

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
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Senior Patrons

The High Steward of Southwark
HHJ Mark Lucraft KC
The Recorder of London

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Myles Kaplan
Head of Operations at MH and CCC

Deputy for the King's Rembrancer
HH Stephen Kramer KC

HHJ Michael Evans KC
The Senior Resident The Sessions House

Foreman

John Spanner TD

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



Foreman John aboard Londinium III at the Rochester Mayor and Admiral of the Medway Cruise, flying the Manor Pennant. No Livery Company has this privilege.

Annual Letter 2025

1st October 2025

Dear Jurors,

As required under Rule 6.1 the following is provided for your information

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 **29th September** the Senior Tithingmen and current Foreman 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 †**

Tithing*#¹⁻⁶ Sworn Officers

by succession and service under Rule 7

Julie Fox
Royston Fox
Daniel Heath
Antonio Masella
Mark McAllister and Clive Grimley
Yousif Jabro

**Rule 7.1 ‡ Rule 7.9 † Rule 7.10*

**ALE CONNERS (St Saviour's and
St Olave's side) ‡**

CLERK OF THE MANOR ‡
OUTROPER OR COMMON CRYER ‡§

ORATOR ~ CLERK ‡
BEADLES ‡ (Manor Beadle)
(St Olave's side) ‡
(St Saviour's side) ‡

TITHINGMEN ‡‡
AND
SERVED FOREMEN
‡‡ Rule 3.

Leslie Grout (F: 2013-2014) ‡‡
Tony Sharp (F: 2001-2002) ‡‡
Simon S Walsh (2021-2022) ‡‡
Christopher Hayward (F: 2022-2023) ‡‡
Lawrence Day (F: 2023-2024) ‡‡

Supernumerary and appointed:-

Keith Horsman^, Keith Schnaar^, Cedric Gerreyn^,
" " All other Officers and Tithingmen

‡ Rule 7.9 (^ Wine Steward)

Tony Sharp (F: 2001 - 2002)

Simon S Walsh (F: 2021 - 2022)

§ Charter of Charles I 1638 ‡ Rule 7.9

Mark McAllister

Keith Horsman ‡ (J - 2015),
Keith Schnaar ‡ (J - 2021), and All Officers and Tithingmen
Cedric Gerreyn ‡ (J - 2024), and All Officers and Tithingmen
Additional applicants are always welcome for Beadles duties

‡ Rule 7.9

Dr Ian Wingfield (F: 2002-2003, 2019-2021)

Ron Leek (F: 2009-2010)

Ian Tough (F: 2010-2011)

Ian Luder (F: 2014-2015)

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

Simon Walsh (F: 2021 - 2022)
Cedric Gerreyn

HON TITHINGMEN
‡ Rule 7.9

Ian Luder (F: 2014-2015); **Brian Barker KC** (HS 2013 - 2014);
Hon Juror; Bryan Whalley.

HONORARY CHAPLAIN
‡ Rule 7.9

Vacant.
Hon Assistant Chaplain Rev Charlie Moore, Rector of St Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey.

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'.

From Foreman John

It has been a real privilege serving as Foreman of the Guildable Manor of Southwark, and I am extremely proud to do so; in forty years' of experience of the City and the Livery Companies, I have never come across an organization with so much history, which is so aware of this incredible history, and which continues with so many of its ancient traditions. I say so having served as Master of two Livery Companies, Glovers and Arts Scholars. The Court Leet and the Quit Rents ceremonies are remarkable evidence of this continuance, and the Guildable Manor is extremely fortunate to have High Court Judges and City of London Officers regularly attending these, and participating in them. We are also extremely fortunate in having Tony Sharp as our Clerk – without him we would certainly not have the calibre of guests, speakers and participants that we do at our events; his dedication to the organization is quite awesome, and we all owe him a huge debt of gratitude. I have had a wonderful year – apart from our formal events, the annual Borough Pickwick Club was a delight, the Clerk's annual walk round the borough is something of legend, and the weekend in Rochester for the Admiral's Cruise, on board Londinium III was two days of fun, food

and an excess of alcohol. I have learnt much – the Bridge House Yard lecture was a fascinating look at the Roman roads of Southwark, and the Justices' and Jurors' dinner, with a lecture from the President of the King's Bench Division, was continuing proof that the Clerk has some sort of hold over the most senior members of the judiciary. I have also had the joy of attending a number of City events wearing the Foreman's badge, and explaining to City worthies just what the Guildable Manor is, and why they should consider joining it. Floreat Burgus et Villa de Southwarke!

Membership and Tenancy

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 THREE new jurors.** The Tithing hopes that this trend in recruitment 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 63 Jurors Summoned, a drop from 82 since 2020 because of illnesses, death and formal resignations mainly due to age and location and lack of recruitment. These falls in memberships are common in the City guilds and there is a suspicion that it is due to underlying demographic changes as well as drop outs from the pandemic. **Due to general inflationary pressures the Tenancy Fee and Functions Subscriptions are to rise to £80.00.**

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 High Bailiff 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.

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.

Events and Functions of the last year

We hope to introduce more informal functions, especially when we get our new facility at the New Colechurch House.

The Annual Court Leet 2024 Our most important event of the year was held on **13th November 2024. I was Sworn before the High Steward as Foreman.** This was held at **The Amigo Hall, St George's Cathedral, SE1.** This was presided over by the **High Steward, HHJ Mark Lucraft KC, of the Central Criminal Court and the High Bailiff, Myles Kaplan,** Head of Operations CCC. **Some Thirty Five Officers, Jurors and Guests attended,** a disappointing reduction on 2023 with 48.

Borough Pickwick Club 2025 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,** held at the **The George Inn, High Street SE1** a most appropriate location for a Dickensian event, on the **17th January. Sixteen** Tithing, Jurors and guests enjoyed short readings from the master story writer, a fall from 19 of the previous year, but most importantly fellowship and good company involving a Southwark theme. We had some two new members attending. A Livery Master who attended in the past told our Clerk at another event that he thought it was one of the most fun occasions in the City he had ever been to.

WALKING TOUR 2025, 12th April; 15 attendees - highest for some years: This was enjoyed by the members and their guests. This started at London Bridge to cover the northern part of the manor area ending eventually, at Old St Thomas's via the Guy's Chapel. New members should certainly book in for this as it is the easiest way to understand the history and layout of the area within context. One new member said it was the best and most informative tour he had ever been on in London. All rounded off with Lunch at the Barrowboy & Banker.

Annual Thanksgiving Service, Charter Day, Quit Rents Ceremony 2025. This year was held 1st April. This was held at **St Mary Magdalen, Bermondsey Street SE1** and the Luncheon was at **the Great Hall of the Lalit Hotel.** Presiding and receiving the Quits was the **King's Royalties Collector HH Stephen Kramer KC** and the **Attorney to the City of London, Katie Foster** Senior Counsel the City Remembrancer's Office. The Service was led by **our Honorary Foreman's Chaplain, Rev Peter Welby, Curate** of St Mary's. **Thirty Two Officers, Jurors and Guests attended** and we were satisfied with the necessary reorganisation and transit between venues.

SPRING DINNER (BRIDGE HOUSE YARD LECTURE 2025) 14th May: Normally this is held in the Autumn but the date was flipped with the Spring Justices Lecture and Dinner because the speaker had other commitments. This was held at The Mudlark, Montague Close, London Bridge, SE1. Our lecturer was Becky Haslam, of AOC Archaeology, speaking on the 'lost Roman Roads of Southwark'. **Our Official Guest was one of the two Bridge Masters, Giles Shilson CC.** Just 19 members and guests attended.

MIDSUMMER POMPS LUNCH 2025 - 18th June: Held at Cote Brasserie, Hay's Galleria: It was felt that Cote Brasserie was a good alternative with natural lighting and that we hold another informal lunch there again. Some 16 attended.

ROCHESTER VISIT 2025: This had for the current year been divided into two events of the **ADMIRALTY CRUISE** on 21-22 June and the **COURT** 4th October. Officers attending led by the Foreman 'all aboard' the **Londinium III** under the Manor pennant.

JUSTICE & JURORS 2025: 16th September; Normally this is held in the Autumn but the date was flipped with the Spring Bridge House Lecture and Dinner because the speaker had other commitments. These have become biennial because in fact every senior Head of Division Judge has been a guest speaker in previous years. This was held at the Old Court Room No2 'Chambers' of the Dixon Hotel which was a distinguished venue and our guest lecturer, Dame Victoria Sharp, President of the King's Bench Division reminisced that she had appeared there as a junior Barrister when it was the Tower Bridge Magistrates Court. 28 Jurors and guests attended.

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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 Great Hall, Lalit Hotel, Southwark SE1
on Wednesday the 19th day of November 2025 at 3.20pm.**

Roy Alston	Ron Deal	Daniel Heath	Kevin McNicholas	John Spanner
Mark Alton	Julie Fox	Keith Horsman	Daniel Moody	Martin Thacker
Brian Barker KC	Royston Fox	Yousif Jabro	Margaret Neary	Ian Tough
Paul Bethel	Dr Richard Fynes	Leslie Jardine	Paul Nichols	Dmytro Tupchiienko
Alexander Bogdanov	Michael German	Odon Kassindi	Stephen Osborne	James Vickers
Kieran Buckley	Cedric Gerreyn	Prof Stephen Keevil	John Peters	Simon Walsh
Matthew Cavanagh	Christopher Godbold	Martin King	Graham Powell	Richard Wernick
Mikhail Charles	Clive Grimley	Ron Leek	Lucy Riley	Bryan Whalley
Alan Cook	Leslie Grout	Ian Luder	Amelia Sankey	Dale Glynne Williams
Alexander Crisp	Rosemary Guest	Peter Mantell	Karen Sankey	Dr Ian Wingfield
Paul Crisp	Paul Gwilliam	Antonio Masella	Keith Schnaar	Michael Wren
Norman Dale	Trevor Haynes	Mark McAllister	Tony Sharp	
Lawrence Day	Christopher Hayward	Simon McIlwaine	Lynn Smith	TOTAL = 63

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

- 1.i) To Accept the Minutes of the General Meeting of 13th November 2024, as published on the Manor website in November that year and circulated in October this year with the Annual Letter and Audited Accounts 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.

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**MINUTES OF THE
ANNUAL MEETING: 13th NOVEMBER 2024 at 2.15pm
HELD AT THE AMIGO HALL, ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL LONDON SE1**

(ie draft Minutes, please notify Clerk of errors and omissions)

1.i) Attendance:

Mark Alton; Brian Barker; Alexander Bogdanov; Matthew Cavanagh; Mikhail Charles; Alexander Crisp; Paul Crisp; Julie Fox; Royston Fox; Cedric Gerreyn; Clive Grimley; Leslie Grout; Rosemary Guest; Daniel Heath; Keith Horsman;; Prof Stephen Keevil; Peter Mantell; Antonio Masella; Mark McAllister; Simon McIlwaine; Daniel Moodey; Margaret Neary; Stephen Osborne; Amelia Sankey; Keith Schnaar; Tony Sharp; Lynn Smith; John Spanner; Simon Walsh

- 2.i) To Accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 2023 were posted on the Manor website in November that year and these Minutes were circulated in early October this year with the Annual Letter and Audited Accounts 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.** Notice given of the change and addition of Officers as notified:

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

Agreed Nem Com.

- ii) Matters Arising. None.

5. i) Votes of Thanks, proposed by the Senior Tithingman Walsh. Lawrence Day as Foreman was indisposed and thanked all of the Officers for their support over the last year and also the Jurors for attending functions.

- ii) Agreed Nem Con.

- 6.) Any Other Business:- None.**

END.

