Ann Sawetz, the District Judge of Tower Bridge, Shamoon Somjee** and our old friends from the Royal Courts of Justice the Senior Master Steven Whitaker and Jill Jacobs. Only Blackfriars Crown Court and the Southwark Coroner were not represented. Frankly, that this was all organised in the space of five weeks by our Clerk is quite astonishing. Attendance of the Jurors was less than we had hoped for, at 37, but as this was at short notice and a completely new event better than we could expect. However, some of us remember that only a few years ago Manor membership stood at a little over a dozen. I fully expect that this dinner shall grow in attendance to match the status of the event in future years.

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 4th/5th 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 Ian Luder** 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. However, this year we were provided by the **City of London Port Health Authority** with the **Londinium III launch** for both days of the event which enabled us to provide places aboard for upto 12. 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. (See photo spread below).

London Bridge Fayre 800 and Sheep Drive

Another additional event, on Saturday 11th July, this time part of the Lord Mayor's Appeal 2009, was a display of Livery stalls as a mediaeval fair to celebrate the completion of Peter de Colechurch's bridge in 1209, combined with a Sheep Drive over London Bridge. We were most gratified that **the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor Ald Ian Luder made a specific request that the Guildable Manor welcome** both himself and the participating Livery masters when they crossed into Southwark. During the Fayre an Ale Conning in spirits was held at the Distillers Co stall and a Flesh Tasting at the 'hog roast'. The formal welcome to the Lord Mayor was conducted in our usual high ceremonial style and we presented an engraved ale conning tankard to mark the occasion. I then joined the Lord Mayor in driving a sheep over the bridge in time honoured fashion. **Some thirty five members and guests attended** and we had a pub lunch at the Barrow Boy and Banker which rounded off the day. We made a contribution of £225.00 to the LMA 2009.

The '**Bridge House-Yard Dinner**', was held on 16th September at our new venue the **Hall of St George the Martyr**, Borough High Street. Aside from the **Chief Commoner, Deputy Bill Fraser OBE CC**, as our principal guest, we also entertained the **Sheriff George Gillon CC and the Sheriffs 'Elect' Alderman David Wootton** (by coincidence I am David's Ward Beadle), **The City Remembrancer - Paul Double, Master Steven Whitaker (the Queen's Remembrancer)** as well as the **Masters of the Girdlers and Watermens companies. Fifty seven Members** and guests attended some 20 per cent down on last year. 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 Livery and City events. For example in early June a Reception was held at the **Mansion House** with the Lord Mayor for the **Territorial and Cadet forces** associated with the City. The **Livery City University and Cass Business School Lectures** are an opportunity to meet informally a very wide selection of Masters and Clerks. On the 10th July the Clerk and myself were guests of the **Watermen and Lightermen's cruise** and lunch following the **Doggett's Coat and Badge Wager**. Indeed I was the principal guest of honour of the Master because like the Watermen we are not a Livery (the Livery are entertained by the Fishmongers). The Clerk represented us at the **Traditional Thames Rowing Association held its 'Admiral of the River Race'** between Westminster Bridge and Westminster boating club on 14th July. The higher profile of the Manor has meant that this has been reflected in the number of invitations we now receive to attend Livery Company events, lectures and Receptions, such as those of the Painter Stainers, Fuellers, Horners, Guild of Air Pilots. On the **Morning of the Lord Mayor's Show, 14th November**, I and the Officers shall make a **presentation to the Lord Mayor Ald Nicholas Anstee**.

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.

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 Freddie Trowman and Ian Wingfield to undertake these duties from next year. 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. We have now secured a storage shed at Colechurch for our Equipages and this meant a rise in our Lease, shown in the account. 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 Quit Rents Lunch because of hire fees for the venue. The Tenancy Fee shall remain at **£40.00** for 2009-10. 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. 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. Some payments for venue hire are treated as 'gifts'. 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

A clarification of the roles and duties of the Trustees vis a vis the Sworn Officers.

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,

David Boston, For and on behalf of the Committee of the Guildable Manor.

Livery and Traditional Cutter Race at the Globe



At left: A full house at the Under-Globe December 08



At right: Foreman David with Master SIM right and Master Waterman with the Escort at the Globe foyer

Visit to Rochester

below left: the City's launch Londinium III at berth;

bottom right: crew , Clerk and Foreman David



above left: Borough Solicitor, Chief Executive, Clerk and Foreman David



above right: Foreman David receives the pennant from Mayor



at left: Foreman David greets and welcomes the Rt Hon Lord Mayor Ald Ian Luder to Southwark at the LM's request, for the first time in very many years.

below: The HAC's Pikemen & Musketeers escort the Lord Mayor across the Bridge to Southwark



THE COURT LEET OF THE GUILDABLE MANOR OF SOUTHWARK

The names of the Free Tenants summonsed to attend as Jurors of the said Manor at John Marshall Hall, Christchurch, Blackfriars Road, London SE1 on Wednesday the 18th day of November 2009.

Roy Alston
Richard Andrews
Janice Bamber
Kenneth Bamber
Jeremy Barrett
Leoniza Barrett
Gwen Batchelor
Tim Benjamin
Beryl Boulton
David Boston*
Scott Cargill
Kevin Couling
Lennox Cumberbatch
Jane Coglan
Daphne Dale
Norman Dale
Loraine Davis

Roger Davis*
Howard Doe
William Donovan
Geoffrey Drust*
Victor Drust
Matthew Dupee
Edward Errington
Harry Evans
Frank Everard
Peter Gadbury SF T
Fiona Gadbury
Donald Goree*
Bessie Grewcock
Dr Charlotte Grezo
Mark Grove
Leslie Grout*
James Gurling*

John Hammond
Leigh Hatts
Susan Haydock
Hilary Haydon
David Henderson
Lesley Henderson
Richard Hollier
Janet Honnoraty*
Michael Honnoraty*
David Hubber
Josephine Huggins
Edward Jansz
Paul Jaspal
Bala Jaspal
Glynn Jones
Dominic Kelsey
Stephen Kirkman

Ron Leek*
Cyril Levy SF
Simon McIlwaine
Michele McLusky
Edward Newman
Stephen Nimmons
Bryan Page
Malcolm Potter
Simonie Prior
Angela Prodger
Mervyn Redding
Diane Riley SF
Tony Sharp SF T
Lynn Smith
Robin Sherlock
Ketan Sheth
Sarah Stedeford

Michael J Stewart
John Taylor
Ian Tough*
Barry Theobald-Hicks
Frederick Trowman SF T
Michael Wallis
Kenneth Webber
Anita Webber
Kathleen Weightman
Bryan Whalley
Nicholas Williams
David Wilson SF T
Dr Ian Wingfield SF T
Norman Winnett
Patricia Winnett

** Officer; SF Served Foreman; T Trustee*

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2008 at 2.15pm

to be held at

John Marshall Hall, Christchurch, Blackfriars Road, London SE1

1.i) To Accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 12th November 2008 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 12th NOVEMBER 2008 at 2.45pm held at

The LSE Bankside Hall, Bankside, London SE1

(draft Minutes, please notify Clerk of any errors or omissions)

These were circulated in November 2008 and no comments were received

1.i) Attendance:

Roy Alston; Jeremy Barrett; Leoniza Barrett; David Boston; Beryl Boulton ; Jane Cogan; Daphne Dale; Norman Dale; Loraine Davis; Roger Davis; Howard Doe; William Donovan; Geoffrey Drust; Victor Drust; Harry Evans; Peter Gadbury; Donald Goree; Dr Charlotte Grezo; Leslie Grout; James Gurling; David Hubber; Josie Huggins; Bala Jaspal; Paul Jaspal; Hilary Haydon; Peter Hamel Cooke; Susan Haydock; Richard Hollier; Janet Honnoraty; Michael Honnoraty; Stephen Kirkman; Ron Leek; Cyril Levy; Simon McIlwaine; Edward Newman; Stephen Nimmons; Malcolm Potter; Angela Prodger; Simonie Prior; Mervyn Redding; Tony Sharp; Robin Sherlock; Ian Tough; Frederick Trowman; Michael Wallis; Brian Whalley; Nicholas Williams; Dr Ian Wingfield;

2.i) To Accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting: Wednesday 14th November 2007 at 2.45pm held at The John Marshall Hall, Blackfriars Road, 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

5.i) To Approve the Constitutional Changes as outlined in the Annual Letter.

ii) 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.

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