

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

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GVILDABLE MANOR
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Senior Patrons
The High Steward of Southwark
HHJ Peter Beaumont
The Recorder of London
The High Bailiff of Southwark
Charles Henty
The Secondary of London & Under Sheriff

Foreman
Diane Riley

Clerk of the Manor
Al Green
Clerk to the Jurors
Tony Sharp

4 October 2005

Dear Jurors,

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

Annual Letter

You have been notified of the High Steward's Precept and by now received your Summons for the November Court Leet. Please find the Agenda* and abstract of Audited Accounts for the Annual Meeting, which shall take place at that venue at 2.45pm that day, enclosed:

**ie draft agenda; members may propose any business before the Meeting for inclusion, or use 'AOB' at the Meeting*

The Officers to be Sworn are:-

FOREMAN
CONSTABLE
AFEEROR
FLESH TASTER
ALETASTER (St Saviour's side)
ALETASTER (St Olave's side)
ALESIZER (St Saviour's side)
ALESIZER (St Olave's side)

David Wilson
Cyril Levy
Frederick Trowman
David Boston
Ron Leek
Geoffrey Drust, Howard Doe
Stan Brown
Ian Tough, Richard Moore
“ ” **All other Officers and Trustees**

Supernumerary:-

CLERK OF THE MANOR
CLERK TO THE JURORS
OUTROPER OR COMMON CRYER
BEADLES ‡
(St Olave's side) ‡

(St Saviour's side) ‡

‡ *at pleasure of Committee under Rule 7.3*

Al Green (F: 1997-1999)
Tony Sharp (F: 2001-2002)
Peter Moore
Peter Moore (Upper)
Stan Brown, Ian Tough, Richard Moore
“ ” **All other Officers and Trustees**
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TRUSTEES

Al Green (F: 1997-1999)
Peter Gadbury (F: 2000-2001)
Tony Sharp (F: 2001-2002)
Ian Wingfield (F: 2002-2003)
Ken Hayes (F: 2003-2004)
Diane Riley (F: 2004-2005) §
§ *Notified to Annual Meetings under Rule 3*

HON AUDITORS §§

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

Ken Hayes (F: 2003-2004)
Ian Wingfield (F: 2002-2003)

General

I have had the singular honour of becoming the first lady juror of any of the Southwark Manors and for this last year the first ever lady Foreman, I am sure that I shall not be the last. It gave me a great pleasure to welcome the first lady Master Glazier at our functions this year. I have presided at a number of quite unique events, the three most notable are the Court Leet, at which I was installed, the Quit Rents and the new High Steward's Dinner at the 'Old Bailey'. It is with deep gratitude that we have been provided with the Court Room of Glaziers Hall, for this year's Court Leet at which I retire to be replaced by David Wilson. Our sincere thanks go to our City brethren the Master, Wardens and Livery of the Worshipful Company of Glaziers and Painters of Glass for this unique venue, the only 'City' hall in Southwark.

Membership and Tenancy

Fifteen new members were enrolled and there were fifteen resignations or non-renewals from the previous List and one death. There are now 62 members/ Jurors. However, it is our intention to increase to 100 members so that we can have a better critical mass to support functions. The Committee would therefore request that you actively recruit suitable persons to become Jurors, especially if they are unlikely to become Liverymen but are attracted to the City's traditions, and of course we offer the unique combination of the Southwark arrangements. You will also see that the Committee is offering a discount for long term tenancy fees and subscriptions, further details on the pro forma to be circulated in January 2006.

Events & Functions of the last year

The **Court Leet** of 17 November 2004 was less well attended than 2003 even though our membership has increased. In terms of numbers at the preceding luncheon there were 53 present. There were ten special guests of honour and the Committee were of the view that this was necessary to promoting and maintaining the Manor's status in the City. Among the guests (aside from the 'Old Bailey' group and the Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court) were for the first time the Livery Masters of the Glaziers Hall. The use of the Weston Library City Hall as the Court Leet venue was suitably impressive and the arrangements to transfer the members from the London Bridge Hotel went smoothly. After the ceremony socialising continued with a stirrup cup at the 'Mug House' under London Bridge.

On 24th January we were entertained at '**the Old Bailey**' by Charles Henty, High Bailiff, and the new High Steward Peter Beaumont, who was Acting Recorder last year on the death of Michael Hyam, when Common Serjeant. At this we made a presentation of George Fanshaw's print of the Guildable Manor to them, suitably inscribed, and a donation to the Sheriffs' & Recorder's Fund.

The combined **Thanksgiving Service and Quit Rents Ceremony** was held on **6th April**, for new Freemen and Guests including the Mayor of Southwark taking the Freedom. We assembled at the Chamberlain's Court, where eleven took the oath. This is combined with a Service of Thanksgiving at Guy's Chapel, Guy's Hospital and followed by the Quit Rents Ceremony conducted by the Mayor of Southwark, Cllr Anne Yates, who had received her Freedom of London that day. I then hosted a Luncheon at the London Bridge Hotel, after this. Over 40 Jurors and their guests attended, including some from the USA who made the trip for this purpose.

The History Tour of the Borough area on Saturday **9th April** was conducted by the Clerk to the Jurors, and started at London Bridge and finished at The Royal Oak, Tabard Street where we had excellent individual lunches and drinks. Some 11 members and guests attended, which was disappointing because I am always somewhat surprised at how few of our members have actually been on the tours as this is probably the most convenient and accessible way to understand the fascinating history of the Manors.

Tower of London Once again thanks to our strong membership connection with the Yeoman Warders, we visited the Tower on **20th June**, at which forty members and guest attended. We are extremely grateful to our Yeoman Warder members for affording us the facility.

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 2nd and Sunday 3rd 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 sub-committee of the Council. The day started with the Admiralty Court held in the beautiful Guildhall and then took to boats for beating the bounds to Hawkwood Stone and ended with an entertaining luncheon at the Rochester Cruising Club. We were also invited to attend the evening Barbeque and following day's festivities which include a Regatta to Sheerness. 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.

Shortly after before this Annual Letter is distributed we shall hold at the ‘**Old Bailey**’ in the Lord Mayor’s and Sheriffs’ Dining Room our first formal dinner on 4th October. This is designated the ‘High Steward’s Dinner’. Aside from the Chief Commoner, Christopher Mitchell MBE as our principal guest along with Sir Robert Finch ‘Late’ Lord Mayor of London, we shall also entertain the High Steward and High Bailiff. This year it displaced the regular ‘Bridge House-Yard Dinner’, but we hope to make this a regular event earlier in the year in future, to create four annual functions, these last being the two dinners and the lunch events on Court Leet Day and the Quit Rents continuing as usual.

Throughout the year various members of the Committee represented the Manor as invited guests at events hosted by the Mayor of Southwark (Annual Council etc), Altrincham Court Leet, and London South Bank University (Honorary Degree Awards) among many others.

The Committee would urge all of the members to try and come to these functions with friends, partners and paying guests. Those of you who are **Liverymen** who intend to sponsor persons for the Freedom by Redemption without the intervention of a Livery Company are urged to consider making use of the **View of Frankpledge** and **Thanksgiving Service and Quit Rents Ceremony** events to be proposed for and celebrate the receipt of the Freedom in a suitable commemorative and dignified way.

Affiliations

The Manor is affiliated to the Friends of Southwark Cathedral and the national association of the Freemen of England and Wales.

Finances and Audit of Accounts / Trustees

With this letter you will find a copy of the Audited Accounts which are placed before the Annual Meeting. As you can see, above, the Committee has chosen Ken Hayes and Ian Wingfield to undertake these duties again next year, neither are cheque signatories. Authority over expenditure on goods and services is exercised by the Committee. Philip Obeney has resigned as a Trustee, as he is unable to attend meetings. I have been appointed as a Trustee to supplement the others, I am not an accounts signatory.

The **Tenancy Fee Account** has to carry the costs of communications, the Tenancy Fee and sundry other items which the membership as a whole ought in fairness to carry, such as entertaining our official guests. The Membership Fine of which 50% accrues to this Account. The Committee has decided to hold the Tenancy Fee at £25.00 and are to offer a long term subscription of five years for £100 and a ‘life’ term of £250. This account also has to fund the costs associated with the **Court Leet Day**. Hopefully, the privilege of holding this event at Glaziers Hall can continue.

Merchandise & General Account. Once again the membership, Manor activities and ceremonial equipment were effectively subsidised by the sale of merchandise to third parties realising a useful surplus. The large figure for sales to members are in fact a reflection of the Officers purchasing their Ale Conning equipment or providing gifts to each other. 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. All of our major functions follow a format of an Event, be it ceremonial or a talk or other entertainment, a good quality meal at excellent prices with drink, usually with excellent company and official guests. This is a sensible mixture of formal and informal. No Livery Company can offer this value and no City Ward Club has this level of civic status and pomp. I would ask all members to bring guests with a prospect of joining a unique institution as an introduction to the rich heritage of both the City of London and Southwark.

Charitable Donations (Banqueting Account)

The Committee, in accordance with last year’s Annual Meeting made further contributions to charity, the largest to the Unicorn Childrens’ Theatre in the sum of **£500**. We have also contributed to certain costs to the Mayor of Southwark’s Benefit of **£200.00**. To the Yeoman Warders Charity **£100.00** at the Tower and to the two ‘Old Bailey’ charities of **£237.10**. However, this does not preclude additional donations to causes being made later this year. The Banqueting Committee shall make recommendations to the Committee of Officers as to what is a prudent disbursement in regard to the balance of the Account.

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. Likewise, at any other time during the year, if members have any queries of, or want to make suggestions to, the Committee then a note about these shall receive a detailed and considered reply.

Yours sincerely,

Diane Riley, Foreman

For and on behalf of the Committee of the Guildable Manor.

GUILDABLE MANOR

The names of the Free Tenants summonsed to attend as Jurors of the said Manor at
The Court Room, The Glaziers Hall, London SE1 9DD
on Wednesday the 16th day of November 2005 at 3.20pm.

Kim Adams	Richard Moore	PHOTOS
Lee Bartlett	Michael Mortimer	
George Brodie BEM	Angela Nelson	
Major Denise Capstick	John Perkins MVO	
Laurie Beazley	Tony Pickard	
David Boston	Diane Riley	
Dr Stan Brown	Colin Smith MBE,	
Howard Doe	BEM	
William Donovan	Tony Sharp	
Geoffrey Drust	Philida Shaw	
Victor Drust	Professor Frederick	
Paul Dudley	Trowman	
Edward Errington	Ian Tough	
Frank Everard	John Vaughan	
Steve Froggatt	Michael Wallis	
Peter Gadbury	Simon Walsh	
Jonathan Gall	David Warman	
Donald Goree	John Watts	
Al Green	Bryan Whalley	
Dr Charlotte Grezo	David Wilson	
Leslie Grout	Dr Ian Wingfield	
Leigh Hatts	Simon Wintle	
Ken Hayes		
David Hubber		
Valerie Jarvis		
Dominic Kelsey		
Malcolm Keyoe		
Iain Hamilton-Smith		
John Hammond		
Keith Hanson		
Susan Haydock		
Richard John Hollier		
Janet Honnoraty		
Michael Honnoraty		
Jonathan Hubbard		
Ron Leek		
Cyril Levy		
Kenneth McGrath		
Michele McLusky		
Torquil McLusky		
Peter Moore		

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ANNUAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2005 at 2.45pm
to be held at
The Court Room, Glaziers Hall, Montague Close, London SE1

1.i) To Accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 17th November 2005 as a Correct Record.
ii) Matters Arising.

2.i) To Accept the Annual Letter as Circulated.
ii) Matters Arising.

3.i) To Receive the Audited Accounts as Circulated.
ii) Matters Arising.

4.) Votes of Thanks, proposed by the Foreman.

5.) Any Other Business.

END.

MINUTES OF
ANNUAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2004 at 2.45pm
held at

The Weston Library, Southwark Cathedral, Montague Close, London SE1

[THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED PREVIOUSLY AND ERRORS AND OMISSIONS NOTIFIED HAVE BEEN INCORPORATED]

1.i) Attendance:

P Gadbury; M Keyoe; M Wallis; K Hayes; R Leek; J Gall; T Mclusk; P Dudley; K Adams; B Whalley; V Jarvis; C Smith; C Levy; R King; E Errington; T Sharp; R Hollier; F Trowman; I Wingfield; W Donovan; D Wilson; V Drust; D Drust; D Riley; D Hubber; D Warman; K McGrath; L Hatts; D Archer; J Watts; A Nelson; L Bartlett; I Hamilton-Smith; J Hammond

ii) Apologies for Absence:(Essoigns) P Moore, D Boston, C Grezo.

iii) HHJ Michael Hyam, High Steward had died after issuing the Precept, in August: during the View of Frankpledge the Jurors observed a minute's remembrance.

2.i) To Accept the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of 12 November 2003 as a Correct Record. Agreed Nem Com

ii) Matters Arising. None

3 i) To Accept the Annual Letter as Circulated. Agreed Nem Com

ii) Matters Arising. None

4.i) To Receive the Audited Accounts as Circulated. Agreed Nem Com

ii) Matters Arising. None

iii) Charitable Contributions: The sums of £50.00 to the Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund at Old Bailey and £52.10 to the Old Bailey 'Victims of Crime' fund. The £2.10 was the Clerk's Precept Fee. Other charitable contributions were notified in the Annual Letter. **Agreed Nem Con**

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.

ii) Matters Arising. None

6.) Any Other Business:- None.

END.