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IT'S ALL WIGHT!



The Chairman of the Isle of Wight Council with Members of the London Mayor's Association



The Chairman of the Isle of Wight Council exchanging gifts with Cllr Robert Davis

The London Mayors' Association spent three days as guests of the Isle of Wight Council on a Civic Visit to this beautiful island in late July.

Members met at Waterloo station early on the Friday morning and after taking the train down to Southampton, were met by representatives from the

Isle of Wight Council and escorted to the ferry.

On arrival at Cowes, members were met by the Town Crier (a female version of our own Peter Moore) and escorted to the Royal Yacht Squadron, an exclusive members club at the pivotal centre of Cowes week. There they were met by the Chairman of the County

FROM PLANTS TO DINOSAURS

THE ISLE OF WIGHT TRIP CONTINUES



The Two Sheilas (Lyons & Peacock) at the Royal Yacht Squadron



The Lord Mayor of Westminster is greeted on arrival by the Town Cryer

Council, Councillor Roger Mazillius and with his colleague Councillor Lady Pigot. Members were given a guided tour of the beautiful Club House and then entertained for lunch with other leading members of the Isle of Wight Council, including the Leader and Chief Executive.

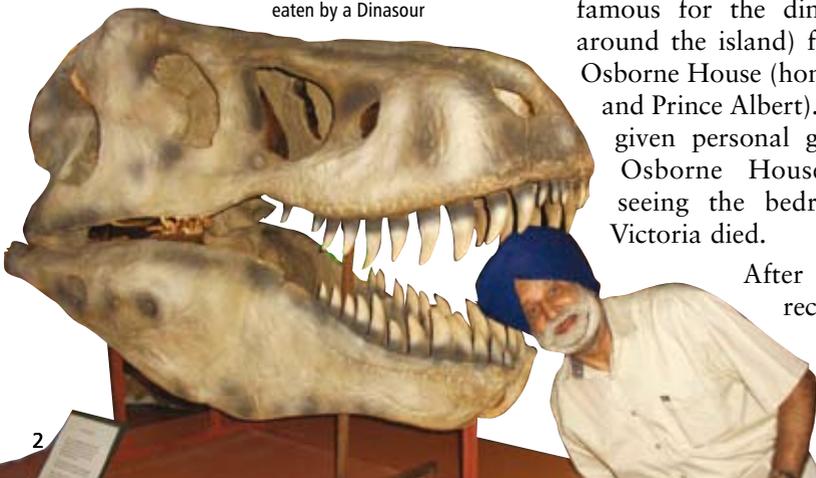
After lunch members toured the Botanical Gardens in Ventnor, where we were given a guided tour by its curator Simon Goodenough, before being entertained for a traditional afternoon tea, including scones and cream.

After a break at our hotels, we enjoyed a sumptuous dinner at the Priory Bay Hotel hosted by the Isle of Wight Council and attended by the Chairman, the Leader and Chief Executive, as well as the Lord Lieutenant and High Sheriff.

Saturday morning included a visit to the Dinosaur Museum (the Isle of Wight is famous for the dinosaur fossils found around the island) followed by lunch at Osborne House (home to Queen Victoria and Prince Albert). After lunch we were given personal guided tours around Osborne House, which included seeing the bedroom where Queen Victoria died.

After an evening drinks reception at the Royal Yacht Squadron, where we met

Cllr Inder Singh Jamu is almost eaten by a Dinosaur





The Mayor of Wandsworth
& Cllr Frances Taylor



Michael Enskat
fights with an
alligator



The Lord Mayor of Westminster in the Royal Yacht Squadron



A Tour of the Botanical Gardens at Ventnor led by its curator

the Town Mayor of Cowes (equivalent to a Parish Council), we returned to Osborne House to attend an open air classical concert in the grounds. A picnic was served in an exclusive area set aside for members of the Association. With a clear night, the concert was enjoyed by everybody and ended with a wonderful fireworks display.

On the Sunday morning we were given a tour of the beautiful village of Shanklin by local Councillor David Pugh (who has subsequently become Leader of the Council) before visiting the remains of a roman villa, where we were entertained for lunch by the Trustees including Mr Sam

Twinning , a Deputy Lieutenant of the Isle of Wight and former head of the Twinning Tea Company.

The afternoon was spent touring the Island and visiting the Needles before returning home after a superb three day visit to the Isle of Wight. We were seen off by the Town Crier and Chairman of the Council.

Thanks must go to Julia Corkey, the Head of the Isle of Wight Council's Communications Department and her staff as well as to the Chairman and members of the Council for organising such a wonderful trip.

THE ISLE OF WIGHT TRIP CONTINUES

The Mayor of Wandsworth with the Isle of Wight's Macbear



Stanley Martin, the Mayor of Wandsworth, Cllr Sheila Peacock and Ann Candy tuck in to the buffet at the Osborne House Concert

Cllr Bob & Wenda Belam in the Royal Yacht Squadron



Members at Cowes



Sheila Lyons, Josephine Barrett, Alice Enskat and Victor Lyons enjoy an after dinner drink at the Priory Bay Hotel



Cllr Bob Belam, Wenda Belam, the Mayor of Wandsworth and Alice Enskat at Osborne House



The Mayor of Wansworth, Stanley Martin & Simon Goodenough the Director of the Botanical Gardens at Ventnor



The High Sheriff and Sheila Lyons



Cllr Robert Davis & the Mayor of Cowes and his wife



The Chief Executive of the Isle of Wight Council & Cllr Josephine Barrett



The Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Mayor at Dinner in the Priory Bay Hotel

Cllr Bob Belam and his luggage at the Priory Bay Hotel



NEW MAYORS RECEPTION

Soon after all the new Mayors had been sworn into office, the London Mayors' Association held its annual New Mayors' Reception, to which all the newly installed Mayors were invited with their Mayoress' and Consorts. Hosted by the Lord Mayor of Westminster, President of the Association, in the Lord Mayors Suite at Westminster City Hall, the new members were entertained by members of the Executive Committee.

Councillor Robert Davis DL, Chairman of the London Mayors' Association, welcomed the new Mayors and told them about the activities of the Association and indicated his hope that they would all join the Association during their term of office and become more active once they retire.

Bob Bone, the Director of the London Parade, also spoke giving everybody details of the London Parade on January 1st and inviting them, to not only participate themselves, but also to organise an entry for the inter-borough competition for the best float.

[As we go to Press, all but one of the 2007-8 Mayors are joining the Association, the exception being the Mayor of Enfield]



The new Mayors meet over coffee



An Audience with Hugo Vickers

Royal Biographer Hugo Vickers was a great hit when he addressed the Half Yearly General Meeting in early 2007 and is returning by popular demand to give a "Royal" lecture over supper on Monday 21st January 2008 in the Mayoral Receptions Rooms at City Hall.

**Application Forms are enclosed
with this Newsletter.**



NEW MAYORS INDUCTION DAY



The highlight this year, was a talk by television actor and speech trainer David Gillespie from Speechworks, who gave a talk on “The Clinton Factor”. This analysed the speeches given by former President Bill Clinton, regarded as one of the most effective speakers in the world and highlighted what made Clinton such a good speaker and giving tips to the Mayors on how to use these to give a good speech. This was thoroughly amusing and enjoyed by members as well as very useful.

For the second year running all new Mayors were invited to attend a Saturday morning induction seminar, to assist them in planning the Mayoral year ahead. Organised by a small committee of former Mayors

headed by Vice Chairman Councillor Ronnie Barden, the morning comprised a series of talks on such issues as the correct protocol to be adopted; what clothing to wear and how to choose a charity to support.

The morning seminar ended with lunch where everybody was able to talk informally and exchange ideas about the year ahead.

The newly elected Mayors listen intently to the speakers



Clr Heather Johnson leads a workshop

ROYAL TOUR – BUCKINGHAM



The Mayor of Barnet & Cllr Melvin Cohen

In August, members were honoured to be given a privileged VIP exclusive guided tour of the State Rooms of Buckingham Palace, after the Palace had closed to the public.

We were broken into two separate groups and given a tour of all of the State Rooms, including the Throne Room, the Ballroom and the Ball Supper Room where members enjoyed viewing an amazing exhibition about the Wedding of Her Majesty to the Duke of Edinburgh to celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary this year, which included The Queen's wedding dress. In the Ball Room, we saw a fascinating exhibition displaying all

Honours bestowed upon Her Majesty's during her life.

The tour concluded with a champagne reception on the Terrace, as well as an opportunity to spend our money in the exclusive Palace shop, for mementoes of our visit.

After the tour members tramped across to Westminster City Hall where they were entertained to a supper party hosted by the Lord Mayor of Westminster.



Wenda Belam in the Palace Gardens



The Mayor of Islington and Cllr Edith Macauley



Ivor and Eileen Cameron outside the Palace Gates



Tony & Sue Polydorou on the Royal Terrace

AM PALACE



Bryan and Marie Collier and Joe Trotter



Hon Ald Diana Whittingham



Gaye Branch and the Chairman of Lewisham



Hilary Potts and Paddy Lyne



Cllr Bob Belam and Cllr Felicity Barwood



The Mayor of Merton and Janet Lovell

The Cabinet War Rooms

Phil Reed, the Director of the Cabinet War Rooms and the newly opened Churchill Museum, entertained members of the London Mayors' Association at a private tour of both the Cabinet War Rooms and the wonderful new museum dedicated to Winston Churchill and his family.

After a reception of canapes and wine, members were allowed to wander around the Cabinet War Rooms and Museum and

were given access to areas that are usually closed to members of the public including the actual Cabinet Room itself.

Members who attended included Sir Michael Savory, former Lord Mayor of London, who himself is a collector of military vehicles housed in his own museum in Norfolk.

Guests also included Councillor Duncan Sandys and his wife Mary Brown. Duncan,



Clr & Mrs John Wilkinson



(left) Mr & Mrs Tony Polydorou & Mrs Wenda Belam



Clr Duncan Sandys & Tony Polydorou



Sir Michael Savory & the Lord Mayor of Westminster



The phone never stops even in Wartime



Sir Michael Savory listens to Phil Reed the director of the museum

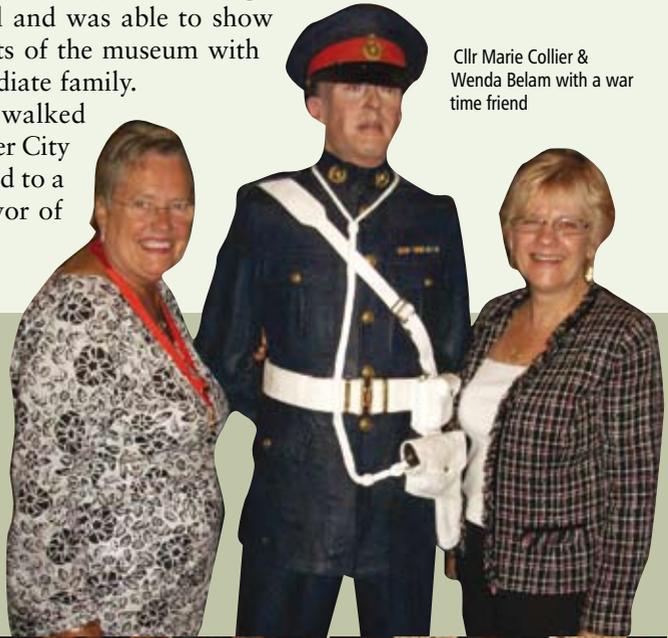


Members watch Churchills funeral on a screen

a member of Westminster City Council, who is the great-grandson of Winston Churchill and was able to show members various favourite parts of the museum with special references to his immediate family.

After the tour, members walked across Green Park to Westminster City Hall where they were entertained to a dinner hosted by the Lord Mayor of Westminster.

Clr Marie Collier & Wenda Belam with a war time friend



Clr Robert Davis in Churchills Cabinet room



Jean Trotter & Clr Maureen Hoskins



The Mayor of Wandsworth & Clr Edith Macauley



Roger Manning & Clr Carole Hubbard



The Mayor of Wandsworth and Clr John Wilkinson in the War room

Father Time Celebrates

Seventeen London Mayors are set to show that they are young at heart on New Year's Day – and have the most fun-filled day of their mayoral year.

The New Year's Day Parade – the Capital's traditional turn of the year celebration is back with a brand new look and an even bigger audience.

But participating boroughs are not just out to have a terrific start to the New Year – they are set to earn much needed mountain of cash for their respective mayoral charities.



Massive media interest has ensued with the BBC signed up as media sponsors – and the entire event being screened live across America.

The 2008 event promises to be slightly shorter than previously – but better – with a higher quality threshold for entries.

“We wanted to make the event shorter – but sharper.” Said Executive Director Bob Bone.

“With such a huge international audience joining us live on TV and hundreds of thousands on the streets of the West End this parade will be even more spectacular than ever.

“It is a non political – non-partisan event. The parade is a free family day out for everyone to enjoy and help raise tens of thousands for charity in the process.

“And we have created a truly wonderful package for those mayors that are making that extra special effort to give us a terrific entry which will grace the event and reflect well on our Capital.”

London Youth







Mayors with borough entries in the event will enjoy:

- A sumptuous New Year's Day Brunch at One Whitehall Place
- A post parade Awards tea
- An open top bus ride before the hundreds of thousands thronging the streets
- Grandstand seats for the big show
- A Special New Year's Choral concert at Westminster Cathedral



For further information about participation in The New Year's Day Parade – London, call the event offices on 020-8566 8586.

Visit the event's website on

www.londonparade.co.uk



ANNUAL CIVIC SERVICE



The Mayor of Sutton getting chained up

The bells of Westminster Abbey rang out as 30 Mayors of the London Boroughs, together with the Lord Mayor of Westminster and escorted by their Macebearers with their Maces, attended Evensong in the Abbey, which again coincided with the Feast of the Dedication of Westminster Abbey. The Abbey although originally dedicated in 1065 was rebuilt by Henry III who rededicated it on the 13th October 1269.

This was the first London Mayors' Association Annual Service to be presided over by the new Dean of



The Mayors of Richmond & Kingston



The Dean of Westminster, the Lord Mayor of Westminster and Cllr Robert Davis



The Mayors process through Dean's Yard



The Mayors of Kingston & Barking and Dagenham and the Speaker of Hackney (sitting in the middle)



The Mayors of Camden & Islington



The Mayor of Barnet

Westminster, the Right Reverend John Hall and was also the last to be attended in his capacity as Lord Lieutenant, by Lord (Peter) Imbert and his wife Lady Imbert.

It was a beautiful afternoon and the Mayors processed through Dean's Yard into the Great West Door lead by Baroness Hamwee, the Chairman of the Greater London Assembly, where they were

met by the Lord Mayor of Westminster and the Dean and Chapter.

The service was beautifully sung by the Abbey Choir and Canon Robert Wright, Chaplin to the Speaker

of the House of Commons, gave an interesting and challenging sermon.

After the service members enjoyed a sumptuous reception in the Great Hall of Westminster School.

The Mayor of Bromley supported by two Macebearers



The Mayors of Kensington & Chelsea, Waltham Forest and Camden



The Chairman of Lewisham Council & the Mayor of Croydon and their Macebearers



Macebearer Supporters



The Lord Mayor of Westminster leads the procession

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting was held in July at Westminster City Hall and was extremely well attended. Councillor Robert Davis was re-elected Chairman for his 10th year, as was Vice Chairman Councillor Ronnie Barden. Helen Watson continues as secretary and special thanks were given her for the tremendous work she does for the Association. Michael Chartres was re-elected as Treasurer and, again, special thanks were given to him for ensuring the financial affairs of the Association were in order.

A reception followed the formal meeting, at which members were able to mingle and meet the new encumbered Mayors. It was also good to see amongst those present, a number of former Mayors who had recently retired from office but who wanted to continue their friendships with other colleagues and who also wished to continue an active role in the Association.



Anne Landeryou, Wenda Belam, Robert Landeryou and Carolyn Doe



Cllr Doreen Weatherhead sells insignia and gifts



Christine Peters
and Bryan Collier



The Mayor of Ealing and Bill Hill



Paddy Lyne and the Mayor of Southark



Clrs Felicity Barwood and Diane Pagan



The Mayor of Brent and Cllr Bertha Joseph



Clrs Jan Prendergast and Dennis Doe

The Mayors of Camden
and Croydon



THE NOVEMBER DIPLOMATIC DINNER

Following on from the success of the Diplomatic Dinners of previous years, when we tried to pack into too many members and guests, almost causing a series of diplomatic incidents, it was decided this year to make the evenings more comfortable by holding two separate smaller Dinners, one in November and the other in December. The distinguished guest at the November Dinner included the High Commissioners of Kenya, Malta & Tanzania and the Ambassadors of Denmark, Thailand, Andorra & Turkey. The Foreign office was represented by Ms Sarah Gillett, Director of Protocol & Vice-Marshall of the Diplomatic Corps and Ms Jackie Barson, Deputy Head of Protocol. Cllr Robert Davis, our Chairman proposed the toast to the Guests and the High Commissioner of Kenya responded.



The Mayor of Croydon & the Ambassador of Andorra



The High Commissioner of Kenya & his wife with the Lord Mayor of Westminster



The Ambassador of Thailand & Jackie Barson from the Foreign Office



The Lord Mayor of Westminster & the Ambassador for Denmark



The High Commissioner of Malta & Hon. Ald. Diana Whittingham



The Turkish Ambassador & the Mayor of Bromley



Robert Landeryou & the High Commissioner of Tanzania

FOREIGN CIVIC VISIT 2008

The London Mayors' Association will be travelling to Vienna, the capital of Austria, for its Annual Civic Visit to a Foreign Capital City, in 2008.

The visit will commence early on Thursday 3rd April 2008 and members will return on the evening of Sunday 6th April 2008. This is expected to be a popular trip and hopefully will include visits to the Hofburg Palace; Schonbrunner Summer Palace; the Spanish Riding School to see the famous white horses; the Opera; the Vienna Boys Choir and plenty of vienna schnitzel and sache torte. An Application Form is enclosed with this newsletter.

The Spanish Riding School



The Summer Palace

The Half Yearly General Meeting

The Half Yearly General Meeting will be held at 5.00pm on Thursday 17th January 2008 at Canada House in Trafalgar Square with the High Commissioner of Canada as our Guest Speaker. This will be followed by a Reception.

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MAYOR OF LONDON CHALLENGE

Two active members of the London Mayors' Association, Councillors Lurline Champagnie and Councillor Warwick Lightfoot (former Mayors of Harrow and Kensington & Chelsea respectively) were both contenders in the Conservative Party selection to be the candidate to fight Ken Livingstone to be Mayor of London. As everybody knows, Boris Johnson was eventually successful but our two members came face to face during the campaign at the Association's Annual General Meeting and are photographed here discussing their campaigns.



HILLINGDON WINS RIFLE SHOOT -

**By Councillor Dennis Doe,
LMA Executive and organiser
of this annual competition**

The London Borough of Hillingdon won the London Boroughs' Small-bore Rifle Challenge Cup on Saturday 8th September. But only just! Five Boroughs were in the Final: the RB of Kingston upon Thames and the LBs of Barnet, Hillingdon, Richmond and Wandsworth – last year's winners.

After 10 rounds, where each Borough team shot against each of the others, the result was a tie between Hillingdon, Kingston & Wandsworth. So we had a shoot – off. Again we had a tie! So new rules were made on the spot and half of each team (4 people) shot at half of the clay discs (24) simultaneously.



The first to clear their discs was Hillingdon, closely followed by Kingston. So Hillingdon received the huge Dawney Cup, donated in 1911 by the then Mayor of Wandsworth and the Harsant Shield, donated by the late Gerry Harsant, a former Mayor of Harrow and the previous organiser.

All five Boroughs were represented by either their Mayor or their Deputy Mayor.



The Deputy Mayor of Richmond, The Host borough, presents the Harsant Shield to the Captain of the Hillingdon Team

The Mayor of Wandsworth presenting the Dawney Cup to the London Borough of Hillingdon's Team

Royal Visits

Following the huge demand for the Summer tour of Buckingham Palace, a repeat visit is being arranged in April 2008.

Application Forms are enclosed with this Newsletter.

VISIT TO LONGLEAT

by Cllr Charles Elliman JP, Mayor of Redbridge 2005-2006

We have experienced one of the wettest summers on record in London and throughout the Country. I was very concerned about the weather forecast for our day trip to Longleat on Sunday 1 July 2007. Sunday morning came with the rain. Half way to Longleat it was as if our fairy godmother waved her magic wand. The rain stopped and we had blue skies for the rest of the day.

We knew that in order to complete our programme to Longleat, an early start was essential. The coach arrived at Ilford Town Hall at 7.00 a.m. to pick up 17 passengers and then drove to Westminster City Hall to collect the remaining passengers, which included the Mayor and Mayoress of Brent and the Mayor of Southwark. Due to a security alert in London that weekend we were unable to leave Westminster on time. We arrived in Longleat about 45 minutes behind schedule, but I was

determined that the programme should not be curtailed. Under the circumstances the staff at Longleat were facilitating and accommodated us so that the programme was completed.

We had a guided tour of Longleat House in the morning before having a superb buffet lunch in the Wessex Pavillion. After lunch the afternoon was packed with outstanding events such as, the parrot show at pets' corner, which was most entertaining followed by a safari boat trip to Gorilla Island; Lord Bath's Murals which were stunning and rounded off by a private tour with guide through Longleat Safari Park in our coach.

Light refreshments were served at Longleat to sustain us for our return journey to London. It was a most enjoyable day's outing and a good time was had by all.



Cllr Charles Elliman (bottom left), the Mayor and Mayoress of Brent, the Mayor of Southwark and other members in Longleat

Annual Dinner 2008

The Annual Dinner of the London Mayors' Association will be held on Saturday 23rd February 2008 (7.00 for 7.45pm). For the first time it will be held at the Churchill Hyatt Regency Hotel in Portman Square (adjacent to last year's venue at the Portman SAS Radisson Hotel). Applications for tickets will be distributed to members just after Christmas.

London
Mayors' Association

Gifts

The London Mayors' Association range of gifts are available for Members to purchase.

These include two styles for cufflinks that can be purchased either as a cut-out of the full coat of arms or as a shield, brooches and lapel badges. Ties are also available in blue, red, green and yellow. Notelets with the LMA Coat of Arms are also available.

Costs: Cufflinks are £20.00 each

Ties are £20.00 each

Lapel Badges are £5.00 each

Notelets - 10 for £4.00

Brooches are £7.50 each

LADIES SCARVES

Ladies silk scarves are now available for purchase at a cost of £20.00 each and are available in bright red, gold and blue.

AND a new order of the full range of badges and brooches has just arrived from the suppliers in new smart presentation boxes that make excellent gifts. Orders can be made by contacting Cllr Robert Davis at 8 Bentinck Street London W1U 2BJ (020 7486 9041).



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