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Annual Letter 2010



above Lord Phillips, President of the Supreme Court, guest speaker at the Justices and Jurors Dinner of 6 May 2010 is greeted by Foreman Ron Leek.



left: Foreman Ron, 'Quits the Rent' for Southwark on behalf of the City to the Queen's Remembrancer March 2010

below: Foreman Ron presents the Illuminated Address of Greetings from the Lord Mayor of London to the Admiral and Mayor of Medway Cllr David Brake at the Rochester Admiralty Court



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: This document shall be taken 'as read' at the meeting.

**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)

Ian Tough
Janet Honnoraty
Mike Honnoraty
Leslie Grout
Ted Newman
Glynn Jones

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

SUPERNUMERARY:-

ALESIZER (St Saviour's side)

Keith Williams, Geoffrey Drust

“ ” **All other Officers and Trustees**

ALESIZER (St Olave's side)

James Gurling, 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)

Ron Leek (F: 2009-2010)

‡‡ *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** Art Gallery on the morning of **14th November 2009** to make a presentation to our new Lord Mayor, Ald Nick Anstee. We were gratified that some of our guests, who had great experience and had held high office in the Livery, had never previously attended and said that this reflected on the status and high regard in which the Manor is held within the City.

Membership and Tenancy

As the Manor membership expands, so does the cost 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 to hold this means our margins are squeezed. The committee was expecting a major loss of membership, especially among those Jurors who had not been attending functions for some years, I am pleased to say we had no formal resignations of Jurors and had only two non-renewers. We also 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 **101** Jurors, so that we have now achieved the target we set ourselves in 2000. This membership gives us the critical mass to support functions. **The Committee would nevertheless 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.

Why are Manor members 'Tenants' and 'Jurors'?

The qualification for 'Listing for Summons' to the Court Leet is being a Tenant in the Manor. In late July the High Bailiff confirms the date of the Court Leet and asks for a list of those qualified (bona fide Tenants) from the Clerk. The Clerk sends the members list of that date to the City Surveyors Dept (the landlord) with a note to say that all named are liable under the terms of our Lease at Colechurch House; that legal status is a 'tenancy'. The List is then as such sent to the Old Bailey.

However, in the interim period between members joining the Manor and the Court Leet at which one becomes a 'Sworn Juror', they are referred to as just 'Tenants' and this slight difference is similar to the distinction in the City Livery Companies where one is firstly a 'Freeman' of the company and then are 'en clothed' in the Livery as a full member.

Note by The Clerk

Events and Functions of the last year

Because of the Recession, there has been a decline in attendances. The committee is mindful that some venues are less attractive to the members than others but we are constrained because of the finances in hiring preferred venues and the cost of these added to the higher charges of untied caterers leads to further escalation in costs and charges. We did find an excellent caterer for some of the events held at St George the Martyr but this led to major losses and we struggled to keep prices down. The Committee hope that **Masters Catering**, another Southwark based company, are regarded as suitable as well as reasonably priced.

Court Leet 2009

Our most important event of the year was held on **18th November 2009** when I was sworn in as Foreman in the **John Marshall Hall, Christchurch**. Three members applied to serve as officers and the Trustees proposed that James Gurling was to be Sworn and he has joined as a Committee Officer. The problem of finding a suitable venue to hold all of the day's functions had still not been resolved and so the Court Leet Feast was held at the London Bridge Hotel following the Court Meeting. This was attended by **68 Jurors and Guests**, unfortunately the Old Bailey team could not join us for the feast because of the timings. Indeed this was the highest number of Jurors ever to attend (49) and also the largest proportion of them to do so. Nevertheless, this was a disappointing total as we have had an increase in overall membership and a lower total of attendees, ie members plus guests, than for some years past. However, it was expected to be so because of the present economic difficulties, the timing of the event and the distance between the venues. The Committee believes that we have at last secured the use of an adequate and suitable venue for both parts of the event, The Amigo Hall of St George's RC Cathedral in Southwark from this year. Overall the 2009 Ceremony was regarded as a great success because we now have a cohort of Officers who have served long enough to appreciate the issues and logistics of the event. We decided to start earlier than usual to give a margin for delays and unforeseen eventualities. In fact we had a 20 minute gap before the High Steward and High Bailiff arrived and our learned Clerk, filled this in with an entirely impromptu and unrehearsed lecture drawn from his research on the very early history of Southwark, which he proposes was founded by King Alfred the Great to liberate London from the Vikings in 878/ 879 AD. This will be published in due course.

Quit Rents and Court of Exchequer

The combined Thanksgiving Service and Quit Rents Ceremony was held on **18th March**, for new Freemen, Members and Guests. We first assembled at the **Chamberlain's Court**, where **eleven** took the oath. Once again the Service was held at **St George the Martyr, Borough High Street** conducted by our Hon Chaplain the Venerable Dr Michael Iprgrave, Archdeacon of Southwark supported by the Rector of St George's Rev Ray Andrews. The Ceremony followed. The Senior Master Steven Whitaker, the **Queen's Remembrancer**, received the Quit Rents 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, luncheon prepared by **Masters Catering**. Some **74 Jurors and their guests** attended, down by 10 percent on last year. Our civic brethren and guests included the Master of the Watermen and Alderman John Garbutt who has now joined the Manor. 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 Committee regard the arrangement for this event at St George the Martyr as most suitable, enabling Service, Ceremony and feast to be held at the same convenient and most historic venue.

The History Tour of the Borough

The annual guided walk was held on Saturday 17th April 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.

Justices and Jurors Dinner: Annual Spring Banquet

This is now one of our most prestigious events and combines our status as threeold, a legal body, a City and a Southwark institution. 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; Note 'court Districts' not mere court rooms. It is hard to find any other borough with more than one of these. Uniquely, therefore I presided at a function to entertain and inform, our double mission, the several Senior Residing Justices of the Southwark courthouses. This year's lecture and dinner was held on 6th May at the **Amigo Hall** of St George's Metropolitan Cathedral, ie that of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese for the south of England. This is the newest conference venue in Southwark and all attendees expressed themselves impressed with its spaciousness, we expect to use it more often in future. Southwark has not two but three Cathedrals (the third being Greek Orthodox), indeed St George's Cathedral is the oldest of them being so since the restoration of the Catholic hierarchy in England in 1850. Apart from our own **High Steward**, Peter Beaumont QC the Recorder of London, our guests included 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 Nigel Gerald; the **District Judge of Camberwell Green**, Susan Green, the **District Judge of Tower Bridge**, Shamoon Somjee and our old friend from the Royal Courts of Justice the Senior Master Steven Whitaker the **Queen's Remembrancer** along with Paul Double the **City Remembrancer**. Only Blackfriars Crown Court and the Southwark Coroner were not represented. Attendance of the Jurors was less than we had hoped for, at 40, but as this was on the General Election date we knew many officers and members would be otherwise engaged. My predecessor as Foreman, David wrote last year "... I fully expect that this dinner shall grow in attendance to match the status of the event in future years". The status of the event is without parallel, not even the City Corporation itself could do this. It was fitting therefore that the speaker was the **Rt Hon Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers, President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom** who talked about the "*The First Six Months of the Supreme Court*".

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 26th/27th June**. 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 Nick Anstee** to the Mayor and Freemen of the Medway (see photo front page). 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. Once again, this year we were provided by the **City of London Port Health Authority** with the **Lady Aileen 50ft launch** for both days of the event which enabled us to provide places aboard for up to 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 was the 50th Anniversary of the Cruising Club's involvement. This event is by invitation to the Manor Officers and therefore as guests ourselves we cannot invite Manor members on a subscription basis.

The '**Bridge House-Yard Dinner**', was held on 16th September at our now regular venue the **Hall of St George the Martyr**, Borough High Street. The principal guest of honour this year, the **Chief Commoner**, is in fact no stranger at all - being one of our own Jurors ~ **Robin Sherlock** and he is also a Southwark resident as well as the Parish Clerk of the Cathedral. We also entertained the **Alderman Michael Bear (SABTC) whom was to be elected Lord Mayor a few days later and the Sheriffs 'Elect' Alderman Fiona Woolf and Richard Sermon MBE, the 'Late' Lord Mayor Ald Ian Luder. Sixty Five Members** and guests attended a recovery from last year to the high levels we had up to 2008. 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. In November the entire Committee was invited to the **City Remembrancer's special lecture** on the 800th Anniversary of the Colechurch Bridge at Guildhall. In January I attended at the **Actuaries Hall at Staple Inn** for their annual dinner for Masters and also the **World Traders annual lecture and Reception at Guildhall**. Further invitations I accepted were for the **Royal Charter Celebration of the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists** in St Pauls Cathedral on 17th June, and the **Bubbly-n-Ballet @ The Bailey** in aid of The Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund on 2nd July. In March the newly appointed Fishmongers Clerk hosted a 'get to know you' luncheon for all other City Clerks. In late June there were two City-wide events at which we were represented - the Flag Day in Guildhall Yard on the 21st and on the 29th 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 15th 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). On the 13th October I attended with the Clerk the new **Sheriffs' Quit Rents ceremony** at the RCJ as a guest of the Queen's Remembrancer. **Wider afield we were represented at the sister Court Leet manors of Alcester, Bromsgrove, Henley and Warwick.** 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 among others.

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 abstract 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.

Banking and Audit Procedure: - All Expenditure is approved by the Committee under general administration or as special purchases; the Committee also receives Banquet Budget Reports from the Clerk at their meetings to monitor. Cheques / Payments are raised by the Treasurer on request of the Clerk, backed by an Invoice/ Receipt. All Income Pro Formas for goods/ services/ banqueting are retained and payments banked by the Clerk. Receipts and Pro Formas are attached to a narrative Memo by the Clerk and are given to the Auditors at the next Committee Meeting, along with Bank Statements, with any used Pay-In and Cheque Books, to check off. The full narrative is also given on the Income and Expenditure report. The Auditors receive all other Pay-In and Cheque Books at end of FY to complete the account, balances and Income and Expenditure report with the Treasurer and Clerk. The abstract of the Accounts are approved by the Auditors as attached to the Annual Letter.

Note by the Auditors

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, the increasing numbers of membership is now making a significant contribution to finances. Therefore, the Tenancy Fee shall remain at **£40.00** for 2010-11. 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, as true of last, 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.

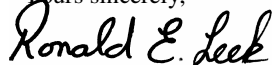
Banqueting Account. Normally this realises surpluses, applied to charity, but this year the general inflation has increased costs while we held the Event subscription down to attract support. All of our major functions follow a format of an Event, be it ceremonial or a talk or other entertainment, a 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' as that is the way the relevant institution prefers this is regarded. 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 at which these documents shall be taken 'as read'. Any AOB questions at the meeting shall be dealt with in full in writing after the 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,



Ronald Leek, For and on behalf of the Officers and Trustees of the Guildable Manor.



above: Lecture "The First Six Months of the Supreme Court" by Lord Phillips

THE COURT LEET OF THE GUILD

2010-2011

The names of the Free Tenants summonsed to attend as Jurors of the said Manor at the Amigo Hall - St George's Cathedral, Southwark SE1 on Wednesday the 17th day of November 2010 at 3.20pm.

Roy Alston	Roger Davis	Leslie Grout	Patrick Joyce	Cyrus Poteratchi	Ian Tough
Richard Andrews	Howard Doe	Angela Gurling	Dominic Kelsey	Malcolm Potter	Barry Theobald-Hicks
Janice Bamber	William Donovan	James Gurling	Martin King	Simonie Prior	Frederick Trowman
Kenneth Bamber	Geoffrey Drust	John Hammond	Stephen Kirkman	Angela Prodger	Christopher Trye
Jeremy Barrett	Victor Drust	Leigh Hatts	Thomas Kohwagner	Mervyn Redding	Michael Wallis
Leoniza Barrett	Matthew Dupee	Susan Haydock	Cheong Ming Lam	David Repetowsky	Kenneth Webber
Gwen Batchelor	Edward Errington	Hilary Haydon	Ron Leek	Diane Riley	Anita Webber
Tim Benjamin	Harry Evans	David Henderson	Cyril Levy	Daniel Roche	Kathleen Weightman
Kathryn Best	Frank Everard	Lesley Henderson	Ian McFarlane	Tony Sharp	Paul Weninger
Beryl Boulton	Fiona Gadbury	Richard Hollier	Joan McFarlane	Lynn Smith	Bryan Whalley
David Boston	Peter Gadbury	Janet Honnoraty	Simon McIlwaine	Robin Sherlock	Keith Williams
Roy Bradley	Roy Gill	Michael Honnoraty	Michele McLusky	Ketan Sheth	Nicholas Williams
Kevin Couling	Donald Goree	David Hubber	Edward Newman	Graham Sutherland	David Wilson
Jane Cogan	Bessie Grewcock	Josephine Huggins	Stephen Nimmons	Maureen Sutherland	Dr Ian Wingfield
Daphne Dale	Dr Charlotte Grezo	Edward Jansz	Bryan Page	Michael J Stewart	Norman Winnett
Norman Dale	John Garbutt	Jonathan Jewell	Jill Philips	Alexandra Tansey	Patricia Winnett
Loraine Davis	Silvia Gross	Glynn Jones	John Philips	John Taylor	

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING, ON THE ABOVE DATE AND VENUE at 2.15pm

- 1.i) To Accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 18th November 2009 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) Votes of Thanks, proposed by the Foreman.
- ii) Matters Arising.
- 6) Any Other Business.

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY 18th NOVEMBER 2009 at 2.15pm,
held at The John Marshall Hall, Christchurch, Southwark, London SE1,**

CIRCULATED IN NOVEMBER 2009 AND OCTOBER 2010: notice of errors and omissions incorporated

- 1.i) Attendance:

Richard Andrews, Janice Bamber, Kenneth Bamber, Tim Benjamin, Beryl Boulton, David Boston, Kevin Couling, Loraine Davis, Roger Davis, Howard Doe, Geoffrey Drust, Victor Drust, Peter Gadbury, Fiona Gadbury, Donald Goree, Bessie Grewcock, Leslie Grout, James Gurling, Leigh Hatts, Susan Haydock, Hilary Haydon, Lesley Henderson, Richard Hollier, Janet Honnoraty, Michael Honnoraty, Josephine Huggins, Ron Leek, Cyril Levy, Edward Newman, Bryan Page, Malcolm Potter, Mervyn Redding, Tony Sharp, Lynn Smith, Michael Stewart, Alexandra Tansey, John Taylor, Frederick Trowman, Christopher Trye, Bryan Whalley, Kenneth Webber, Anita Webber, Kathleen Weightman, David Wilson, Dr Ian Wingfield, Norman Winnett, Patricia Winnett

2.i) To Accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting: Wednesday 12th November 2008 at 2.45pm held at The LSE Bankside Hall, 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

6.) 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.

7.) Any Other Business:- None. END.