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'ANYONE FOR CRICKET'



Above: The Mayor & Mayoress of Greenwich with the Ashes

Left: The Mayors of Havering & Wandsworth

On a glorious English summer's evening, what can be better than to be taken on a tour by an entertaining and knowledgeable guide around Lord's Cricket Ground and for some, a rare visit to the now very well known (through television), Lord's Media Suite.

For those fascinated by the game of cricket, and even

for those who are not so keen, or do not understand the 'ins and outs, silly mid offs and lbw's' everyone knows Lord's is the mecca of the sport. So, LMA members, and their guests, attending the function were equally delighted touring the Museum, which was the venue for the pre dinner reception.

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Our Chairman Cllr Robert Davis DL with the new Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Ian Luder

'ANYONE FOR CRICKET'

In the museum, cricket history is displayed at its very best; the museum holding the artefacts of the game through the ages, from displaying the 'Ashes' – so small yet so fought over - to bats, clothing and pictures demonstrating the game's changing fashions and equipment over the years.

The 'Long Room' the former formidable bastion of cricketing male pride, was beautifully laid out for dinner which was excellently prepared and superbly served.

A memorable evening ended with Mr Clive Radley MBE, the MCC Coach, speaking about his experiences as a first class cricketer, not only as a County player but also on a national level.

Hon Ald Beryl Jeffery
and Joe Trotter



The Mayor of Wandsworth and the Mayor & Consort of Merton



Hon Ald Eleri Ebenezer, Cllr Jyoti Vaja & Ms Sheila Vaja

This was an evening to be long remembered and not just by those who enjoy the game of cricket.



ClIr Marie Collier, Wenda Belam & Corinne Simmons



ClIr Luline Champagne & Hon Ald Diana Whittingham with W.G Grace



ClIrs Anne Manning & Catherine Hibbard with their husbands

Bryan Collier
Helen Watson &
Susan Kerslake



ClIr Robert Davis
& guest of honour
Clive Radley MBE

MEET THE NEW CHAIN GANG



The Speaker of Hackney with his consort and Cllr Ronnie Barden



The Mayors of Haringey & Kingston



The Mayor & Mayoress of Sutton and Robert Landeryou

Now an established part of the London Mayors' Association's diary, in early June, the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Cllr Louise Hyams, assisted by members of the Executive Committee hosted a Reception for the newly installed Mayors in her Reception Rooms at Westminster City Hall.

Bob Bone, who once again very kindly sponsored the function, with members of his team, attended the reception to explain all about the New Year's Day Parade and the possible financial and PR benefits to London Boroughs when its Mayor enters a float in the Parade.

LMA Chairman, Cllr Robert Davis, provided a short rundown of the

Association's activities during the past couple of years. This he followed with an enticing preview of future functions and events.

As all but one of the 2008/09 London Borough Mayor's have now joined the LMA, it appears the Association's activities and its friendly Executive members have combined to give a real encouragement to become members of the Association.





The Civic Ambassador of Newham and the Mayor of Barking & Dagenham and their Consorts



The Mayors of Brent and Barnet with the Mayoress of Barnet



The Mayor of Hillingdon and the Mayor of Ealing and his Consort



The Lord Mayor of Westminster and the Mayor of Kensington & Chelsea and her Consort

The new Lady Mayoress of London, Mrs Lin Luder with the Mayors of Richmond and Greenwich



The Mayor & Mayoress of Enfield

A ROYAL DAY OUT IN WINDSOR



Members in a whirl in the Savill Gardens



Frogmore - the sun lounge



Frogmore - the house

Towards the end of this damp and dreary summer, members of the London Mayors' Association Executive Committee and their guests were able to enjoy a sunny and warm day visiting Savill Gardens and Frogmore House in Windsor Great Park.

We arrived at the Savill Gardens in time for lunch at Prue Leith's Restaurant where we were welcomed by the Deputy Ranger of Windsor Great Park, Philip Everett (the Duke of Edinburgh is the Park's Ranger), who gave us a talk on the history of the Savill Gardens and the new Savill Building. Only recently constructed, the Savill Building was designed to be environmentally friendly and is made of Windsor Park Green Oak and has a leaf shaped roof.

After lunch, while some chose to quietly sit and enjoy the sunshine, the more energetic were taken on an interesting and delightful tour of Savill Gardens where the gardeners in the group were in their element.

Following this delightful stroll through wonderful man designed and natural gardens, a short coach trip across Windsor Great Park took us to Frogmore House.

It is a rare privilege to be allowed to be given a guided tour of Frogmore House.

Frogmore House lies in the tranquil setting of the private Home Park of Windsor Castle. A country residence of various monarchs since the seventeenth century, the house is especially linked to Queen



Councillors Felicity Barwood, Joan Scannell, Maureen Braun and Wendy Prentice



Left:
Ann Landeryou
& Wenda Belam

Below:
Helen Watson
in the Savill
Gardens



Robert Landeryou, Cllr Bob Belam & Roger Manning in the Savill Gardens

Jean Trotter, Wenda Belam, Cllr Catherine Rideout and Cllr Robert Davis



Victoria. The house and attractive gardens were one of Queen Victoria's favourite retreats.

George III had originally bought the house for Queen Charlotte in 1792 and she used it for herself and her unmarried daughters as a country retreat.

Queen Victoria gave the house to her mother, the Duchess of Kent, in 1841. Earl Mountbatten of Burma was born in Frogmore House in 1900 and the future King George V and Queen Mary with their children, frequently stayed there.

The Duke and Duchess of York, later King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, spent part of their honeymoon there in 1923.

Currently, the House is The Queen's favourite quiet hide-a-way while staying at Windsor Castle. It is rumoured that she often stops there a while during her walk in the grounds with her corgies. Peter & Autumn Phillip's Wedding Breakfast was held here earlier in the Summer.

The rooms mainly contain Queen Alexandra's and Queen Mary's private collections and artefacts and clearly demonstrate the style of their era. One room though, differs in that it is furnished with furniture from the Dining Room of the Royal Yacht.

After a quick stop in the Frogmore shop to buy a few mementoes of the visit, our coach safely returned us to London after a very pleasant – and sunny day.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING –

Up, up and away. These were the first impressions as members flew up in the lift twenty nine floors to ‘Altitude’ at the top of Millbank Tower, to attend the 2008 Annual General Meeting of the Association.

Magnificently situated with windows on three sides of the Conference Suite the views over London can only be described as stunning – in the words of the Lord Mayor of Westminster, even better than the view from the Lord Mayor’s Reception Rooms in Westminster City Hall.

Members reluctantly sat down to attend the formal part of the proceedings, chaired by Cllr Louise Hyams,



Cllr Robert Davis, Sarah Kennedy & Adrian McGlynn

Lord Mayor of Westminster and President of the LMA. During her opening remarks Cllr Hyams thanked Justin Etzin, managing director of Altitude, for kindly offering his superb conference facilities for the meeting.

Cllr Robert Davis DL, Chairman gave a brief outline of the Association’s activities since the last General Meeting held in January; Mr Michael Chartres OBE, Treasurer, introduced the accounts for year end 2007



The Mayor of Harrow surrounded by a number of former Mayors and Mayoresses of Harrow



The Mayor of Bromley & Cllr Catherine Rideout

UP, UP, AND AWAY

which were subsequently agreed and approved and Cllr Doreen Weatherhead updated everyone on the state of the membership.

During elections for Officers and Executive Committee Members, Cllr Robert Davis was re-elected Chairman for his eleventh year. Cllr Ronnie Barden and Michael Chartres also re-elected Vice Chairman and Treasurer respectively.

After the formal part of the meeting, Cllr Hyams introduced Sarah Kennedy, well known broadcaster, television star and Radio 2 presenter and her partner, Adrian McGlynn, a Director of the horse racing administrators, Weatherby's.

Sarah and Adrian shared a platform to entertain and inform. Sarah gave an insight in to how she worked her way into broadcasting and television work and provided a few anecdotes about making programmes, especially those involving animals and children.

Sarah was followed by Adrian giving a rare, fascinating and amusing talk about the world of horse racing, especially about the registration of racing horses 'professional' names.

After Sarah and Adrian's presentation members once again had an opportunity to admire the extensive London views while enjoying a glass of wine and excellent canapés.



Cathy Longworth & Joe Trotter



Hon Ald Peter Spalding, Helen Watson & Marc Cranfield-Adams



The Lord Mayor of Westminster with Councillors Maxi Martin, Catherine Rideout and Pauline Tunnicliffe



The Mayors of Kingston & Richmond either side of Cllr Heather Johnson



The Mayors of Havering & Waltham Forest



The Mayor & Mayoress of Camden

A VERY CIVIC SERVICE



The Mayor of Bromley & her Macebearer



Jenette Arnold the Chair of the Greater London Assembly leads the procession into the Abbey



The Mayor & Mayoress of Hillingdon with DL Mrs Ed Partridge

What a sight! The Mayors' of the London Boroughs in full civic state preceded by their Macebearers and their civic mace, processing through Westminster Abbey to take their seats in the Quire, not only to celebrate the Mayoralty in London but also to celebrate the Dedication of Westminster Abbey which commemorates the transfer of the relics of Edward the Confessors to his new shrine behind the High Altar, on 13th October 1269.

The Mayor's robed in the Jerusalem Chamber where King Henry IV collapsed whilst praying in the Abbey. The King had always wanted to visit Jerusalem but never did, so when he gained consciousness, he exclaimed "where am I" and was told "Jerusalem". He then died.

The Lord Lieutenant and the Mayor of Bexley



The Lord Mayor of Westminster leads the procession out of the Abbey

The Mayor & Mayoress of Harrow



Shakespeare claimed that Henry’s son then removed the dead Kings Crown and crowned himself Henry V, there and then. Hence this room is known as the Jerusalem Chamber.

The new Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, Alderman Sir David Brewer, accompanied by many of his Deputy Lieutenants also attended in uniform, as did Sir Simon Milton, the Deputy Mayor of London.

The service was led by the Dean the Very Reverend John Hall. The full Westminster Choir sang beautifully and those present were fascinated by the Sermon given by the Right Rev Peter Nott, former Bishop of Norwich.

A sumptuous reception followed in the Great Hall of Westminster School where the Dean, the Lord Mayor of Westminster and our Chairman, Cllr Robert Davis gave speeches.

Thanks go to the Chapter and staff of Westminster Abbey, the Head Master of Westminster School, Jenny Bianco Caterers and Helen Watson for all contributing to the success of the afternoon.



The Mayors of Haringey, Waltham Forest & Hamersmith & Fulham



The Mayor of Bexley & his Macebearer



The Mayor of Tower Hamlets followed by the Mayor of Waltham Forest



The Mayor of Wandsworth followed by the Mayor of Kensington & Chelsea

THE MAYORS OF 2008-09



The 2008 Civic Service in Westminster Abbey.

The Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, the Dean of Westminster Abbey, the Chairman of the Greater London Assembly, the Lord Mayor of Westminster with the Mayors of all the London Boroughs (except Croydon), including the Chair of Lewisham, the Deputy Speaker of Hackney and the Deputy Civic Ambassador of Newham.



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BOROUGHES LINE UP FOR

Twenty two boroughs have secured their place in the World's most watched New Year festivities – The New Year's Day Parade.

And others are urged not to miss out on the very best way of kicking off another new year!

Bob Bone, Executive Director of the parade said: "You have to be quick – but there is still time to get on board! Don't look back at your year in office and think if only we had entered."

The event is a sumptuous celebration of family, health and renewal – as the whole of London resolves to make 2009 a terrific year.

Massive crowds, estimated at more than 475,000, are expected to pack the 2.2mile route to marvel at the 10,000 performers from numerous nations.

More than 500 TV stations in several continents live coverage of the event and BBC London is back on board.



NEW YEAR SPECTACULAR



Already included in the line-up are:

- Barking and Dagenham
- Barnet
- Brent
- Bromley
- Camden
- Ealing
- Enfield
- Hammersmith and Fulham
- Haringey
- Harrow
- Havering
- Hounslow
- Islington
- Kensington and Chelsea
- Lewisham
- Merton
- Redbridge
- Richmond
- Southwark
- Sutton
- Waltham Forest
- Westminster





THE LONDON PARADE

In addition the event features a number of terrific gala concerts staged in prestigious venues across the capital.

These concerts have become a cherished and important integral part of the cultural experience that the capital has to offer.

Participating mayors will be given the opportunity to invite hundreds of their constituents to enjoy the music **FREE OF CHARGE**.



So think it through and if you do have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

FURTHER INFORMATION FROM

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THE NEW YEAR'S DAY
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LONDON

'A HELPING HAND FOR THE



The Mayor of Havering with the Mayor of Ealing and his Consort



The Mayor of Wandsworth, the Deputy Mayor of Tower Hamlets and the Mayoress of Barking and Dagenham

The Mayors of Richmond and Wandsworth with the Mayoress of Islington



For the third year in succession, the newly elected London Borough Mayors, with their Consorts, were invited to attend an informal 'Induction Day' held in the Lord Mayor of Westminster's Reception Rooms in Westminster City Hall.

Working in a large group, and small workshops, those attending had the opportunity to ask questions, query protocol issues, look at priorities and generally, took the occasion to discuss mutual concerns, interests and hopes.

Organised by Cllr Ronnie Barden, LMA Vice Chairman, who with a team of volunteers from the Executive Committee, steered the newly elected Mayors through the possible highs and lows, obstacles and highlights, thrills and pitfalls they could encounter during their Mayoral year.

To conclude the Induction, a guest speaker, actor and speech mentor David Gillespie, provided handy hints on the 'do's and don't's' of public speaking.

During lunch, provided by Jenny Bianco and her team, everyone had the chance to further discuss the issues

The Guest Speaker David Gillespie



EIR WORSHIPS'

raised during the working sessions and raise even more thoughts on the role and duties of Mayor.

All those attending the Induction Day appeared to find it extremely helpful and, at times, most amusing. So that, by the end of the day, all felt more relaxed and comfortable about their forthcoming duties as their Borough's first citizen.



The Mayor & Mayoress of Barking & Dagenham and the Mayor of Richmond



Cllr Heather Johnson leads a group discussion

Robert Landeryou lectures to the new Mayors



The Mayor & Mayoress of Hillingdon, the Mayor of Hounslow, the Mayor of Richmond, Cllr Felicity Barwood and Cllr Ian Potts



THE BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK MEETS THE MAYORS

In June the Mayors of the Boroughs within the Bishop of Southwark's diocese met the Bishop and his senior staff at Bishop's House. The gathering provided an early opportunity to forge mutual bonds for the Mayoral year. Bishop Tom reminded the Mayors that like both his staff and the Bishop, the Mayors would discover places in their domain that they did not previously knew to exist and would meet people from many different backgrounds with many varied gifts and needs.



Photo: Communications Department of the Southwark Diocese

IN MEMORIAM: MAUREEN HORDEN

Hon. Ald. Peter Spalding former Mayor of the London Borough of Croydon has advised the London Mayors' Association of the death of former Mayor of Croydon, Maureen Horden.

She was 96 years of age and only stood down as a Councillor in 2002 when she was probably one of the oldest serving elected Councillors in the United Kingdom. Peter says that she was the absolute personification of all those wonderful old fashioned

virtues of decency in public service and was very much loved by all sides of the chamber in Croydon. If there was an honorary title of "Grandmother of the Council", Peter says, Maureen would have held that title.

Maureen was instrumental in twining Croydon with the Dutch Town of Arnhem and served as Mayor of Croydon in 1984/5, during which term she signed the twining document with Arnhem.

Guess Who?

Which active member of the London Mayors' Association, former Mayoress and Champion swimmer is pictured here in 1951. **Answer on page 23**



97TH YEAR INTER-BOROUGH SMALL-BORE RIFLE COMPETITION

Every year all London Borough Mayors have the opportunity to compete in the Inter-Borough Small-bore Rifle Competition, for the Dawney Challenge Cup. This cup was presented by Lord Dawney, a former Mayor of Wandsworth, in 1911.

To compete, each Mayor needs to find a local rifle club to represent them. This year eight Boroughs took part, namely the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames and the London Boroughs of Barnet, Croydon, Hillingdon, Harrow, Richmond, Sutton and Wandsworth. There were three preliminary rounds where teams fired at the normal ringed targets. The five highest scorers qualified for the Final.

The Final has been held at the Ham & Petersham Club since 1920. In the final the teams compete against each other in turn, shooting at 24 2-inch discs 100 yards away. The team which removes its discs the faster wins that round.

The finalists were Barnet, Croydon, Hillingdon, Kingston, and Wandsworth. They were supported (very vocally!) by the Mayor of Wandsworth, the Deputy Mayors and Deputy Mayoresses of Barnet and Kingston, and former Mayors Councillor Josephine Barrett (Hillingdon) and Councillor Doreen Weatherhead (Kensington & Chelsea).

It rained and it rained. But the competition continued regardless and everyone enjoyed the day. The winner, for the second year running, was Hillingdon and the runner-up Kingston.

The Final in 2009 will be held on Saturday 5th September 2009.

Special thanks to Cllr Dennis Doe for organising the competition.



The Mayor of Wandsworth with the Captain of the winning team



Cllr Josephine Barrett with the winner

HONORARY FREEDOM OF HAVERING

One of the first duties of the new Mayor of Havering was to bestow the Honorary Freedom of the London Borough of Havering on two former Mayors, Executive Committee Member Councillor Peter Gardner & former Councillor Maisie Whitlock.

Peter's honour was in recognition of twenty five years of service for the Borough whilst Maisie's was for her work in the twinning arrangements with Ludwigshaven and Hesdin.



Peter Gardner & Maisie Whitlock receive their Honorary Freedom of Havering

LISBON 2009



The Navigators Monument

The 2009 International Civic Visit will be to Lisbon, capital of Portugal. We will fly out on Thursday 26th March 2009 (catching the 10.45am flight from Gatwick) and returning on Sunday 29th March 2009 (on the 2.45pm flight to Heathrow).

We will stay at the Tiara Park Atlantic Hotel in central Lisbon and will include a day trip to the beautiful historic town of Sintra as well as the beach resorts of Estoril & Cascais.

As well as sight seeing, we hope to meet the Deputy British Ambassador as well as the Mayors of Lisbon, Sintra & Cascais.

The cost will include flights, transportation within Portugal, bed and breakfast in the Hotel and all meals as well as entrance fees to all the sightseeing sights.

Full details and an application form is enclosed with this newsletter. This is expected to be a popular trip and so spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

THE CLASS OF 2003-04 LUNCHEES AT THE O2 IN GREENWICH

Councillor Janet Gillman very kindly organised the summer Sunday Lunch for the 03/04 Group on 1st June at the Water Margin Restaurant in the O2 Dome. This was an excellent venue for the meeting as the Chinese food on offer was superb and the choice extremely wide.

After a long and pleasant lunch those who had to return to Central London took the Thames river bus into town. We were seen off by our hosts Janet and Jim from the Queen Elizabeth Pier adjacent to the Dome (top picture).



Class of 2003-04



**Answer: Champion Swimmer Photo
The Champion Swimmer in 1951 is Jean Trotter former Mayoress of Islington**

CHAIRMAN'S TAPESTRY

The Chairman, Cllr Robert Davis DL was bowled over (literally) during the LMAs visit to Lord's Cricket Ground when the Secretary Helen Watson presented him with a tapestry she had taken two years to make of the Chairman as Lord Mayor of Westminster in his robes and chains of office. It had been Helen's intention to present it to the Chairman on his 50th Birthday in September 2007 but she took longer to complete it than she had envisaged. Robert was delighted with his gift and showed it off to all attending the Lord's Dinner and it now hangs proudly in the living room of his flat.



The Chairman and his Tapestry

Since the last newsletter, members will be interested to learn that our Chairman has been elected Deputy Leader of Westminster City Council but continues with his responsibilities for planning and the built environment.



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