

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

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**Borough founded by King Alfred**  
ca 880 AD

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**Southwark Jurors in Domesday Book**  
1086

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**Parliamentary Borough**  
1295

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**Preserved Legal Jurisdiction**  
*Administration of Justice Act 1977*



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*The High Steward of Southwark*  
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*The association of the Jurors of the Court Leet, Exchequer Court and Borough Court*



*Sheriff and Juror Christine Rigden presentation from the senior officers of the Manor at the Old Bailey, being the first member to hold the office in living memory; above l-r Judy, Christine, Adele and Charlotte*



*at left*  
**Presenting party**  
in the Sheriff's  
apartment at Old  
Bailey: from l-r

**Judy, Simon T-S,  
Christine, David W,  
Adele, Charlotte and  
Tony.**

*at right*  
**The Clerk explains**  
the symbolism of the  
engravings on the salver  
and tankard.





## ***Functions, Lectures and Ceremonies of the Year***

*l - r and t - b :*

*The Borough Pickwick Club met at 'The George Inn' on the 14<sup>th</sup> January with 'Readings from the Master Story Teller for your Delectation and Entertainment':*

*Christine and Edward in 'mode'; Lynn and George; Patricia keeping us enthralled; David's eloquent tones; Peter in authoritative stance! (the 'chums fraternity' is a reference to the Pickwick Club) ; Jolly Good Company.*



***More Jolly Good Company.***



# Annual Letter 2016

10th October 2016

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 my Letter, the formal Notices, 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. On 18<sup>th</sup> September the Tithingmen scrutinised applications for and attendances and suitability of the Sworn and Supernumerary Officers and elected the following to serve in the relevant positions as per the indicated Rules:-

*\*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\***
- 6: ALESIZER †**

### ***Supernumerary and appointed:-***

**ALE CONNERS (St Saviour's and  
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  
‡‡ Rule 3.**

**HON AUDITORS §§  
§§ Notified to Annual Meeting under Rule 8.  
HON TITHINGMEN ‡ Rule 7.9**

**HONORARY CHAPLAIN ‡ Rule 7.9 Vacant**

### ***Tithing\*# 1-6 Sworn Officers***

*by succession and service under Rule 7*

**Peter Gadbury (F: 2000-2001)  
Leslie Grout (F: 2013-2014)  
Judy Tayler-Smith  
Adèle Thorpe  
Dr Charlotte Grezo  
Lawrence Day (J - 2014)**

*\*Rule 7.1 ‡ Rule 7.9 † Rule 7.10*

**Roger Davis, Mervyn Redding^, Lawrence Day +**

**“ ” All other Officers and Tithingmen**

*‡ Rule 7.9 (^ Wine Steward) (+ Banqueting Steward)*

**Tony Sharp (F: 2001-2002)  
Peter Gadbury (F: 2000-2001)  
David Wilson (F: 2005-2006)  
§ Charter of Charles I 1638 ‡ Rule 7.9**

**Terence Mullins ‡++ (J - 2015), All Officers and Tithingmen  
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‡ Rule 7.9 (++) 'Manor Beadle')**

**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 & 2016) ‡‡**

**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)  
Leslie Grout (F: 2013-2014)  
Ian Luder (F: 2014-2015)**

**Dr Ian Wingfield (F: 2002-2003)  
Prof Frederick Trowman (F: 2007-2008 & 2016)  
Ian Luder (F: 2014-2015); Brian Barker QC (HS 2013 - 2014);  
Robin Sherlock; Ted Newman.**

**Hon Assistant Chaplain Rev Jonathan Sedgwick, Rector of St George the Martyr.**

**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. The text and illustrations of this leaflet is reproduced at the back part of this Letter. This has led to further enquiries and even some recruitment as Jurors from that connection.

## 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. However the Annual Thanksgiving and Quit Rents this year was comfortably accommodated with our second largest attended event in living memory – at 94. I am delighted that after the decline in numbers of Jurors in recent years, the trend was reversed this year. We admitted 9 new jurors and previously lapsed members. The Tithing hopes that this trend will continue and urges all members to introduce a guest to our events in the hope that they will wish to join themselves. Currently we have 109 Jurors Summoned and some 4 additional new Tenants since the Jurors List closed.

### SUMMONS TO JUROR SERVICE AND MANOR FUNCTIONS

*Both new and not so new Jurors often get confused by the formality of the procedures of the Courts and the social functions they receive information about. The Summonses are issued directly from the relevant Court (Old Bailey, Royal Courts and the Inner London Sessions House) and the invitation to the lunch or dinner comes from the Manor and not at the same time.*

*The Jurors Lists are formally entered at the Court and added to the Ministry of Justice's statistical returns for the composition of Juries nationally.*

#### Ceremonial Dress of Officers

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.

*Note by The Clerk*

Remember that if new members are unlikely to become Liverymen but are attracted to the City's traditions, 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 being revised. 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 Surveyor's Dept (the landlord) with a note to say that all named are jointly and severally 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 'en clothed' in the Livery as a full member.

*Note by The Clerk*

**Events and Functions of the last year** The Manor participated in what is now the **Annual Sheep Drive of the Woolmens' Company** on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015, the Manor's formal welcome to the Sheriffs and Livery Masters was well received and we presented the Master Woolman with an engraved Tankard as Foreman Ian was unable to attend.

**Court Leet 2015** Our most important event of the year was held on **18th November 2015** in the **Nave of St George the Martyr, Southwark**. The Court and Lunch was attended by **103 Jurors and Guests**, including the Old Bailey team. This was the highest attendance ever with 64 Jurors (57 last year and previous highest 59 in 2010). At this we were able to present for the first time the status of Honorary Tithingman to those Jurors whom had served the Manor in various ways and the first of these was retiring Foreman Ian Luder. Ian 'retires' to his position as 'Father of the Court of Aldermen' and it may be of note that until 1978 this was usually held by the Alderman of Bridge Ward Without ie the Southwark Manors. We trust that Ian can find a role on the Aldermanic bench to revive something like this 'patronage' for us. We presented him with a gift copy of '*Southwark and the City*' by **David Johnson**, the Corporation's official history of the Courts Leet and its involvement with the borough and a framed photo of his first event with us the Sheep Drive during the 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary London Bridge Fayre during his Mayoralty. Dr Charlotte Grezo joined the Tithing as Ale Sizer and Terry Mullins was given the role of Manor Beadle. Three were proposed for the Freedom.

**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. We had to cancel our intended venue at short notice but we were able to secure the **Talbot Room at The George Inn** on the High Street, a most appropriate location for a Dickensian evening, on the **14<sup>th</sup> 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 32 members and their guests, a notable fall on last year's attendance. However, the format was agreed as most entertaining and suitable. It is following the success route of higher attendances and shall outgrow the George Inn in due course, possibly requiring a new venue next year.

**Quit Rents and Court of Exchequer** The combined Thanksgiving Service and Quit Rents Ceremony was held on **17<sup>th</sup> March**, for new Freeman, Members and Guests. We first assembled at the **Chamberlain's Court**, where four Jurors took the oath. Once again the Service was held at our guild-church **St George the Martyr, Borough High Street** conducted by **The Assistan Chaplain and Rector of our Guild Church Rev Jonathan Sedgwick**. The Ceremony followed. The Senior Master Barbara Fontaine, the **Queen's Remembrancer**, received the Quit Rents on behalf of the Crown from us (on behalf of the City). For this purpose she instituted the **Court of Exchequer** to which the Southwark Jurors were Summoned. This is one of only four City ceremonies in which she participates; the others being the Trial of the Pyx, the presentation of the Sheriffs and the presentation of the Lord Mayor. We then hosted a Luncheon at the St George's Hall, prepared by **Masters Catering**. Some **94 Jurors** and their guests attended, the second highest ever for any event we have held. Our civic brethren and guests included the Masters and Clerks of the Tax Advisers and the Watermen & Lightermen 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 intended for Saturday **16<sup>th</sup> April** conducted by our Clerk, Tony Sharp, with only three attenders! Nevertheless, 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 but insists that attendees join for a social meal afterwards.

**Justices and Jurors Lecture & Dinner:** 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 the Camberwell Green Magistrates Courts; Note 'court Districts' not mere court rooms or houses. 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 at St George the Martyr Church and Hall. This year's lecture and dinner was held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 65 attended a slight fall on last year but probably because of the availability of the speaker and venue pushed us into June. Our guests included **The Common Serjeant Richard Marks, The Recorder of Southwark HHJ Roger Chapple, the Recorder of Westminster HHJ Alastair McCreish, the Senior Resident at Blackfriars HHJ John Hillen, HM Coroner for Southwark Dr Andrew Harris, Assistant City Remembrancer Nigel Lefton**. 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 **Lord Justice Sir Peter Gross QC**.

**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 9th and 10th 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 **Greetings of the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor Lord Mountevans**, to the Mayor, Cllr Stuart Tranter, the Court and Freeman 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 10. 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.

**On the 12<sup>th</sup> July the senior officers attended the Southwark Legal and Judicial Service at Southwark Cathedral.** This was an additional event at short notice organised by HHJ Roger Chapple the Recorder of Southwark and the Dean Andrew Nunn. It was attended by **42 Judges, District, Circuit and High Court, the Recorder of Westminster and Lord Justice Adrian Fulford** the Senior Presiding Judge of England and Wales in full garb. Rightly, **the Manor Officers led the Procession** into the Cathedral as the representative of the Juries of Southwark and the Borough's oldest jurisdiction. This was regarded as a success and expected to be repeated in future years and the Manor shall organise an associated social function to follow it..

**The 'Bridge House-Yard Lecture & Dinner'**, was held on 15<sup>th</sup> September at our now regular venue the Hall of St George the Martyr, Borough High Street. **Sheriff Christine Rigden our own Juror** was appropriately our principal guest at this event and we welcomed also from the civic City **Ald Timothy Hailes. Dr Roy Palmer City Coroner, Jon Avern Director of the Port Health Authority and Master Marcator David Pearson**. This dinner is always preceded by a

Lecture on the history of the Borough or of Greater London. This year the lecturer was given by **Chris Mayo of Pre-Construct Archaeology on the discoveries made at the site of Brandon House opposite St George's Church** on Borough High Street earlier this year. **Only 49 Jurors** and guests attended, which was a fall on last year, and the date may be too early for the calendar and will be reviewed perhaps moving to October and the Tithing welcomes feedback on this.

Because of the slightly longer 'year' between Courts we are able to include the 2016 **Annual Sheep Drive of the Woolmens' Company** on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2016, the Manor's formal welcome to the Sheriffs and Livery Masters was well received and Constable Leslie presented the Master Woolman, Ald Peter Hewitt, with an engraved Tankard as Foreman Freddie was unable to attend.

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 Throughout the year either myself, an Officer, or the Clerk represented the Manor as invited guests at Livery and City events. The Foreman got off to a flying start as the evening before the Court Leet I attended the **Worshipful Company of Actuaries Annual Lecture and Dinner for all the Livery Masters**. This is always held in the delightful Hall of Staple Inn on High Holborn and has become a regular invitation to the Foreman. The Lecture was given by Lord (David) Willetts who talked on the 'inter generational' issues facing mature western societies.

**Sheriff and Juror Christine Rigden invited a party on the 7<sup>th</sup> March** of the Officers to the Old Bailey to make a commemorative Presentation to her as the first lady Sheriff who is also a Juror and first Sheriff in living memory to be so.. It was decided this would be a suitably engraved Tankard, which was most appropriate as Christine is one of the four elected Ale Conners of the City (as indeed is Foreman Freddie) and a Salver. This was a delightful gathering of the three senior Officers who are all ladies, Judy as Flesher, Adele as Ale taster and Charlotte as Ale Sizer.

On 28<sup>th</sup> April the Clerk and the Ale Taster attended the **World Traders annual Tacitus Debate and Reception** at DLA Piper, with a panel of eminent Economists one of whom the Clerk reminded they knew each other in Liverpool 40 years before! On a chilly 1st June myself and the Clerk were official guests at '**The Presentation of the Knollys Rose**'. The **Company of Watermen and Lightermen** of the Thames went to All Hallows by the Tower garden and plucked a Rose flower and took it, led by the Doggett's Men with oars, to the Mansion House to the Lord Mayor followed by a Reception there then another before Lunch at Watermen's Hall!. The **Tax Advisers** invited myself and the Clerk to their **Annual Civic and Charities Luncheon on 7<sup>th</sup> June at Armourers & Brasiers Hall**. The Clerk and Flesh Taster attended the **City Livery Club annual Civic Luncheon on 24<sup>th</sup> May at the Carpenters Hall**. On 5<sup>th</sup> February our Clerk was a guest at the **Plasterers Company's Spring Livery Dinner**.

The **Watermen's Doggett's Coat and Badge Wager was held on 20<sup>th</sup> July the 301st Anniversary of this event**. Indeed, I was the principal guest of honour of the Master on the Cruise and Luncheon because like the Watermen we are not a Livery (the Livery are entertained by the Fishmongers). **The Master and Clerk were guests of the Master Turner** (Juror Nic Somers) at the Company's annual 'Wizadry in Wood' exhibition and reception on 17<sup>th</sup> October. 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.

**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 funding the costs associated with the **Court Days** and entertaining our official guests. However, at the last Tithingmen's meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> September the accounts and expenditures were reviewed and **it was considered unnecessary to change the Fee for 2016-17**.

**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.

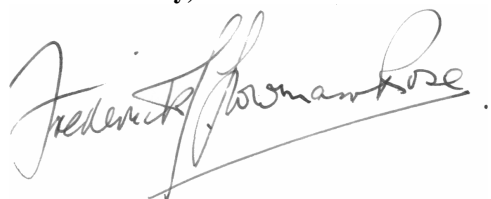
**Banqueting Account.** With the combination of attenders and reasonably priced caterers this account again realises modest surpluses, which are applied to charity. Event subscriptions are closely budgetted to attract support. All of our major functions follow a format of an Event, be it ceremonial or 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 largely maintained our charitable donations. 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Frederick Trowman Rose". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

**Prof Frederick Trowman, For and on behalf of the Tithing of the Guildable Manor.**



# 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  
the Nave of St George the Martyr Church, Borough High Street SE1  
on Wednesday the 30th day of November 2016 at 3.20pm.

Leslie Alden	Roger Davis	Hilary Haydon	Cyril Levy	Robin Sherlock	Patricia Winnett
Roy Alston	Lawrence Day	Trevor Haynes	Ian Luder	Janet Smith	William Whitfield
Brian Barker QC	Roger D'elia	Christopher Hayward	Simon McIlwaine	Lynn Smith	Sir David Wootton
Jeremy Barrett	John Dewhurst	Richard Hollier	Peter Miles	Nicholas Somers	Michael Wren
Leoniza Barrett	Dora Dixon-Fyle	Janet Honnoraty	Terence Mullins	Graham Sutherland	
Maureen Bonanno-Smith	Edward Errington	Michael Honnoraty	Edward Newman	Doreen Sutton	
Paul Bethel	Julie Fox	P Josephine Huggins	Stephen Nimmons	Dr Alexandra Tansey	109
Stewart Bell	Roger France	Jill Jacobs	John Nunneley	Judy Tayler-Smith	
Keith Bottomley CC	John Freeman	Edward Jansz	Bryan Page	Peter Thompson	
Beryl Boulton	Dr Richard Fynes	Donna Joscelyne	Jeffrey Penny	Adele Thorpe	
David Boston	Peter Gadbury	Patrick Joyce	Jill Philps	Ian Tough	
Mark Bridge	Sue Garland Worthington	Dominic Kelsey	Martin Price	Peter Townsend	
Dr Trevor Brignall	Michael German	Barry Kemp	Rosamunde Price	David Treais	
Christine Byron	Norma Gibbs	Michael Khan	Robert Prior	Prof Frederick Trowman	
Edward Byron	Christopher Godbold	Martin King	Mervyn Redding	James Vickers	
Valerie Carroll	Dr Charlotte Grezo	Stephen Kirkman	Peter Rees	Bryan Whalley	
Claudio Chiste	Leslie Grout	Jean-Yves Kirkbuddo	Dr Christine Rigden	David Wilson	
Paul Crisp	Rosemary Guest	Simon Langton	Diane Riley	Hamish Wilson	
Norman Dale	Leigh Hatts	Ron Leek	Colin Sach	Mary Wilson	
Richard Darby	Nicholas Havell	Alan Lettis	Karen Sankey	Dr Ian Wingfield	
Lorraine Davis	Susan Haydock	Ann Lettis	Tony Sharp	Norman Winnett	

## 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 2015 as a Correct Record.
- ii) Matters Arising.
- 2.i) To Accept the Annual Letter as Circulated.
- ii) Matters Arising.
- 3.i) To Receive the Abstract of the Audited Accounts as Circulated.
- ii) Matters Arising.
- 4.) i) Votes of Thanks, proposed by the Foreman.
- 6) Any Other Business. i) Silent Tribute to Bill Donovan.

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2015 at 2.15pm held at St George the Martyr, Nave, Borough High Street, Southwark, London SE1,

### 1.i) Attendance:

Leslie Alden; Stewart Bell; Beryl Boulton; Dr Trevor Brignall; Paul Crisp; Lorraine Davis; Roger Davis; Lawrence Day; Roger D'elia; John Freeman; Dr Richard Fynes; Peter Gadbury; Dr Charlotte Grezo; Sue Garland Worthington; Christopher Godbold; Leslie Grout; Trevor Haynes; Janet Honnoraty; Michael Honnoraty; P Josephine Huggins; Stephen Kirkman; Jean-Yves Kirkbuddo; Ron Leek; Alan Lettis; Ann Lettis; Ian Luder; Simon McIlwaine; Peter Miles; Terence Mullins; Edward Newman; Bryan Page; Jill Philps; Martin Price; Rosamunde Price; Mervyn Redding; Peter Rees; Dr Christine Rigden; Diane Riley; Karen Sankey; Tony Sharp; Janet Smith; Nicholas Somers; Dr Alexandra Tansey; Judy Tayler-Smith; Peter Thompson; Adele Thorpe; Ian Tough; Prof Frederick Trowman; James Vickers; Bryan Whalley; Dr Keith Williams; David Wilson; Hamish Wilson; Mary Wilson; Dr Ian Wingfield; Norman Winnett; Patricia Winnett; Michael Wren

2.i) To Accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting: Wednesday 12th November 2014 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. The Foreman Notified the Meeting of an error to the list of Tithingmen that SF David Boston and SF Freddie Trowman were appointed as Tithing men and that SF Janet Honnoraty was not to be so.

Agreed Nem Com

ii) Matters Arising. None

4.i) To Receive the Audited Accounts as Circulated.

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.



## GVILDABLE MANOR

### *What has Southwark to do with the City?*

#### *A Summons from the 'Old Bailey'*

**“Juror of the Town and Borough of Southwark ‘Guildable Manor’:** *You are hereby summoned to appear personally before the High Steward of the said Manor, at a Court Leet and View of Frankpledge with the Court Baron of the Mayor and Commonality and Citizens of the City of London to be held at (a venue and date/ time) then and there to serve as a Juror of the said Court. Hereof you are not to fail on pain of amerciamment. High Bailiff”*

Since the Georgian era the **High Steward of Southwark** has usually been a supplementary office of the **Recorder of London** (the senior judge of the Central Criminal Court at Old Bailey), with the **High Bailiff of Southwark** being an additional office of the **Under Sheriff & Secondary of London** (the senior officer of that Court). This arrangement of the City’s Law Officers Swearing the Jurors (‘freemen’) and Foreman and Tithing (‘Master and Wardens’) is unique in the City, unlike the Liveries and guilds which Swear their own Freemen and Courts of Assistants. The City’s authority in Southwark in relation to its manors there dates from 1327, considerably pre-dating most of the livery companies foundations. The City supported Isabella and Mortimer’s revolt against Edward II and jurisdiction over Southwark was one of its rewarded and privileges for that. However, it is the Manor’s officers which conduct all ceremonial in the Borough and not (as in the City) the Guildhall officials.

**Procedure;** The Court is assembled, the Jurors are sworn in and they name their Foreman and he names a Constable, an Affeeror, a Flesh Taster and Ale Conners, who take their oaths. The Affeeror, a-fee-rs ie prices the fines; the Ale Conners and the Flesh Taster are appointed to test the quality and measure of beers and meats, ie check weights and measures. The High Bailiff then reads the Riot Act, from an original King’s Printers Copy without which it has no proclamatory validity. After this the Foreman states any ‘presentments’, ie the cases he wishes to present. There have been none since the early Victorian period. The High Steward then delivers his ‘charge’ to the Jury, a talk on some historical matter or an issue of some current legal concern and controversy. The Court then adjourns to allow the Jurors to continue in a convivial way entertaining their guests and the Old Bailey officers to a festive meal.

#### **The Courts Leet of the Ancient Manors of Southwark**

The members of the ‘Guildable Manor’ are the Free Tenants or Burgesses of the ‘Town and Borough of Southwark’. The original *burh* of Southwark (*fuðringa geþeorce*) was founded by **Alfred the Great** ca 879-880 as part of a system of 33 forts to defend the kingdom of Wessex from the Vikings. As the ruins of ‘Londinium’ where at that time occupied by a Viking army and not settled by Alfred until 886 then Southwark was a ‘borough’ before the ‘City of London’ was so. These forts had become by the late tenth century settlements and towns in which there were markets, tradesmen/ craftsmen and a mint. The denizens had certain rights within the feudal system which meant they were ‘free’ of manorial obligations, indeed they began to exercise within their settlements what were effectively manorial rights of a ‘lord’. Apart from trade and administrative control the ‘freemen’ or burgesses (*burh* members) also dispensed local justice and this too grew from an early Anglo-Saxon procedure of the *frith-borh*. This was the ‘peace-oath’, which required all freemen to pledge by oath to uphold the peace of the realm. They did this by binding each other in mutual cogniscence, usually in an assembly of a tenth part, a ‘tything’, of a ‘hundred’ (a subdivision of a shire with a taxable value of a hundred hides). This procedure is prefigured in King Alfred’s law codes by an arrangement called the *gegilden* and references to tenth century *‘frith gilds’*.

#### **Domesday**

The clearest proof of the ancient status of the Southwark free-tenants is their first written appearance; this is in *Domesday Book* compiled in 1086 for William I ‘the Conqueror’. This was a national record of account to list what was owed to the king by his tenants in chief, his fellow Norman conquerors and the senior Prelates of the Church, whom were the greatest landholders. These in turn had sub-let to others, so that ownership and duties, either food-rents or military services, had become confused as to who owed them, the tenant in chief or the under-tenant. The king therefore sent his commissioners across the nation to interrogate these to provide evidences, they also asked the king’s local agent in the shires or counties to confirm these statements, the ‘shire-reeves’. These sheriffs could not know everything, but they could ask the local freemen on oath to announce their opinion of this information. The point is that the freemen could express the truth in the knowledge of royal protection from the wrath of local magnates. In the sections of *Domesday Book* in regard to our manor, the ‘Men of Southwark’ are shown as doing this. **In 1295 the first Parliament** to summons representatives of the shires and boroughs, included two Members from Southwark elected by the burgesses.



*Map of Southwark - shaded area is the Guildable Manor*

## Jurors of Southwark

Breaches of the peace were dealt with by mutual sanction, ie the freemen had to deliver a miscreant as summonsed to a court of justice, usually that of a sheriff or deputy. The hearing of a court involved witnesses, accused and neutrals; that arrangement is the foundation of trial by jury. Only freemen could give an oath (anyone who was a bondsman of another would be unable to do so) and so only freemen could form the jury. If the accused did not appear, the remaining members could swear an oath to the effect that they had no hand in the escape of the summoned man. If they did not swear this oath before the court, the tything would be held responsible for the deeds of the fugitive, and would be held collectively responsible and pay any fines for the offender's actions.

Therefore, the peace-pledge is the freemen's-pledge and the Norman French word for Freeman was 'frank'. The '**View of Frankpledge**' is the mutually cogniscent oath of the freemen to uphold the king's peace. That is therefore a royal or national law court held at local level, shire, borough or manor. The other court of a manor is the Court Baron, ie of the lord of the manor or land-lord to whom complaints and proofs of tenurial obligations on his land would be made. This was a strictly local customary matter, but a 'civil' court of first instance. As both Court Baron and View were assemblies at which freemen would be involved (free-tenants of a manor held property by 'burgage' ie money-rent, not labour-rent as bondage) it was a simple step to regard these courts as the same assembly but dealing with either local 'civil' matters or 'national' criminal concerns. English law was 'common' ie nationally similar.

## Manor Officers

Manors were jurisdictions to themselves before the development of local councils and the modern justice system. The Lord of the Manor required that the tenants under him should form a group to put offenders against the peace to trial and appoint representative officers under the Foremen. They in turn used this assembly, the **Court Leet**, as the forum for them to make complaints to the landlord, to pay their rent/ rates, to hold inquests and to maintain the Peace by enforcing their judgments, hence the role of **Constable**. The taking of fines and other fees was the duty of the **Affeeror**. The Jury combined the roles of weights and measures inspectors by appointing some of their fellows to check on local traders and the fitness of the goods they sold, thus the appointment of **Ale-Conners** and **Flesh Tasters**. Like all juries the person who delivered, or 'presented' the verdict to the lord was the **Foreman**.

## The City acquires the two other Southwark Manors: Charter of 1550



*The Manor Officers process the Foreman, High Steward and High Bailiff and other City justices to the Court House, ca 1695*

Despite taking charge of the *burh* the original problem of legal control had not been effective, especially as the built up area and population grew around the original settlement. The City was constantly trying to get the other authorities in Southwark to co-operate with it to ensure effective policing and due process. The City therefore decided to acquire the two neighbouring manors next to the Guildable. The opportunity arose consequent on Henry VIII's Reformation which abolished the privileges of the monasteries. **Edward VI's** guardians agreed to part with the Crown's interest..

The charter is dated **23rd April 1550**. These properties are now informally known as the **Great Liberty** and the **King's Manor** (the words "Liberty" and "Manor" are interchangeable).

The City also created an additional Alderman to have special jurisdiction over these officials and declared the area as a Ward of the City which for that purpose was called "**Ward of Bridge Without**". Aldermen of the City have always been elected, either 'once for life' or nowadays for six years. However, the incumbent of the new Ward was anomalous in that he was not elected by the local tenants and freemen but appointed by the Court of Alderman. As the Recorder~High Steward was also appointed by the Court of Aldermen this meant Southwark had two associates on that body neither of whom were ever elected within the Ward. There were never any Common Councilmen for the Ward, the Courts Leet fulfilled that representative function. 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) and Sch 4 Pt III'.



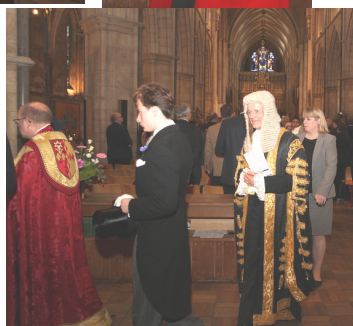
## *Functions, Lectures and Ceremonies of the Year*

### *Southwark Judicial and Legal Service at Southwark Cathedral.*

*The Manor Officers were chosen as the appropriate body – representing the Jurors – to lead the Judicial procession of 12<sup>th</sup> July – this was originated by HHJ Roger Chapple, Recorder of Southwark and our Learned Clerk.*

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*High Sheriff of Greater London being given directions by our Clerk; Simon Duckworth DL for Southwark and Dr Andrew Nunn, Dean of Southwark and Cllr Kath Whittam Mayor; District Judges led by HHJ Michael Seed; Ready to Go!; We're Off!; The Puisne Judges; Our old friend HHJ McCreish Recorder of Westminster; Lord Justice Fulford, Senior Presiding Judge of England and Wales with the senior judges of Greater London, High Sheriff Sir Nigel Knowles; Our good friend HHJ Roger Chapple, Recorder of Southwark; the District Judges*





## Justices and Jurors Lecture and Dinner 2016

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Charlotte and Adele as Beadles at the Door; Clerk Calls Order and Silence; Foreman Freddie 'Welcomes'; Lord Justice Sir Peter Gross lectures; Welcoming Our Guests (Asst Remembrancer Nigel Lefton); The Common Serjeant HHJ Richard Marks; Flesher Judy; Freddie and Master Management Consultant; David Peregrine Jones; Ian and Leslie greet Patricia and Norman W; Corner Harris, with guest; Served Foremen Janet H and Mike H; Our Learned Friends HHJs Roger and Alastair the Recorders; Juror & Master Turner Nic and Ann with Juror Michael K and guest; Jurors all – Norman W and Edward B, Patricia W and Christine B; Jurors Roger, Christopher, Trevor Master David, Master Waterman Richard Springford and Hon T'man Robin; good company on the Tables:

