

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 High Bailiff of Southwark
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Head of Operations at MH and CCC
The Queen's Remembrancer
Senior Master Barbara Fontaine
The Cursitor Baron of the Exchequer
The Recorder of Southwark
HHJ Usha Karu
The Senior Resident The Sessions House

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The association of the Jurors of the Court Leet, Exchequer Court and Borough Court



Foreman, Sheriff and Alderman Vincent Keaveny and the Mayor of Southwark, Cllr Catherine Rose.



Andrew Dawson, Master Woolman 2018-19 with the Foreman.



Civic group at Rochester Admiralty Court, Mayor Cllr Habib Dejan

Annual Letter 2019

18th October 2019

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 12th October 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; however, if there are Questions Without Notice then a written reply will be given afterwards and published in the Minutes*

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 ‡ (Manor Beadle)
(St Olave's side) ‡
(St Saviour's side) ‡**

**TITHINGMEN‡‡
AND
SERVED FOREMEN**

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

**HON TITHINGMEN
‡ Rule 7.9**

**HONORARY CHAPLAIN
‡ Rule 7.9**

Tithing*# 1-6 Sworn Officers

by succession and service under Rule 7

**Dr Ian Wingfield
Lawrence Day +
Simon S Walsh
Mark Skelton
Steve Tamcken
vacant**

**Rule 7.1 ‡ Rule 7.9 † Rule 7.10*

**Mervyn Redding^ Keith Horsman
" " All other Officers and Tithingmen**

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

**Tony Sharp (F: 2001-2002)
Peter Gadbury (F: 2000-2001)
David Wilson**

§ Charter of Charles I 1638 ‡ Rule 7.9

**Terence Mullins ‡ (J - 2015),
Keith Horsman (J: 2017); and All Officers and Tithingmen
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‡ Rule 7.9**

**Peter Gadbury (F: 2000-2001 & 2016-2017) ‡‡
Tony Sharp (F: 2001-2002) ‡‡
Dr Ian Wingfield (F: 2002-2003) ‡‡
Diane Riley (F: 2004-2005) ‡‡
David Wilson (F: 2005-2006)
Prof Frederick Trowman (F: 2007-2008 & 2016)**

**David Boston (F: 2008-2009)
Ron Leek (F: 2009-2010)
Ian Tough (F: 2010-2011)
Leslie Grout (F: 2013-2014)
Ian Luder (F: 2014-2015)
Judy Tayler-Smith (F: 2018-2019)
‡‡ Rule 3.**

**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; Bryan Whalley.

Rt Rev Dr Karowei Dorgu, the Bishop of Woolwich.

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. We admitted 5 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 96 Jurors Summoned.

PLEASE NOTE:- In compliance with the General Data Protection Regulations 2018, the Manor keeps its record of Jurors Names and Addresses in paper format and does not have any additional information, copies are sent to the three Courts Clerks for Summons and names are supplied to various publications. Communications are restricted to ordinary business of informing members of events. Communications via email are restricted to replies to enquiries from Jurors to the Clerk exclusively.

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. (See also GDPR notice above)

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

Southwark Cathedral Judicial Service 2018

This is the third year of this prestigious Service at which the Manor participates as the 'lead' group to process in the combined Judiciary of the three Southwark resident Crown Courts in the borough, organised by the **Recorder of Southwark HHJ Usha Karu on 6th November**. Some 60 Judges were in full 'dress' and the senior guest was **Baroness Hale President of the Supreme Court**. The Sermon was given by **Rev Giles Fraser** the Rector of St Mary-Newington who is also a regular broadcaster and newspaper columnist. Some 20 Tithing, Jurors and our guests attended.

Court Leet 2018 Our most important event of the year was held on **28th November 2018** in the **Nave of St George the Martyr, Southwark**. The Court and Lunch was attended by **72 Jurors and Guests**, including the Old Bailey team. This was attended by 46 Jurors (60 in 2018, the highest was 64 in 2015 and previous highest 59 in 2010). The lowest attendance overall for many years. **Mark Skelton** offered to serve on the Tithing as Ale Sizer and intends to progress through all offices. **Keith Horsman and Steve Tamcken** have joined the team as Parish Beadles to assist **Terry Mullins**. One person was for the Freedom. I also have to thank SF Diane Riley for stepping into the role of Constable due to the casual vacancy created by an unexpected resignation in 2018.

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**, at the **Winchester Room at The George Inn** on the High Street, a most appropriate location for a Dickensian evening, on the **23rd 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 26 members and their guests, a fall from 27 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 possibly requiring a new venue in due course.

Quit Rents and Court of Exchequer The combined Thanksgiving Service and Quit Rents Ceremony was held on **27th March**. Once again the Service was held at our guild-church **St George the Martyr, Borough High Street** conducted by **The Assistant Chaplain and Rector of our Guild Church, Rev Jonathan Sedgwick**. The Ceremony followed. The His Honour Richard Hone QC, **Deputy Queen's Remembrancer**, received the Quit Rents on behalf of the Crown from us (on behalf of the City). For this purpose was instituted the **Court of Exchequer** to which the Southwark Jurors were Summoned. The role of Clerk of the Court was performed by Nigel Lefton, Director of the City Remembrancer's department in the role of the **Attorney to the City of London**. This is one of only four City ceremonies in this format; 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 **70 Jurors** and their guests attended. Our civic brethren and guests included the **Masters and Clerks of the Tax Advisers, the Insurers, Wax Chandlers, Makers of Playing Cards, Watermen and the Chairman of Bridge Ward Club**, with 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 of passages from *Some Rules from the Conduct of Life* ('the little red book') at the luncheon. This year this was done by the enthusiastic Livery Masters attending. 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. However, due to a clash of bookings this year there was a shortened Thanksgiving Service and the Clerk has been instructed to find an alternative venue to avoid this problem in future years.

The History Tour of the Borough The annual guided walk was intended for Saturday **13th April** conducted by our Clerk, Tony Sharp, with twenty attendees, the largest number ever, attendees. 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 The Amigo Hall of St George's Cathedral on **16th May** at which 44 attended. Our guests included **The Recorder of Southwark (Newington ILCC) HHJ Usha Karu, Senior Resident at Blackfriars CC HHJ John Hillen, the Deputy Queen's Remembrancer Richard Hone QC, the City Remembrancer Paul Double, the Attorney to the City of London Nigel Lefton, HHJ Wendy Josephs and HHJ Rebecca Poulet representing the 'Old Bailey', The Master Woolman Andrew Dawson, the Master Distiller Martin Riley and the Deputy Lieutenant for Southwark Simon Duckworth**. 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 **Baroness Hale, the President of the Supreme Court of the UK who spoke on 'Women in the Law since the early 20th Century until today'**.

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 29th and 30th 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 Peter Estlin**, to the Mayor, Cllr Habib Tejan, 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 **Londinium III 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.

The **‘Bridge House-Yard Lecture & Dinner’**, was held on 12th September at the Amigo Hall, St George’s Cathedral. The meal is always preceded by a Lecture on the history of the Borough or of Greater London. This year the lecturer was given by **Vicki Ridgeway of Pre-Construct Archaeology on the ‘Re-assessment of the Roman Archaeology in Southwark’**. Our principal guests were **the Sheriffs Ald Vincent Keaveny and The Hon Elizabeth Green** along with the **Master Woolman Mark Johnson the Master Playing Card Maker Mark Winston**, Jon Avers the Director of the City’s Port Health Authority and **Father Daniel Weatherly** represented St George’s Cathedral. We also use the occasion during dinner to present to **the recipients of our associated Cadet and Reserves Units ‘Guildable Manor Awards’ for merit** **SI Julie Bennett, introduced by Lt Col Larry Davis** of the City of London North East Sector Army Cadet Force with **CWO Jaydon Rack introduced by Flg Off Dorian Pursey** of ‘34 F’ (Balham and Tooting) Squadron Air Training Corps. They were presented with a personal memento of a Manor Tankard. This event appears more successful in the evening after last years experiment of holding it at lunchtime and attendance was 51 (last year 35 and in 2013, 83).

Because of the slightly longer ‘year’ between Courts we are able to include the **Annual Sheep Drive of the Woolmens’ Company** on 27th September 2019, the Manor’s formal welcome to the **The Rt Hon Lord Mayor, Ald Peter Estlin, the Sheriffs Ald Vincent Keaveny and The Hon Elizabeth Green** was well received and Foreman David presented the **Master Woolman, Andrew Dawson**, with an engraved Tankard. Some 13 Jurors and guests attended and 10 of them drove Sheep across the Bridge having been ‘drawn’ from the Lists by the Clerk. A jolly lunch was had at the Bunch of Grapes.

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 from Livery Companies, Guilds, the Corporation of London and other organisations. Throughout the year, the Clerk and I represented the Manor as invited guests. I also attended many other events wearing the Foreman’s badge, as a way of promoting the Manor.

On 2nd December the Clerk and I attended **Reverend Jonathan’s Sedgwick’s Installation as Rector of St. George the Martyr**, followed by a reception and buffet luncheon. In January Simon my husband and I were invited on the 13th by the Chairman of Bridge Ward Club to the **‘Blessing of the River’, The Feast of the Baptism of Christ at St Magnus the Martyr and a blessing on London Bridge**. Also in January I was a guest of the **Worshipful Company of Woolmen at their Alms Court Dinner at Barber-Surgeons’ Hall** on 16th. On 29th I was a guest of the **Chief Commoner and City Remembrancer at one of their City Dinners. A very exclusive candlelit dinner held in the Amphitheatre in Guildhall Art Gallery** on 29th. The Chief Commoner John Scott CC told me that it was the first time anyone had ever dined in that room.

February was a relatively quiet month and I received only two personal invitations as Foreman of the Manor. These were a **Dinner with the Fan Makers Company at Skinner’s Hall** on the 21st and the **32nd Annual Tacitus Lecture in Guildhall given by Madame Christine Legarde, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund**, followed by a reception on the 28th.

On March 6th, the Clerk and I received an invitation to the **Insurers’ Company Winter Luncheon at Vintners’ Hall**. This came about after David Barrett, Secretary to the Fellowship of Clerks kindly agreed to give the Manor a mention in the Fellowship of Clerks Bulletin. On the same day, the Clerk and I also attended an event with the **Worshipful Company of Chartered Accountants**. This was the **‘True and fair’ Lecture and reception and was held in Chartered Accountants Hall**.

On 7th March I was a guest at the **World Traders, International Women’s Day, Panel Discussion on “Women and International Trade” followed by a Reception** and on 12th March, the Clerk, myself and my husband Simon attended **‘Strictly Trial and Error’ at the Old Bailey**, with proceeds from the sale of tickets, going to the Sheriffs and Recorder’s Fund.

April, May and June were busy months. On 2nd April I was a guest of the **Worshipful Company of the Makers of Playing Cards, at their Spring Livery Dinner at Grocers Hall**. This was followed by the **Cripplegate Ward Club Civic Lunch in Guildhall** on 5th and the **Farringdon Ward Club Civic Lunch in Guildhall again** on 8th.

I also wore the Foreman’s Chain on the 9th April at the **Worshipful Company of Upholders Installation Dinner in the magnificent Goldsmiths Hall**. As a guest, I took with me Cllr Catherine Rose, Mayor of Southwark. With the Master Upholder and Sheriff Vincent Keaveny, we made quite a ‘Chain Gang’ on the night! Also on 10th I was invited as Foreman to a **Distillers Company Dinner at Saddlers Hall**. I have to say, the wine and spirits were the highest quality I have ever had at any City function.

On May 1st Simon and I were guests at the **Bridge Ward Club Civic Lunch in the Old Library Guildhall**, this was followed on the 2nd by a **Butchers Company Court Lunch at Painters Hall**. Simon and I, along with the Chairman and Consort of Bridge Ward Club were also guests on 9th May at the **Mayor of Southwark’s Community “Farewella”**

Celebration at O'Meara Live. The Mayor of Southwark and I both had our faces painted and wore flashing flowers in our hair. However the incriminating photos are missing from this report!

On 4th June, the Clerk and I attended the **Tax Advisers' Civic and Charities' Luncheon at Pewterers' Hall** and we also attended **Chris Haywards, Shrieval Campaign - Supporters Evening at Carpenters Hall** on 6th. I'm pleased to report that Juror Christopher Hayward CC was successful in his Shrieval campaign, so we hope to see him at a Manor event in his new role of Sheriff of the City of London next year.

Also in June, on the 17th, the Clerk and I attended the **Knolly's Rose Ceremony and Luncheon in Seething Lane Gardens and lunch at Watermans Hall, as guests of the Watermen and Lightermen.** I also attended the **Master's Reception and Luncheon with the Worshipful Company of Firefighters Company at Wax Chandlers Hall** on 25th.

There were three events in July, but none in August. On 9th July I wore the Foreman's Chain to the **City Livery Club's Civic Banquet in Mansion House.** I also wore the Foreman's badge on 22nd at the **Women in the Livery, Annual Luncheon held at the Don Restaurant,** where I was one of the speakers. On the same evening, Simon and I also had a **Tour and Dinner at the Old Bailey hosted by the Sheriffs.** This was held in the magnificent Grand Hall due to the popularity of the event and at least 80 Masters and their Consorts attended.

On 4th September I was on the River Thames for the **Doggett's Coat and Badge Wager with the Watermen and Lightermen,** aboard PV Mercia. I also attended the **'Glasgow in London' Dinner at Haberdashers Hall** on the 10th. At this function Past Lord Mayor Sir David Wootton gave the Foreman and the Guildable Manor a mention (much to my surprise)!

The Clerk and I both attended **Sheriff Elect, Christopher Hayward's Chain Presentation at Carpenters Hall** on 17th September and **Sheriff Elect, Alderman Michael Mainelli's Chain Presentation at the Dutch Church** on 19th. I will endeavour to get both to attend our Bridge House Yard Dinner next year.

With my year as Foreman coming to an end, I unfortunately missed the Sheep Drive (due to a diary malfunction), as I was away in Scotland. My sincere thanks go to Senior Tithingman Peter Gadbury for covering for me. Whilst in Scotland I did however represent the Manor on 2nd October at the **Incorporation of the Wrights of Glasgow, Deacon's Choosing Dinner, held at The Trades Hall.** This was attended by the Deacon Convenor of Glasgow and the Lord Provost. Simon and I also received the Freedom of the City of Glasgow while we were away and installed as Guild Brother and Guild Sister of the Incorporation of Wrights.

I had the rare privilege to attend **The Ceremony of the Rendering of the Quit Rents to the Crown and Presentation of the Sheriff's Warrants** on 9th October. This started with a river trip processing with the Sheriff's boat (The Lady Aileen) with lunch; processing on foot with the Sheriffs to the Royal Courts of Justice for the Ceremony; followed by a reception in the Princes Room, Middle Temple. Definitely one of the highlights of my year, apart from our own Guildable Manor events.

On the 11th I attended the **Cripplegate Ward Club Annual Banquet at Salters' Hall** wearing the Foreman's chain of office and was a guest on 17th at the **Worshipful Company of Fan Makers Selection Court Dinner at Skinners Hall,** where I was also encouraged to carry a fan. Pity I did not have a GMS branded one! On 29th October Myself, the Clerk, incoming Foreman Dr Ian Wingfield and Senior Tithingman Peter Gadbury will be attending a **Presentation and Briefing of Rotherhithe Illuminated! A Mayflower 2020 legacy lighting scheme at the Brunel's Grand Entrance Hall.**

This brings me to November; the month I sadly step down. Currently in the diary on the 7th, the Clerk and I will be attending the **Horners' Annual Ralph Anderson Memorial Lecture and a Supper at The Royal Society of Medicine.** My fellow Officers and I will also be processing at the **Southwark Borough Judicial Service in Southwark Cathedral** on 18th. The service is the second largest Judicial Service in the country after the Lord Chancellor's at Westminster Abbey. A great honour to participate in this Service in the role of Foreman towards the end of my term in office. Finally on 21st November I will be attending as Foreman **the Apollo 19's Past Masters Association Inaugural Dinner at Ironmongers Hall.** This Association is for those 'Masters' who served in office 2018/19. I look forward to attending future Apollo 19 functions wearing my Served Foreman's badge.

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.

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 13th September the accounts and expenditures were reviewed and **it was considered unnecessary to change the Fee for 2018-19.**

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.

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 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 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

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,

Judy Tayler-Smith, 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 27th day of November 2019 at 3.20pm.

Leslie Alden	John Dewhurst	Jill Jacobs	Dr Roy Palmer	David Treais
Roy Alston	Geoffrey Drust	Prof Stephen Keevil	Jill Philps	Prof Frederick Trowman
Mark Alton	John Farrant	Martin King	Gary Powell	Doreen Turner
Brian Barker QC	Julie Fox	Jean-Yves Kirkbuddo	Martin Price	James Vickers
Alfred Bain	Dr Richard Fynes	Ron Leek	Rosamunde Price	Simon Walsh
Douglas Bainbridge	Peter Gadbury	Alan Lettis	Mervyn Redding	Bryan Whalley
Maureen Bonanno-Smith	Michael German	Ann Lettis	Peter Rees	David Wilson
Paul Bethel	Norma Gibbs	Ian Luder	Diane Riley	Hamish Wilson
Roland Billson	Christopher Godbold	Peter Mantell	Karen Sankey	Mary Wilson
David Boston	Mark Griffiths	Donald McEwan	Tony Sharp	Dr Ian Wingfield
Mark Bridge	Leslie Grout	Simon McIlwaine	Robin Sherlock	Norman Winnett
Dr Trevor Brignall	Rosemary Guest	Peter Miles	Mark Skelton	Patricia Winnett
Frank Brown	Nicholas Havell	Linda Morris	Lynn Smith	Michael Wren
Michael Buckley	Susan Haydock	Terence Mullins	Nicholas Somers	
Christine Byron	Hilary Haydon	Eoghain Murphy	Graham Sutherland	93
Edward Byron	Trevor Haynes	Paul Nichols	Doreen Sutton	
Alexander Crisp	Christopher Hayward	Stephen Nimmons	Steven Tamcken	
Paul Crisp	Daniel Heath	Mary Nurse	Judy Tayler-Smith	
Norman Dale	Richard Hollier	Stephen Osborne	Peter Thompson	
Lawrence Day	Keith Horsman	Bryan Page	Ian Tough	

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

- 1.i) To Accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 28th November 2018, as published on the Manor website in December 2018 and circulated in October 2019 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.
- 5) Any Other Business.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2018 at 2.15pm held at St George the Martyr, Nave, Borough High Street, Southwark, London SE1 *(ie draft Minutes, please notify Clerk of errors and omissions)*

1.i) Attendance:

Mark Alton, Paul Bethel, Roland Billson, Frank Brown, Paul Crisp, Lawrence Day, John Farrant, Peter Gadbury, Norma Gibbs, Christopher Godbold, Dr Charlotte Grezo, Mark Griffiths, Leslie Grout, Rosemary Guest, Trevor Haynes, Christopher Hayward, Keith Horsman, Ron Leek, Alan Lettis, Ann Lettis, Donald McEwan, Simon McIlwaine, Linda Morris, Terence Mullins, Eoghan Murphy, Gary Powell, Diane Riley, Karen Sankey, Tony Sharp, Mark Skelton, Graham Sutherland, Doreen Sutton, Steven Tamcken, Judy Tayler-Smith, Peter Thompson, Ian Tough, Doreen Turner, James Vickers, Simon Walsh, 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 29th November 2017 at 2.15pm held at The Nave St George the Martyr, 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.

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 *frid-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.

Justices and Jurors Lecture & Dinner



Master Woolman, Andrew Dawson, the Foreman and the Master Distiller, Martin Riley.



Baroness Hale, President UKSC



Sheriffs and Consorts: Alderman and Sheriff Vincent Keaven and Amanda Keaveny Sheriff, the Hon Liz Green and Peter Green.



Above: Master of Cripplegate Ward Club, Geoffrey Savage and Lesley Savage.



CWO Jaydon Rack of '34 F' (Balham and Tooting) Squadron Air Training Corps is presented with a personal memento of a Manor Tankard in recognition of his Squadron's Annual Guildable Manor Award