

Lord of the Manor
The Lord Mayor, Commonalty and Citizens
of the
City of London
Since 1327

~
Borough founded by King Alfred
ca 880 AD

~
Southwark Jurors in Domesday Book
1086

~
Parliamentary Borough
1295

~
Preserved Legal Jurisdiction
Administration of Justice Act 1977



GVILDABLE MANOR
Colechurch House, London Bridge Walk, London SE1 2SX
Registered Address
020 7394 1271

Senior Patrons

The High Steward of Southwark
HHJ Brian Barker QC
The Recorder of London

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

Foreman
Michael Honnoraty

Clerk of the Manor
Tony Sharp

clerk@guildablemanor.org
www.guildablemanor.org

The association of the Jurors of the Court Leet, Exchequer Court and Recorder's Court

Quit Rents 2013



at left :
Snr Clerk Jill,
Bishop Michael,
and
Master Whitaker
get ready!

at right:
We're off !!

below left:
a pensive crew!!

below right:
Foreman Mike
delivers!!



QR Senior Master Whitaker and Snr Clerk Jacobs scrutinise



'Jerusalem !' Recessional

Thomas Cure Memorial Service at Southwark Cathedral



Foreman Mike, Phillip Sturrock Warden of the Great Account, Hugo Capel-Cure and the Learned Clerk

Justices and Jurors Dinner and Lecture, May 2013



Foreman Mike and

left
Lord Reed JSC

right
Janet Honnoraty SF



Our Longest Serving Juror, Bill Donovan



Juror Andrea Coore



Our new High Steward at his first Manor event



Juror Norman Winnett



Master Baker & Juror Colin Sach



Leader LBoS Cllr Peter John

Annual Letter 2013

1 October 2013

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:-

- 1: FOREMAN***
- 2: CONSTABLE***
- 3: AFEEROR***
- 4: FLESH TASTER***
- 5: ALETASTER (St Saviour's side)***
- 6: ALESIZER (St Olave's side) †**

Supernumerary and appointed:-

ALESIZER (St Saviour's side)

ALESIZER (St Olave's side)

CLERK OF THE MANOR‡

ORATOR ~ CLERK‡

OUTROPER OR COMMON CRYER‡§

BEADLES ‡

(St Olave's side)

(St Saviour's side)

**TITHINGMEN‡‡ AND
SERVED FOREMEN**

HON AUDITORS §§

HONORARY CHAPLAIN ‡

Tithing* 1-6 and Tithingmen ‡‡

by succession and service under Rule 7

Leslie Grout

Prof Frederick Trowman MA (Cantab) , PhD, DMus, ScD. FInstP

Dr Keith Williams

Ted Newman

Robin Sherlock

Judy Tayler-Smith

**Rule 7.1 † Rule 7.10*

“ ” All other Officers and Tithingmen

Ald James Gurling, Roger Davis, Mervyn Redding

“ ” All other Officers and Tithingmen

Rule 7.9

Tony Sharp (F: 2001-2002)

Peter Gadbury (F: 2000-2001)

David Wilson (F: 2005-2006)

§ Charter of Charles I 1625 ‡ Rule 7.9

All Officers and Tithingmen

All Officers and Tithingmen

‡ Rule 7.9

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

Prof Frederick Trowman (F: 2007-2008) ‡‡
David Boston (F: 2008-2009)
Ron Leek (F: 2009-2010)
Ian Tough (F: 2010-2011)
Janet Honnoraty (F: 2011-2012) ‡‡
Michael Honnoraty (F: 2012-2013)

‡‡ Rule 3.

Dr Ian Wingfield (F: 2002-2003) **Janet Honnoraty** (F: 2011-2012)

§§ Notified to Annual Meeting under Rule 8.

The Right Reverend Dr Michael Ipgrave OBE, Bishop of Woolwich

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)(a) and Sch 4 Pt III’.

General

Whenever representing the Manor at a City / Livery event the Foreman is often greeted with almost incredulity by new Masters of Livery (fortunately not by their Clerks nor by the senior dignitaries, the Aldermen, Sheriffs, Lord Mayor etc) and because of this we have produced a small leaflet to hand out explaining our relationship with the City and our history. This has led to further enquiries and even some recruitment as Jurors from that connection.

I need to make special mention of Ian Wingfield stepping in at short notice to be Sworn as Afeeror for the last year, for which the Tithing is grateful. This year for the role of Constable another Served Foreman, Freddie Trowman, is taking on the duties. This is to avoid a problem of succession to the Chair in future years and to ensure that all current Sworn Officers serve in each role before their service as Foreman. **We welcome on to the Officers List Judy Tayler-Smith, fresh from her Presidency of the City Livery Club and Mervyn Redding, who shall be our first dedicated**

Steward. I would also like to thank Officer Roger Davis for completely redesigning our **website** www.guildablemanor.org. Any comments re 'snagging' or in general please direct to the Clerk. We expect to utilise this to a much greater extent than before. We hope to provide downloadable information and perhaps photos from our events from a Members Area in due course.

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 Tithing was expecting a major loss of membership, especially among those Jurors who had not been attending functions for some years. For some time the Tithing has expected a fall in the number of Jurors due to the state of the economy on members spending power, this year we stabilised and recovered from last year's major loss of Jurors. Nevertheless we admitted some **twelve** new members this year. There are now **94 Jurors**, and we expect a number of new members before Christmas to take us back to our 100 figure in the New Year. Nevertheless some of the resignees still attend our events as the partners of the remaining 'family' Juror. This membership gives us the critical mass to support functions. **The Tithing 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. Of course active Liverymen are very welcome. 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 may be reflected in the subscriptions for these events. The Tithing 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 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 'enclothed' in the Livery as a full member.

Note by The Clerk

Events and Functions of the last year The two alternative venues at **Amigo Hall, RC Cathedral** and **St George the Martyr, Borough** for our four formal events has worked very well. General feedback from everyone is that **Masters Catering**, a Southwark based company, are as good as we could expect at the very reasonable fixed tariff that they have provided for the following year.

Court Leet 2012 Our most important event of the year was held on **14th November 2012** when I was sworn in as Foreman in the **Amigo Hall, St George's RC Cathedral, Southwark**. The Court and Lunch was attended by **73 Jurors and Guests**, including the Old Bailey team; we said farewell to Peter Beaumont as High Steward and I presented him with a copy of '*Southwark and the City*' by David J Johnson the official history of the Courts Leet and the City's Jurisdiction. A more permanent reminder of his tenure is that we acquired four Refectory Tables from Lincoln's Inn one of bears a plaque maring his Stewardship and that he was a Bencher of the Inn. A slight fall in Jurors attending was disappointing (48, down from 50 last year and 59 in 2010). No new Officers were proposed and only four Freemen. Overall the 2012 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.

My year as Foreman got off to a flying start two weeks before I was Sworn In, in that I was invited to the **Worshipful Company of Actuaries Annual Lecture and Dinner for all the Livery Masters** on 1st November this being due to their dating arrangements which did not quite coincide with ours. This is always held in the delightful **Hall of Staple Inn** on High Holborn and has become a regular invitation to the Foreman.

Borough Pickwick Club The Tithing's decision to hold a New Year event, in lieu of one at Christmas, the Tithing and Jurors 'posing as' **The Borough Pickwick Club**, was regarded as a success and to be repeated again in future years. This again took place at our old regular venue of **The London Bridge Hotel** on **17th January**. The evening of very light entertainment, short readings from the master story writer, but most importantly fellowship and good company involving a Southwark theme. There were 20 members and guests. However, the format was agreed as most entertaining and suitable so that the Tithing has agreed this is to become an annual event. Hopefully, it shall follow the success route of higher attendances and shall outgrow the London Bridge Hotel in due course.

Tower of London Our annual visit to **HM Tower of London** was this year in association with the City of London

Ward Beadles with which we share not only our Clerk but one Juror, one Ale Conner, three of the Served Foreman and our Constable!! This was on the **28th February**. The attendance was a remarkable forty five Jurors and guests.

Quit Rents and Court of Exchequer The combined Thanksgiving Service and Quit Rents Ceremony was held on **14th March**, for new Freemen, Members and Guests. We first assembled at the **Chamberlain's Court**, where eight Jurors took the oath. This is less than half as in previous years and reflects both the recession and the decline in recruitment of new Jurors. Once again the Service was held at our guild-church **St George the Martyr, Borough High Street** conducted by our Honorary Chaplain the Rt Revd Dr Michael Igrave, **Bishop of Woolwich** ~ Southwark in not only our splendid Cope but with Mitre and Crozier. 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 one of only four City ceremonies in which he participates; the others being the Trial of the Pyx, the presentation of the Sheriffs and the presentation of the Lord Mayor. Our Clerk modelled his new Gown and Hat to much acclaim, the latter especially! I then hosted a Luncheon at the St George's Hall, luncheon prepared by **Masters Catering**. Some **85 Jurors and their guests** attended, a recovery of attendance to previous levels after a decline. Our civic brethren and guests included the Masters and Clerks of the Actuaries, the Tax Advisers, the Watermen & Lightermen, The Parish Clerks and the Bakers and their partners and other leading City personages who all expressed their appreciation of the entire event.. 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 Tithing 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 **6th 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. Nine attended. These tours are probably the most convenient and accessible way to understand the fascinating history of the Manors. The Clerk is prepared to organise additional tours for members at any convenient time along the same format, he makes no charge for this.

Justices and Jurors Dinner: Spring Banquet This is now one of our most prestigious events and combines our status as threefold, 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 **23rd May** at the **Amigo Hall** of St George's Metropolitan Cathedral, ie that of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese for the south of England. Apart from our own **High Steward, Brian Barker QC** the Recorder of London, our guests included our old friend from the Royal Courts of Justice the Senior Master Steven Whitaker the **Queen's Remembrancer**, along with the **HHJ Nigel Seed QC** for ILCC and **Jill Jacobs Chief Clerk of the RCJ** and **HHJ Edward Jacobs**. Attendance was less than we had hoped for, at 50, down on last year., the Tithing is examining the date at which future dinners are to be held. The status of this event is without parallel, not even the City Corporation itself could do this as a formal function and with the list of speakers that we have had thus far has its own pre-eminence on the legal circuit. It was fitting therefore that the speaker was the **Rt Hon Lord Reed, Justice of the Supreme Court of the UK and our ad hoc justice of the European Court of Human Rights**. Lord Reed spoke about the workings of the Supreme Court and how as one of its newest members and a Scots Lawyer he only knew his fellow justices through reputation, rather than personally, his not being a member of the English Bar. However, he did know our Learned Clerk and Common Crier! As Foreman, I therefore had the privilege of introducing him to our other guest judges especially our new High Steward. Apart from the general history of the SCUK he mentioned how its occupation of the old Middlesex Guildhall has led to the deliciously English anomaly that the Recorder of Westminster now sits at Southwark Crown 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 22nd and 23rd 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 **Greetings of the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor Ald Roger Gifford** to the Mayor, Cllr Josie Iles, the Court 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. 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 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 12th September at our now regular venue the Hall of St George the Martyr, Borough High Street. The **Chief Commoner**, is in fact no stranger at all, **George Gillon** having been a past Sheriff and so a previous senior guest; **Sheriff Nigel Pullman** and the **Sheriffs 'Elect' Alderman Sir Paul Judge** and **Adrian Waddingham** and one of 2013s five new Junior **Alderman Julian Malins QC** (of whom two of his Ward Beadles are Jurors!) and **The Queen's Remembrancer** Senior Master Whitaker who is virtually an honorary member. This dinner is always preceded by a Lecture on the history of the Borough or of Greater London. This year the lecturer was **Harvey Sheldon** of Birkbeck ~ University of London, who was the lead archaeologist of the mediaeval and Roman London Bridge. **Seventy One Jurors** 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.

Two further events shall take place before I retire as Foreman and at the time of writing this review they have not been held. Firstly, the **Company of Woolmens' Sheep Drive across London Bridge**: This is an irregular 'special' and not part of our annual programme. We participate for two reasons; to exercise our authority at the Southwark end of the Bridge and to develop our fraternal links with the Livery Companies, many of the Masters and Wardens like to exercise their right during their term of office – they then get to know about the Southwark connection. Secondly, **The Southwark Borough Recorder's Court**: You may recollect that in 2010-2011 our Learned Clerk was instrumental in convincing the Council to appoint one of the Resident District Judges to the honorific role of Recorder. In doing so we were able to revive the Borough Court as a 'limited jurisdiction' ie ceremonial court, but crucially it creates a forum for the Honorary Freemen, Aldermen and Councillors of Southwark to take part in the rich heritage of the borough in connection with ourselves. The answer to the query as to "What is the difference with the Court Leet?" is that although these follow same format the Jurisdiction is different; The Court Leet is of the Lord Mayor and Commonalty of London and the Recorder's Court is of the Mayor and Burgesses of Southwark. We expect this to become a part of the Annual Programme.

The Tithing 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.

Invitations to Guilds, Livery functions etc This year marked a **most prestigious event on 17th April** in that **The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor Alderman Roger Gifford hosted a Reception at the Mansion House for the Southwark Jurors and Court of Aldermen to be introduced to the new High Steward of Southwark HHJ Brian Barker QC**. Sixty Guildable Jurors attended, twice as many as the other two Manors put together. Afterwards the High Steward joined thirty of the Tithing and Jurors and guests for an informal dinner at the London Bridge Hotel, a short stroll away. Incidentally it seems that the High Steward is actually a resident of Southwark and does not reside in the Old Bailey.

Throughout the year either myself, an Officer, or the Clerk represented the Manor as invited guests at Livery and City events. When I was Sworn in November I had no inkling how many of these I would have to attend, indeed in the **supposedly quiet holiday month of July, I was, from Monday the 8th to Friday the 12th, at an event, Civic Lunch, a Lecture/ Reception, ceremony or Cruise each and every day!!** Is this a record for a Guildable Foreman? Future intending Foremen be warned - we are now a recognised guild member of the Fellowship of City Clerks and that will almost certainly involve our being invited to yet more functions. As mentioned above I had already attended at the **Actuaries Hall at Staple Inn** for their annual dinner for Masters their Guest Speaker was **Donald Brydon CBE**, Chairman of Royal Mail Group. On 8 January our Clerk was a guest at the **Plasterers Company's** annual Clerk's Dinner. In February I attended the **World Traders annual Tacitus Lecture and Reception at Guildhall**. On 18th February we attended the **Annual Painter Stainers Show and Prizes at the Mall Gallery**. On 6th March the Manor's representatives attended the **Scientific Instrument Makers Annual Edwards' Lecture** at City University given by **Sir Paul Nurse**, followed by a Reception. **We were also invited formally to participate at Southwark Cathedral in the commemoration of Thomas Cure**, 24th May, the founder of the Corporation of Wardens, St Saviour's Almshouses and the Grammar School, sometime MP for the borough and of course he was a Juror of our Manor, died 1588. Jurors who read the Thanksgiving Service Card at Quit Rents thoroughly will recollect that he is listed as a major benefactor of Southwark. This is intended to henceforth be an annual event hosted by the Corporation of Wardens and we have to recognise this as the initiative of Phillip Sturrock, their 'chairman', the Warden of the Great Account. On 15th May the Clerk and myself attended the **WC Bakers Livery and Guilds Masters & Clerks Luncheon at Bakers Hall**. **The Tax Advisers** held their Master's and Clerks Luncheon at Cutlers Hall on 3rd June, unfortunately a long booked holiday precluded my attendance but our Learned Clerk did his duty. On the 7th June the Clerk was an invited guests of the **Watermen and Lightermen's Knolly's Rose ceremony and luncheon**, Mansion House and the Company's Hall but also and much more notably, we both attended on 12th **July their 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). As I stated above this was the end of a most punishing week for me, the Monday 8th July was the **AGM of the Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund at the Old Bailey** which is now a Livery supported occasion yet the Manor has supported this fund since its inception through our connection with the Recorder. The Reception was held in the Judges Dining Room. I was most pleased to be at the **Courthouse the very next day as a guest of Sheriff Nigel Pullman to dine with the Judges** and duty Alderman Ian Luder. On the Wednesday I was at Principal Guest table of the **Summer Lunch of the Coleman Street Ward Club at Saddlers Hall**. Thursday I attended the **Police Foundation Lecture and Reception for the Livery** which was given by Thomas Winsor, the **HM Inspector of Constabulary at Drapers Hall**. Further invitations:- The Livery **City University and Cass Business School Lectures** are an opportunity to meet informally a very wide selection of Masters and Clerks. We are, due to our location, members of the **London Bridge Business Improvement District** and this affords an opportunity for networking and promoting the Manor among the local business community, which includes the international HQs of many major corporations. On the 9th October I shall attend with the Clerk the new **Sheriffs' Quit Rents ceremony** at the RCJ as a guest of the Queen's Remembrancer, this is now a regular invitation to the Foreman and Clerk. **Wider afield we were represented at the sister Court Leet manors of Alcester, Bromsgrove, Henley and Warwick**. I represented the Guildable Manor at **Bromsgrove Court Leet's St George's Day Ale Tasting and Mediaeval Banquet**. I was asked to do an ale tasting in The Red Lion and pronounced the Jennings Cumbria Ale to be of excellent quality! S^{vd} Foreman Cyril Levy has been attending the annual **Holocaust Day Commemoration** and also the **Soviet War Memorial Day** 9th May which take place at the IWM Park in Southwark since these anniversaries were instituted. These have grown in attendance over the years but because of the Manor's long support the Manor Wreath is laid only shortly after the Mayor of Southwark's and before the CIS Ambassadors. On 30th June we were also guest of the Mayor of Southwark for the **Freedom of the Borough Ceremony** for the Royal Marines Reserve (City of London), the London Regiment and the 256 Field Hospital Volunteers all have had strong connections with the borough but only the last still has its base here, the Clerk was Assistant MC of the event for which the Lord Lieutenant Sir David Brewer was visibly relieved to discover on arrival. My final function to attend is the **Royal Marines Reserve (City of London) Annual Dinner** at their south London barracks, which I am told by the Clerk is of the very highest standard. The Manor also supported the Lord Mayor's Appeal events, most notably the Handel Evening at Mansion House on 5th September.

It may be noted that we have now been admitted as a guild-member of the **Fellowship of Clerks of the City of London** and this should lead to better integration and acknowledgement with the Livery; it is the Manor that has to be recognised by the Fellowship before our Clerk is admitted. Incidentally, the City's own website includes on bookings pages a drop down menu of all the Livery Companies and between 'Solicitors' and 'Spectacle Makers' is now 'Southwark'!

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 Tithing 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 Tithing and the Tithingmen.

Banking and Audit Procedure: - All Expenditure is approved by the Tithing under general administration or as special purchases; the Tithing 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 Forms for goods/ services/ banqueting are retained and payments banked by the Clerk. Receipts and Pro Forms are attached to a narrative Memo by the Clerk and are given to the Auditors at the next Tithing 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 increase to £50.00 for 2012-13. This account also has to fund the costs associated with the **Court Leet Day**.

Merchandise & General Account. Originally this account generated major surpluses by sales to third parties and was our principal subsidy when the Manor was expanding its activities and before we could recruit a 'critical mass' of support to events and membership. These 'customers' have now declined due to the recession and now the account's activity 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.

A query was made as to why the Manor's colours are Red and Silver. The Lord of the Manor of Southwark is the Corporation of London and its heraldic tinctures are *Gules* and *Argent* - we therefore wear the City's 'livery'. However, as the Borough Court we wear blue shell gowns with green and 'gold' facings, which are the LBo Southwark heraldic colours.

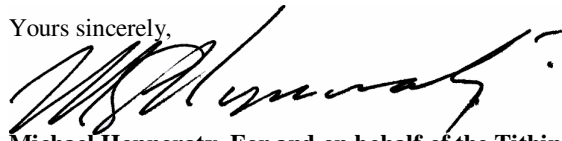
Banqueting Account. With the combination of attenders and reasonably priced caterers this account again realises modest surpluses, which are applied to charity. Event subscriptions are closely budgetted to attract support. All of our major functions follow a format of an Event, be it ceremonial or a 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 Tithing, 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 to be regarded. In fact despite a certain decline in attendances to certain functions in the year we have increased our charitable donations to the largest ever. The Tithing 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 Tithing then a note about these shall receive a detailed and considered reply.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Honnoraty, For and on behalf of the Tithing of the Guildable Manor.

Court Leet Event of 2012



Afeeror Leslie, Foreman Janet and Constable Mike inspect the Court Leet Venue Commemorative Plaque in the Amigo Hall



Steven, Clerk of the Court



Charles, High Bailiff



His Honour Peter, High Steward



Janet, Secretary

Foreman Janet greets the 'Old Bailey' Officers to the Reception

BRIDGE HOUSE YARD DINNER 2013



at left:
**Foreman
Mike
welcomes
all.**



at right:
**Lecturer
Harvey**



at left:
**Alderman
Julian**



at right:
**Sheriff
Nigel**



at left:
**Sheriff
'Elect'
Adrian**



at right:
**Sheriff
'Elect'
Sir Paul.**



at left
**Chief
Commoner
George**



at right:
**President
& Juror
Judy.**

THE COURT LEET OF THE GUILDABLE MANOR OF SOUTHWARK

The names of the Free Tenant Burgesses summonsed to attend as Jurors of the said Manor at the Amigo Hall - St George's Cathedral, Southwark SE1 on Wednesday the 13th day of November 2013 at 3.20pm.

Roy Alston	William Donovan	Susan Haydock	Douglas Lewins	Diane Riley	Dr Graham Turnock
Jeremy Barrett	Matthew Dupee	Hilary Haydon	Simon McIlwaine	Daniel Roche	Prof Paul Weninger
Leoniza Barrett	Edward Errington	David Henderson	Edward Newman	Colin Sach	Bryan Whalley
Gwen Batchelor	Dr Richard Fynes	Lesley Henderson	Stephen Nimmons	Tony Sharp	Jane Williams
Tim Benjamin	Peter Gadbury	Richard Hollier	Bryan Page	Lynn Smith	Dr Keith Williams
Beryl Boulton	Kathleen Gill	Janet Honnoraty	Makia Pai	Robin Sherlock	Nicholas Williams
David Boston	Donald Goree	Michael Honnoraty	John Paternoster	Graham Sutherland	David Wilson
Dr Trevor Brignall	Dr Charlotte Grezo	P Josephine Huggins	Georg Peithner-Lichtenfels	Michael Stewart	Hamish Wilson
Benjamin Browning	Roman de Gamotha	Edward Jansz	Jeffrey J Penny	Dr Alexandra Tansey	Mary Wilson
Valerie Carroll	John Garbutt	Donna Joscelyne	Rudolf Pongratz	Judy Tayler-Smith	Dr Ian Wingfield
Andrea Coore	Prem Goyal	Patrick Joyce	Paul Phillips	John Taylor	Norman Winnett
Paul Crisp	Adrian Greenwood	Dominic Kelsey	Jill Philips	Adele Thorpe	Patricia Winnett
Norman Dale	Leslie Grout	Martin King	John Philips	Ian Tough	William Whitfield
Richard Darby	James Gurling	Jean-Yves Kirkbuddo	Simonie Prior	Peter Townsend	Sir David Wootton
Gillian Davies	Leigh Hatts	Ron Leek	Mervyn Redding	Prof Frederick Trowman	Tim Wright
Roger Davis	John Hammond	Cyril Levy	David Repetowsky	Christopher Trye	

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

- 1.i) To Accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 14th November 2012 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.
- 6) Any Other Business.

MINUTES OF

ANNUAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2012 at 2.15pm
held at The Amigo Hall, St George's RC Cathedral, Southwark, London SE1,

These were circulated in November 2012 and again in October 2013 and notified errors and omissions rectified.

1.i) Attendance:

Beryl Boulton, David Boston, Andrea Coore, Kevin Couling, Paul Crisp, Richard Darby, William Donovan, Dr Richard Fynes, Peter Gadbury, Donald Goree, Adrian Greenwood, Leslie Grout, James Gurling, Lee Hatts, Susan Haydock, Hilary Haydon, Richard Hollier, Janet Honnoraty, Michael Honnoraty, Patricia J Huggins, Glynn Jones, Donna Joscelyne, Patrick Joyce, Ron Leek, Simon McIlwaine, Edward Newman, Bryan Page, Paul Phillips, Mervyn Redding, David Repetowsky, Diane Riley, Tony Sharp, Lynn Smith, Robin Sherlock, Michael Stewart, Alexandra Tansey, Judy Tayler-Smith, Ian Tough, Peter Townsend, Frederick Trowman, Bryan Whalley, Paul Weninger, Keith Williams, David Wilson, Ian Wingfield, Norman Winnett, Patricia Winnett, William Whitfield.

2.i) To Accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting: Wednesday 16th November 2011 at 2.15pm held at The Amigo 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

3.ii) Matters Arising. a) The Foreman gave notice as follows: "In regard to the 6.1 notice of Officers for the year ensuing: The Trustees at their meeting of 28th September Resolved to adopt the title of 'Tithingmen' because the title of 'Trustee' was misleading and further that the Committee of Officers with the Tithingmen be renamed 'The Tithing' to reflect this and the Constitutional references to 'Committee', 'Officers' and 'Trustees' shall be altered accordingly to reflect this. This is a Constitutional Amendment which shall have effect if there are no Objections at this Meeting": Agreed Nem Con..

iii) The Foreman gave Notice that Glynn Jones would not be standing as Flesh Taster and that Ian Wingfield would be Sworn In for that position.

4.i) To Receive the Audited Accounts as Circulated. It was noted that the Total Income Sum shown in the General Account Extract from the Audited account should read £2,746.92. The Interest on the Banqueting Account is missing, it was £0.62. Neither error actually affects the Total Expenditure and Balance figures of these accounts.

Agreed Nem Com

ii) Matters Arising. None

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.

Watermen & Lightermen Annual Dogget's Coat and Badge 2013:



Doggett's Men and Company Bargemaster



Deputy Master Waterman



Master Waterman



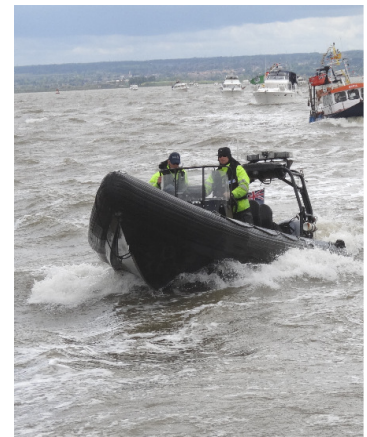
The Winner

The Rochester Cruise 2013



The Hawkwood Stone, River Medway





The Rochester Oyster & Floating Fishery is a guild of trawlermen with exclusive fishing rights on the Medway from Sheerness to Hawkwood Stone in Kent, since at least the reign of Henry VI. Each year the 'freemen' are summonsed to the Admiralty Court of the Medway, on the first weekend of June, the Mayor is Admiral, to regulate fishing and the oyster beds as a conservancy council. The freemen and their apprentices are Sworn In.

After the Court, on Saturday, the Mayor and Trawlermen go to the river and 'beat the bounds' upstream to the marking pillar seen in the first of the pictures of the sequence. They are accompanied by members of the Rochester Cruising Club in their boats. Bugles are blown, cannons fired and the return trip ends at the Cruising Club at the Esplanade for a buffet lunch. On the Sunday the bounds are beaten downstream to the estuary at Sheerness. Two wrecks are acknowledged with wreaths and a bagpipe lament. On return to the Cruising Club the colours are struck and a barbecue is held. Over forty craft take part in either or both days.

Since 2005 the Manor Officers have represented the Lord Mayor of London by conveying his greetings to the event. For the last five years the CoL Health Authority 50 ft launches have participated in the two day event carrying the Foreman and other officers. The Clerk can be seen in the cockpit of the Lady Aileen, armed with his Quart Pot. All participating boats are presented with a Penant which the Mayor of Medway delivers on the Kent Police High Speed Boat, the Clerk's arm can be seen reaching out for this. The estuary trip is accompanied by the Medway Conservancy vessels and by the Fire Tender which gives a display of Greetings. As can be seen the trip to the estuary can be somewhat less sedate than to Hawkwood.