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AT THE SEAT OF POWER

Visit to No. 10 Downing Street



Above: Members of the Executive Committee visit No. 10

Member of Parliament and London Mayors' Association member Linda Perham MP arranged a visit and tour to No. 10 Downing Street in January. Limited to ten members chosen from the Executive Committee by ballot, we toured the State Rooms and ascended the famous staircase with the photos of all the former Prime Ministers. Members were also photographed standing outside the famous front door of No. 10. Unfortunately the PM was away at Chequers during the visit and so did not pop in for some advice.

Right: Ronnie Barden relaxing in the Prime Ministers Study



Above: Cllr Robert Davis in the No. 10 drawing room



2002 - 2003 MAYORS

The 2002 - 2003 Mayors have kept up their friendship by organising a regular Sunday lunch. In March they met up at the Peoples Palace Restaurant at the Royal Festival Hall and invited London Mayors' Association Executive Chairman Cllr Robert Davis to join them.

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The LMA Recognises

the Mayoral Secretaries

The London Mayors' Association Executive (in conjunction with the London Labour Mayors) thanked the secretaries and mayoral support staff of the London Mayors by giving them a lunch in the Lord Mayor of Westminster's Reception Rooms in mid January. Cllr Robert Davis, Executive Chairman gave a speech in which he recognised and thanked the secretaries and mayoral support staff of the London Mayors for all they did for the Mayors of their respective Boroughs and for their support for the London Mayor's Association itself.



Jim Babbington (Secretary to the Mayor of Kensington & Chelsea) and Cllr Doreen Weatherhead



Marie McCann (Secretary to the Mayor of Merton) and Cllr Bryan Collier



Bill Hill and Dee Manley (Secretary to the Mayor of Wandsworth)

Traitors Gate



Above: The Mayor of Bexley and the Memorial for Thomas Moore



Above: Helen Watson and a Yeoman Warden



Above: The Mayor and Mayoress of Sutton outside the Yeoman Wardens Club



Above: Cllr Ernest & Elizabeth Tomlin in the Yeoman Wardens Club



Right: The Mayor of Greenwich in the Tower's Church



Right: Janet Heatley and the graves of several Martyrs beheaded near the Tower

The ancient Ceremony of the Keys was the highlight of the London Mayors' Association visit to the Tower of London. Members were given a tour of the Tower by one of the Yeoman Warders which included the spot where two Queens were beheaded and Traitors Gate. After a sumptuous buffet supper in the Yeoman Wardens Club, Members were able to watch the Ceremony of the Keys when the Tower was locked up for the night and the Yeoman Warden carrying the keys was challenged by the immortal words - "who goes there" to which he responds "the Keys". "Whose Keys" he is then asked "The Queens Keys" he responds.

THE LAUGHING CAVALIER

The Laughing Cavalier, one of the highlights of a tour of the Wallace Collection in Manchester Square just behind Selfridges, was not the only one with a smile on his face in early January. Seventy members all enjoyed an interesting and fun afternoon touring the fabulous collection of art found in the Wallace Collection. Rosalind Savill the Director of the Collection took us around herself and brought to life the stories behind the wonderful paintings and other objects.

The Wallace Collection was originally part of the private collection of the Hertford-Wallace family. The vast majority of paintings and objects were acquired either in London or Paris between about 1800 and 1872. The 'greatest collector' was the 4th Marquess of Hertford (1800-1870), but both his father, the 3rd Marquess (1777-1842), and, in particular, his illegitimate son and heir, Sir Richard Wallace (1818-1890), made distinctive and extensive contributions.

The Collection is known above all for its magnificent French 18th-century paintings, miniatures and works of art (furniture, Sévres porcelain, sculpture and gold boxes), which are unparalleled in quantity and quality outside Paris. The collections of old master and 19th-century paintings, European and Oriental arms and armour and medieval works of art are also among the finest in the world.



Left: Director of the Wallace Collection, Ros Savill



Above: The Mayor of Sutton & the Lord Mayor of Westminster



John Garrett & Ronnie Barden

... followed by the Half Yearly General Meeting

After the tour of the Wallace Collection, members attended the half yearly general meeting of the Association in the Lecture Theatre of the Wallace Collection followed by a reception in the Porphyry Court, part of the new extension to the Wallace Collection.

Below: Beryl Jeffrey and the Mayor and Mayoress of Hammersmith & Fulham



Above: Corrine Simmons, Edith McCauley & Cllr Marie Collier



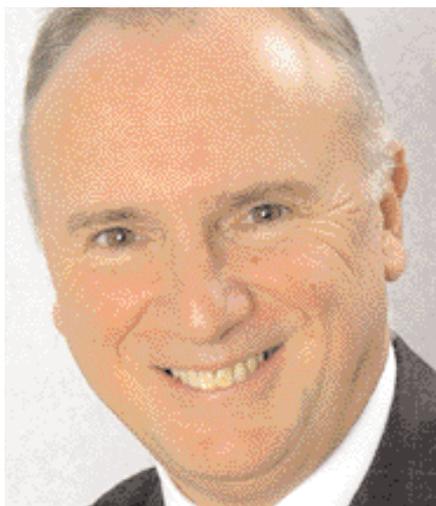
Above: Margaret Calcott James & the Lord Mayor of Westminster



Left: The Mayors of Merton, Sutton and Barnet with the Mayoresses of Kingston & Sutton



Mayors on the March



Executive Director of the New Year's Day Parade
Mr Bob Bone

"The Parade is a perfect platform on which to celebrate civic pride and diversity," said Executive Director Bob Bone.



Mayors from across the capital have been invited to put their best feet forward - in The 2005 New Year's Day Parade - London.

The traditional festive event has become a permanent and important fixture in the civic diary. Last year all London's mayors supported the event - and no less than 22 submitted entries.

They compete for their share of a £20,000 prize pot - in the Let's Help London Challenge - and a share of the mammoth street collection made on the big day.

Global media coverage of The New Year's Day Parade has reached epic proportions - with blanket coverage across Europe and the USA.

Media analysts estimated that the event on New Year's Day enjoyed more than £3m worth of coverage in the UK alone - with 500 newspaper stories, 300 items on television and nearly a thousand mentions on UK radio.

Live TV coverage included Sky, BBC News 24 and ITN - with pictures shown across Europe and the Middle East.

The event - sponsored by BBC London and The Evening Standard - also

attracted more than 50 television news features in more than a dozen states of America.

In fact media demand for coverage was so great Parade Executive Director Bob Bone, booked major amounts of transatlantic satellite time - and beamed pictures to major broadcasters across the USA.

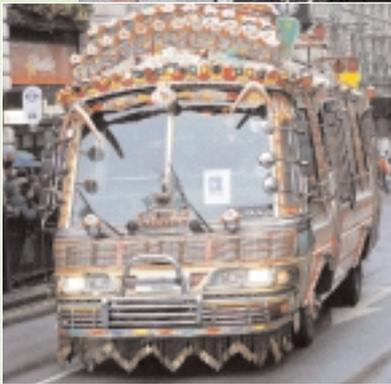
"The Parade is a perfect platform on which to celebrate civic pride and diversity," said Executive Director Bob Bone.

"Hundreds of thousands of tourists - and the people of London - turn out each year to enjoy the free, family event.

"So much activity in the Capital has been swallowed up under the umbrella of The London Assembly and The Mayor of London - but not our event.

"We cherish and nurture our relationship individual boroughs - they continue to play a vital role in the future of this great city.

"My major ambition is to ensure that every borough submits an entry to the event - and uses the opportunity to celebrate their contribution to the capital."



The New Year's Day Parade Honours is an integral part of the media mix generated by the event's media team. More than 20 local newspaper titles join forces to illuminate those unsung heroes and heroines that would otherwise go unnoticed.

These pillars of the community are then given a special memento by their particular borough mayor - and participate in the great street spectacular itself.

The New Year's Day Parade is truly a international cultural event - with more

than 5,000 performers from overseas jetting in to the UK to participate.

And those that don't parade on January 1st perform at the event's festival concerts - which each year run in tandem. London's Mayors have an important part to play in the concerts as well, as the event's organisers offer one of the greatest Galas up to the Mayors each year to invite their own audience from their own Borough.

The New Year's Day Parade and Festival will be jointly sponsoring a reception for all new Mayors on 15th June in the

Lord Mayor of Westminster's Reception Rooms.

Full and detailed materials about how you get on board will be distributed that evening and Bob Bone will be on hand to answer any questions you might have.

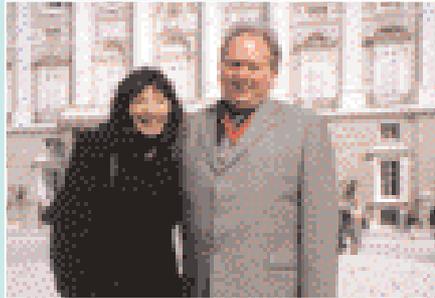
In the meantime if you need any information immediately please call Bob Bone on 020-8566 8586.



Civic visit t



Above: Members visit the Atocha Station (scene of the Madrid Bombings)



Above: The Mayor & Mayoress of Hounslow outside the Royal Palace



Left: The Mayor of Bromley outside the Town Hall outside the San Lorenzo De El Escorial finds it snowing



Above: Pat Creutzberg and Cllr June Fewtrell pay their respects at Atocha Station



Above: Cllr Keekira Thammaiah and his wife Naila outside La Almudena Cathedral



Above: The Mayor of Bromley & Cllr June Fewtrell outside the famous Prado Museum



Above: The British Ambassador (Mr Stephen Wright CMG) & his wife meet members at a Reception



Above: Cllr Leslie McDonald and Beryl Jeffrey in Plaza Mayor



Above: Cllr June Fewtrell and Pat Creutzberg with a bust of King Felipe II in the San Lorenzo Theatre



Left: Sheila Lyon, Jim Turner and Pat Creutzberg enjoy Dinner at a Madrid Restaurant



Above: Cllr Joe Trotter (former Mayor of Islington) presents the Mayor of Madrid with a signed picture of Arsenal



Above: The Mayor of Kingston presents a gift to the Mayor of Madrid

Left: Cllr Robert Davis, Executive Chairman, addresses the Mayor of Madrid and sends condolences on behalf of the London Boroughs

oMadrid

Fifty Seven members (including six incumbent Mayors and seven Mayoress's and consorts) travelled to Madrid in March for the 2004 Annual London Mayors' Association Foreign Civic Visit. The trip had been planned months before hand and yet came at a difficult time for Madrid, just two weeks after the terrible and devastating bombings.

After a moving visit to the Atocha Railway Station the scene of one of the bombs, where many candles, flowers and photos of lost ones had been left, we found ourselves the first official visitors to the Mayor of Madrid. In the main Reception Room of the Madrid City Hall and in front of the entire Spanish press and live on Madrid TV, the Mayor of Madrid gave his first important speech since the bombings and welcomed the London Mayors' Association to Madrid. Cllr Robert Davis, Executive Chairman of the London Mayors' Association responded by passing on condolences from the London Boroughs and emphasising the importance of looking

forward. After a Reception given by the Mayor and a tour of the City Hall, gifts were exchanged.

Members also enjoyed a tour of Madrid including visit to the spectacular Royal Palace and the world famous Prado Museum where they saw several famous Goya and Velazquez paintings.

On the Friday evening members attended a Reception with the British Ambassador in Spain, Mr Stephen Wright CMG and his wife. Gifts were exchanged and members enjoyed listening to a speech from the Ambassador on the political situation in Spain following the General Election two weeks earlier.

On the Saturday, Members travelled to San Lorenzo De El Escorial, a Town an hours drive to the North West of Madrid where the Monastery, Basilica and Palace of King Felipe II is situated. Arriving in light snow, we were received by the Mayor in the Town Hall and then given a guided tour of the Palace, the Monastery and Basilica. The Palace dates back to the

time of Felipe II (husband to our own Queen Mary I) and probably one of the few palaces from our Tudor period still in tact. The highlights of the tour included a visit to the burial chamber of all the Kings of Spain (and one Queen) and their consorts and a visit to the spectacular library.

The final evening was spent enjoying a traditional flamenco dance spectacular and after an action packed few days in Madrid, Members returned to London having experienced an enjoyable and fascinating trip.



Above: The Mayor of San Lorenzo De El Escorial receives a gift from the Mayoress of Kensington & Chelsea



Above: Cllr Robert Davis and the Mayor of Bromley in the San Lorenzo Council Chamber



Cllr Robert Davis & the Mayor of Madrid

Thanks go to Bob Bone, Teresa Davis and Chalk for helping to organise the trip and the Ambassador in London for arranging the visit of two Mayors.

Civic visit to Madrid



Above: Members outside the Madrid City Hall



Above: Members enjoy lunch at the La Cueva Restuarant in San Lorenzo

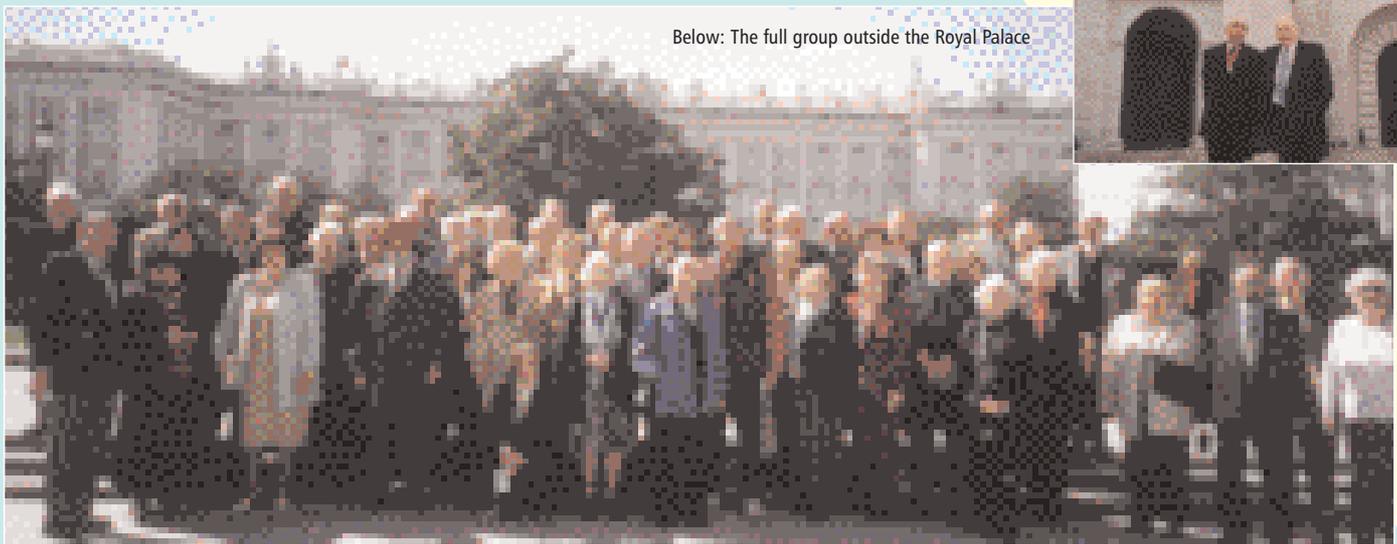
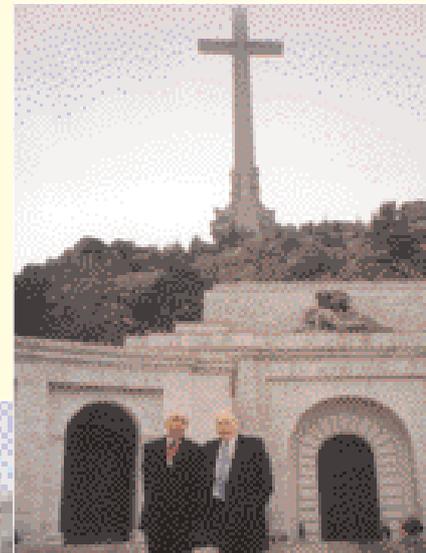


Above: Drinks in the Hotel Bar after a busy day sightseeing



Above: Members outside the San Lorenzo De El Escorial Town Hall

Right: Cllr Keekira Thammaiah and Cllr Ernest Tomlin outside the Valley of the Fallen



Below: The full group outside the Royal Palace

Ambassadorial Dinner

Ten ambassadors from around the world joined the London Mayors' Association at the popular Ambassadorial Dinner held in the Lord Mayor of Westminster's Reception Rooms including their Excellencies the Ambassadors of Finland, Spain, Italy, Romania, Slovenia, Belgium, the Netherlands, Argentina, and Portugal. Together with the Vice-Marshall of the Diplomatic Corps and twelve incumbent Mayors, a record of just under one hundred guests attended what is now becoming an annual event and without even a "Ferro Roche" in sight.

After a speech from our Executive Chairman Cllr Robert Davis, who introduced each of the Ambassadors and proposed a toast to the distinguished guests present, the Spanish Ambassador responded on behalf of the guests by referring to the London Mayors' Association's trip to Madrid.

The excellent dinner was hosted by the Cllr Jan Prendergast the Lord Mayor of Westminster and catered by London Mayors' Association member Jenny Bianco.



Above: The Mayor of Merton and the Italian Ambassador



Above: Cllr Robert Davis with the Spanish Ambassador & his wife



Left: The Ambassador of Slovenia and the Mayor of Waltham Forrest



Below: The Mayor of Redbridge, Cllr Allan Weinberg & the Mayor of Merton

Above: The Dutch Ambassador and the Civic Ambassador of Newham

Below: The Mayor of Redbridge and the Vice-Marshall of the Diplomatic Corps



Left: The Spanish Ambassador greets Margaret Calcott James

Right: The Mayor of Bexley, the Mayor & Mayoress of Brent, the Civic Ambassador of Newham, the Mayor Wandsworth and the consort to the Civic Ambassador of Newham



PINEWOOD STUDIO TOUR

by Pat Twomey (Mayor of Barking & Dagenham 2001 - 2002)



Above: The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Steve Jaggs Managing Director of the Studios

It was lights, camera and action on the recent trip to Pinewood Studios. Just an hours drive from Westminster and we were in the 92 acre estate that makes up this well known film studios. After refreshments we were welcomed by Steve Jaggs, Managing Director of Pinewood Studios, who gave us a brief talk on the history of the estate and some of the films that have been made there.



Above: The Civic Ambassador of Newham & the Mayor of Southwark



Above: Helen Watson & Cllr Pat Twomey

Having then divided into three groups we were first shown how the sounds and narrative are matched to the film. I'm sure none of us will ever watch a movie in quite the same way again. We were then taken on a tour of the grounds, down Cubby Broccoli Drive past the huge 007 stage and on to the set of Phantom of the Opera which had just finished filming. A large stone column topped by an urn proved to be so light we could have picked it up and walked away.

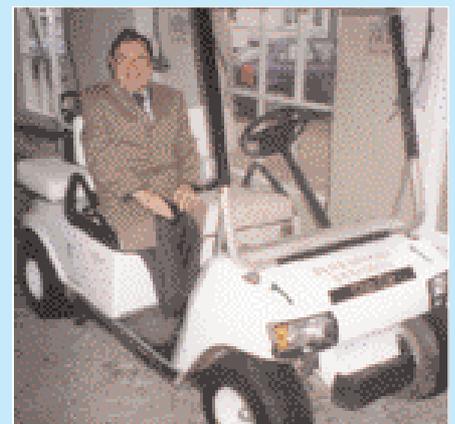


Above: Members outside the James Bond 007 Studio

We were also able to tour a set for a television sit com which had been filmed the previous evening and our hosts explained how TV programmes were made in a different way to films.

Having completed our tour we returned to the house for a wonderful lunch and lots of wine, which was much appreciated by everyone who attended.

So America has Hollywood and we have Pinewood, glamour and dreams but behind the illusion is a lot of hard work.



Above: Cllr Alan Bradley



Left: The Mayor of Merton

Special thanks to the London Film Council and Ann Runeckles (PA to the managing Director of Pinewood) who helped organise the visit.

The 2004 Annual Dinner

“The best Annual Dinner in my 25 years as a Member”

said four times Mayor of Hammersmith and Fulham and leading member William Smith. After five years at Kensington Town Hall, the venue for the 2004 Annual Dinner was moved to the Radisson SAS Portman Hotel in Westminster and was a great success.

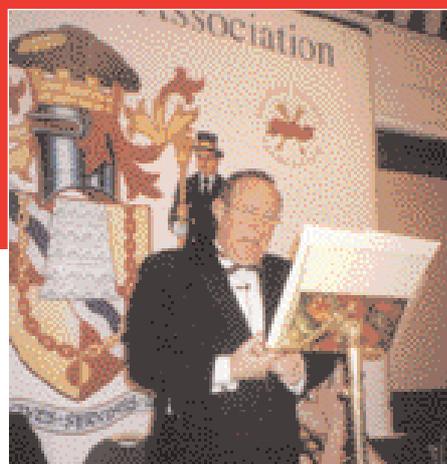
The evening started with a bucks fizz reception followed by a walk to the main banqueting Suite through a Guard of Honour from officers from the London Regiment.

After the Lord Mayor of Westminster was piped-in, 220 guests enjoyed a three course meal and enjoyed performances between the courses from the children of the Sylvia Young Theatre School in nearby Marylebone.

After dinner, guests heard speeches from Cllr Robert Davis, Executive Chairman who reported on the past years activities for the London Mayors’ Association; our guest of honour, Journalist and TV presenter Andrew Neil; the Lord Mayor of London and the Lord Mayor of Westminster.

Other guests included the Lord Lieutenant of Greater London and Lady Imbert as well as the Mayor of 17 London Boroughs.

Special thanks go to Robert Davis and Helen Watson for organising the evening, to Sally Humphries of the Oxford Street Association for sponsoring the table gifts and Peter Moore who acted as Toastmaster. The evening was sponsored by Vertex Limited and Bob Bone of the London Parade & Festival.



Above: Andrew Neil addresses the guests



Above: The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London & Toastmaster Mr Peter Moore



Above: The Mayor & Mayoress of Kingston Upon Thames and the Piper from the London Regiment



Above: The Artful Dodger entertain guests “and picks a pocket or two”



Above: The children of the Sylvia Young Theatre School perform songs from Oliver

Right: The Mayor and Mayoress of Hammersmith & Fulham and the Mayor of Camden



Barnet Councillors Victor Lyon & Brian Coleman



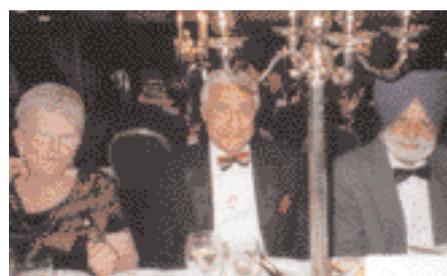
Left: Cllr Louise Sinclair, Cllr Joe Trotter & Cllr Pat Twomey



Above: The Mayor of Bromley & Cllr Carole Hubbard



Above: The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London and the Lord Mayor of Westminster and her consort



Above: Gwen Guy, Cllr Albert Kanjee, & Cllr Inder Singh Jamu

DIARY

Tour of Arsenal Football Ground

WEDNESDAY 30TH JUNE 2004
NOON TO 2PM

Tour the world famous Highbury Stadium home of Arsenal Football Club. See behind the scenes, visit the changing rooms, the Marble Hall, the Club Museum and see the Trophy Cabinet. Please complete the application form enclosed and send it to Mrs Helen Watson, 7 Highview Court, 57A Augustus Road, London SW19 6LU.

Meet the Magic Circle

WEDNESDAY 8TH JULY 2004
7.30PM TO 10.30PM

Join the London Mayors' Association for a unique evening of Magic at the world famous Magic Circle. Following a welcome reception, members will enjoy close-up magic followed by a lecture on

the history of magic and the Magic Circle. After an interval for sandwiches and coffee the evening will end with a spectacular stage show. The cost will be £30.00 per person. Please complete the application form enclosed and send it to Robert Davis at 8 Bentinck Street London W1U 2BJ.

Visit the Royal Air Force Air Traffic Control Base at West Drayton

MONDAY 12TH JULY 2004
12.30PM TO 5.15PM

Arrangements have been made for a limited number of LMA Members to visit the Royal Air Force Air Traffic Control Base at West Drayton, Middlesex on Monday 12 July 2004. The cost will be £25.00 per head. The visit will start with a buffet

lunch served at 12.30pm. After the tour members will make their way to Hillingdon Town Hall for tea to be hosted by the Mayor of Hillingdon. Please complete the application form enclosed and send it to Mrs Helen Watson, 7 Highview Court, 57A Augustus Road, London SW19 6LU.

Annual Civic Service in Westminster Abbey

SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2004 – 3PM

The pomp and ceremony of the Annual Civic Service of the London Mayors' Association will again be held in Westminster Abbey on Sunday 24th October 2004. Further details will be available in the next newsletter but please put the date in your diary.

PHOTOS FOR THE MAYORAL OCCASION

Penny Vizoso photographer specialises in civic occasions and is available to photograph mayoral events. Photos taken during Mayoral functions can be sold to guests the same evening with a percentage of sale revenues going to the Mayors charity.

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THE SPEECHWORKS

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The Modern Mace

Robin Cooper has designed a series of modern Maces and with his permission we publish some of them.

