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NEWSLETTER

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CIVIC VISIT TO LISBON PASS THE PORT



Members at the Oceanarium in the Parque das Nações

Led by the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Louise Hyams and the Chairman of the LMA Councillor Robert Davis, 45 members met at Gatwick Airport to take a TAP flight to Lisbon where we were met by Maria Joao Melo, our guide for the entire visit.

After a light lunch the visit started in earnest. First with a panoramic coach

tour of Lisbon followed by a tram ride through the old Moorish Alfama District, which at times was most alarming when the sides of the tram almost, but not quite, touched the walls of the houses in the narrow streets.

The first day in Portugal ended with dinner at the

best known Fado Club in Lisbon, where both the



Caroline Medrado (from the Embassy), John Kraus Deputy British Ambassador, The Lord Mayor and Cllr Robert Davis, swap gifts

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meal and evening were enjoyed while being entertained by the legendary Portuguese Fado music and singing.

Early Friday morning a delightful drive alongside the River Tagus took us to the Belém Tower (of particular interest to Bob and Wenda Belam) and the Discoveries Monument.

This was followed by a visit to the Jerónimos Monastery where we marvelled at the beautiful ornate Cloisters and the exquisite Chapel.

At noon, we arrived at the Residence of the British Ambassador where we were welcomed by the Deputy British Ambassador, Mr John Kraus, (in the absence of the Ambassador, who was attending a conference in London) and entertained at a reception in the gardens where we were joined by Embassy staff and local civic dignitaries.



Cllrs Jean Lammiman, Dawn Somper & Bob Skelly at the Discoveries Monument



Cllr Bob & Wenda Belam by the Belém Tower



Cllrs Richard & Maureen Hoskins and a model of the Belém Tower



Patricia Arnold, Cllr Lurline Champagnie, Jean Trotter, Bryan Collier and Pat Creutzberg

After lunch, we arrived at Lisbon's City Hall, where we were received by the Deputy Mayor of Lisbon and other Council Members. The Deputy Mayor spoke briefly about the role of the Civic Government in Lisbon. We were then shown the Council Chamber, where we learnt about the duties of Councillors.

Dinner that evening was taken in a delightfully converted old coffee factory, where many of its original equipment and features had been retained giving it a real sense of authenticity.

On the Saturday morning, we drove out of Lisbon, first to Cascais where our first stop was the Museum Condes de



Cllrs Catherine & Charles Rideout

Wenda Belam,
Cllr Bob Skelly
& Cllr Richard
Hoskins



Members in the Edward VII Park



Hon Ald Eleri Ebenezer & Cllr Marie Collier
on the tram in the Alfama District

Castro Guimarães followed by a tour of the Casa de Manta Maria, which aptly demonstrated the use of decorative tiling used in Portuguese architecture. This was followed by a quick visit to the Cascais Lighthouse Museum and the display of crystal domes used in lighthouses.

Lunch was taken at the Guincho alongside the Atlantic Ocean, where safely and warmly inside the restaurant we watched the sea becoming very angry as the wind increased in ferocity.

Before our next official engagement in Sintra, we visited Cape Roca, the most westerly point in Europe where we were presented with certificates confirming our visit.

A pleasant drive took us to Sintra and the Palace of Regaleira. After a tour of the Palace and the architecturally designed gardens, we were received by the Mayor of Sintra who gave us a fascinating talk about the problems facing his town.

On Sunday, we visited the Parque das Nações, designed and built for Expo 1998, where we had a fascinating visit to the 2nd largest Oceanarium in Europe.

And so to the airport for a mid afternoon flight back to Heathrow.

Many thanks to Bob and Geri Bone for making all the arrangements and to Maria, our lovely, interesting and ever helpful guide.

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Cllrs Jim Madden & Leslie McDonnell at the Jerónimos Monastery



Cllr Susette Palmer signing the Ambassadors guest book



Cllr Robert Davis & the Lord Mayor present the deputy Mayor of Lisbon with a gift



Tony & Sue Polydorou in Lisbon City Hall



Carolyn Doe, Hon Ald Diana Whittingham & Elizabeth Tomlin in the Palace of Regaleira in Sintra



Right: Cllr Ian Potts & Hon Ald Eleri Ebenzer



Cllrs Lurline Champagnie & Christopher Buckmaster enjoy dinner



The Lord Mayor & the Deputy Mayor of Cascais



Cllr Marie Collier & Helen Watson by the new Art gallery in Cascais



Members enjoy refreshments in the Casa de Manta Maria in Cascais



Cllr Robert Davis, the Deputy Mayor of Cascais, the Lord Mayor, Cllr Jean Lammiman, Rosemarie Barden and Bob Bone



Cllr Munroe Palmer relaxing in the Ambassadors residents



Janet Lewis & Elizabeth Tomlin in the Museum Condes de Castro Guimarães

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Hon Ald Ernest & Elizabeth Tomlin in Lisbon



Cllr Jean Lammiman, Cllr Wendy Brice Thompson & Cllr Frederich Thompson in Sintra



Cllr Stuart Tom, The Mayor of Sintra and Rosemary Barden



The Mayor of Sintra & Cllr June Fewtrell



Right: Cllr Joe Trotter receives his Cape Roca Certificate

PRE VISIT DRINKS GIVEN BY THE PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR

His Excellency the Portuguese Ambassador to the Court of St James, Mr António Santana Carlos and Mrs Santana Carlos kindly hosted a Reception in their Residence for LMA members visiting Lisbon for the 2009 Civic Visit.

Hugely enjoyed by everyone, this occasion gave members the opportunity to meet and get to know their fellow travellers and to begin experiencing the hospitality of the Portuguese.

It was also an opportunity for the LMA Chairman, Councillor Robert Davis DL to thank His Excellency and his Embassy staff for their assistance with the arrangements for the forthcoming civic visit, especially their liaison with the Civic Leaders in Lisbon, Cascais and Sintra to organise the various official aspects of the visit.

Happily clutching travel documents and schedules for the forthcoming visit. When leaving, everyone was much anticipating the visit and to enjoying further Portuguese hospitality - and wine.



Cllr Robert Davis the Lord Mayor of Westminster & the Portuguese Ambassador



Cllrs Catherine Rideout, June Fewtrell & Bob Belam with Carolyn Doe & Wenda Belam



Cllr Jean Lammiman & Cllr Dawn Somper with the Portuguese Ambassador and his wife

Joe Trotter with Cllr Michael Lewis & his wife Janet



Carolyn Doe & Pat Creutzberg studying the itinerary



A ROYAL NIGHT OUT



Colin Ormsby, Cllr Peter Gardner & Corinne Simmons

Cllrs Doreen
Weatherhead &
Maxi Martin



Cllr Francs Blois and the Lord Mayor of Westminster

Home of the late Diana, Princess of Wales and the Palace in which Victoria learned she was Queen and held her Accession Privy Council, was the venue for a memorable evening for members of the LMA and their guests.

The Director of Historic Royal Palaces, Nigel Arch welcomed members by hosting a champagne reception followed by escorted tours of Kensington Palace's State Apartments.

Kensington Palace remained virtually unused after Queen Victoria became Queen and moved to Buckingham Palace. However, towards the end of her Reign she initiated the restoration of the State Apartments. Since then, many members of the Royal Family have made their home at the Palace and the State Apartments

been the venue for grand and special occasions. It is now also the venue for special Royal Exhibitions, such as the present Monarch's Evening Gowns and the Last Debutantes.

Having absorbed the history of the Palace, guests made their way across the park to Kensington and Chelsea Town Hall. There, in the lovely setting of the Mayor's Parlour a delicious supper was enjoyed, catered for by Jenny Bianco and her team.

We would like to offer special thanks to the staff at Kensington Palace who looked after their guests so beautifully and to the Mayor of Kensington and Chelsea, Cllr The Hon. Cllr Joanna Gardner, for hosting the supper in her Parlour and to her staff for helping with the arrangements and for

IN KENSINGTON PALACE



Cllr Dennis & Mrs Carolyn Doe



Cllr Josephine Barratt & Pat Creutzberg



The Mayor of Kensington & Chelsea and her Consort



The Director Nigel Arch



Hon Ald Diana Whittingham & Cllr Sheila Peacock

FIVE STAR DINNER

THE ASSOCIATIONS

For the second year the London Mayors' Association Annual Dinner was held in the splendid Churchill Hyatt Regency Hotel in Portman Square in London's West End.

We were delighted the Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Ian Luder and his Lady Mayoress, Mrs Lin Luder were able to join us for the evening with one of his Sheriff's accompanying them.

They were joined by the Guest of Honour, Sir David Brewer CMG JP, Lord Lieutenant for Greater London and former Lord Mayor of London, who was accompanied by Lady Brewer, attending his first Annual Dinner since Sir



The Lord Mayors of London & Westminster with their consorts

David was appointed Lord Lieutenant.

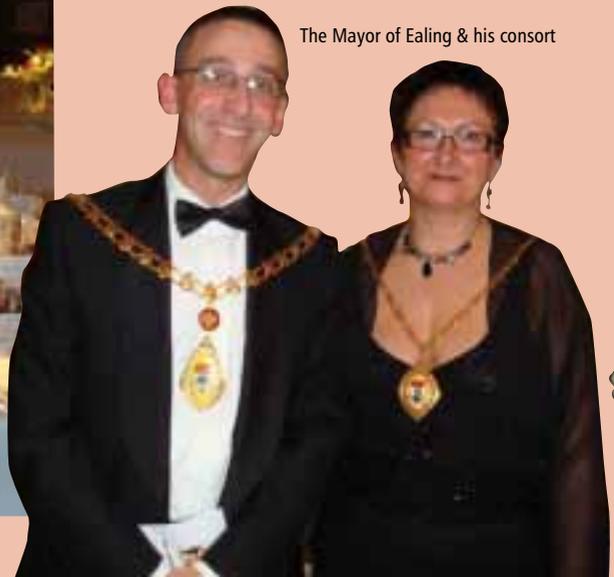
Guests enjoyed a pre dinner Bucks Fizz Reception in the Library before dinner was announced and guests made their way to their tables in the Blenheim Suite, which

was once again beautifully dressed with pink and white floral arrangements provided by John and his team at Dover's Flowers in Pimlico.

The meal was excellent, comprising a salmon starter, succulent duck as the main



The Mayor of Ealing & his consort



ANNUAL DINNER

course and a warm chocolate fondant pudding for desert - which is still being talked about.

Entertainment was provided by the 'Andrettes', three young ladies performing a tribute to the Andrews Sisters and their popularity during the 1940's and 50's.

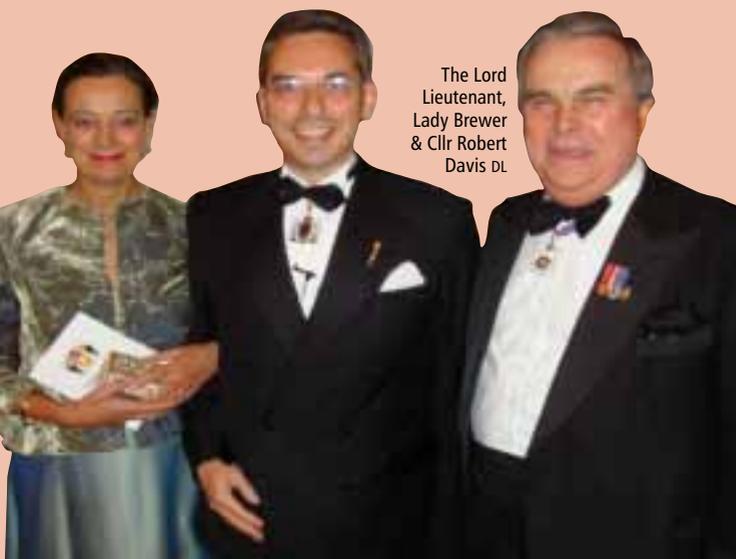
Before proposing a toast to the Association's guests joining members for the dinner, LMA Chairman, Councillor Robert Davis DL, addressed those attending with a review of the Association's last twelve months.

Responding on behalf of the guests Sir David Brewer was entertaining with an amusing address and was

followed by the Lord Mayor of London who, in proposing a toast to the London Mayors' Association, also entertained guests with another interesting and amusing speech.

Finally the Lord Mayor of Westminster responded on behalf of the Association and thanked the staff at the Churchill for the excellent dinner and those responsible in the LMA for again organising such a successful evening.

We were very sorry Mr Peter Moore, was unable once again to be our Toast Master for the function. LMA members wish Peter a speedy recovery to good health and a return to his duties as Town Crier and Toast Master.



The Lord Lieutenant, Lady Brewer & Cllr Robert Davis DL



The Mayors of Hillington & Islington with their Mayoresses



The Mayor & Mayoress of Sutton



The Mayor of Brent, the Mayor of Bromley & her consort



The Andrettes

THE WHITTINGTON WALK

The sun was shining when 27 Mayors and Lord Mayors left the Whittington Hospital on a Sunday morning in April, accompanied by the Pearly King & Queen of Highgate, to follow in the footsteps of Dick Whittington, past the Whittington Monument and down hill the Mansion House.

At the half way point, the Mayor of Islington hosted a refreshment break at his Town Hall where the Mayors were shown the beautiful Council Chamber and the Mayors Parlour.

Resuming the Walk, but now accompanied by the Green Hackle Marching Band, the Mayors were met at the entrance to the City of London by a mounted police escort as they made their way to Mansion House where a well earned rest and lunch awaited. Before returning home for warm foot baths, participating Mayors received certificates from the Lord Mayor of London.

Thanks go to the Whittington Hospital, the Police, Islington Council & the Lord Mayor of London as well as the organiser of the Walk, Graham Holland.



The new Mayor of Lambeth (centre) installed in April with the Mayors of Sutton, Hammersmith & Fulham, Croyden, Havering & Harrow



The Mayors reach Mansion House



Mayors gather outside the Whittington Hospital



The Lord Mayor of London and his little black cat Big Ben



The Mayor of Islington & the Lord Mayor of London

The Lord Mayor of Westminster arrives at Mansion House with her Macebearer Gary Quilter & the Mayor of Sutton



The Mayors beside the statue of Alfred Hitchcock



The Mayors outside Islington Town Hall

VISIT TO CHARTWELL HOME OF SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

The new Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Duncan Sandys, is the Great Grandson of Sir Winston Churchill and thanks to him, the London Mayors' Association will be arranging a VIP visit to and tour of Chartwell (Sir Winston & Lady Churchill's home) on Saturday 5th September 2009.



More details and costs are shown on the Application Form enclosed with this Newsletter.

COUNCILLOR INDER SINGH JAMU

Inder Singh Jamu, Mayor of Barking and Dagenham 1998/99 has been honoured with the Freedom of his Borough during a ceremony held on 20 March 2009.

Cllr Jamu was elected as a Councillor in 1988 since when he has served on numerous committees and been very much involved in working with the young Asian Community encouraging them to raise money for charitable causes. In 1999 he was invited to Ypres to join the celebration of British Sikhs and Indian soldiers who gave their lives during both World Wars.



Cllr Inder Singh Jamu & Nirmal Kaur Jamu in Lisbon

PARADE GIVES YET MORE

LONDON PARADE 2010



Westminster 5th prize - £3,000

The New Year's Day Parade and Festival is extending the warmest of welcomes to incoming mayors.

Apart from being a joyous day out – the parade organisers have always been generous to the core.....but now it gets even better.

Parade supremos have put together a powerful package for participating Mayors which includes:

- A big new cash injection for their charity
- A global platform for publicising their borough
- The most fun that their year in office has to offer

This year's New Year's Day Parade raised more than £40,000 for mayoral charities across the Capital – and now – thanks to the generosity of Directors Bob and Geri Bone that figure is set to rise.

But as our TV announcer and voice of the Lotto, Alan Dedicoat says “you have to be in it to win it!”



Islington Special Award - £1,000



Brent 7th prize - £1,500



Barnet 10th prize - £1,000

TO MAYORS



Hammersmith and Fulham 3rd prize - £5,000



Enfield 4th prize - £4,000



Tower Hamlets
2nd prize - £6,000

Participating mayors – those that make an official entry in to the parade – will qualify to compete for the £30,000 Let’s Help London prize pot, take a share of the massive street collection and now inject hundreds of pounds of ticket sales from the Gala Concert directly in to their chosen charity.

Executive Director Bob Bone says that the new Gala Concert initiative will prove to be the icing on the cake at the close of a wonderful week of celebration.

“We thought why not give mayors one last opportunity to earn some much needed money for their chosen charity.

“All the proceeds of any tickets that mayors sell for our sumptuous Gala Concert on January 2nd can be kept for the great causes.”

Any outgoing mayor will confirm that being part of a great global celebration at the turn of the year is the most uplifting experience imaginable.

Champagne receptions, glittering gala occasions, parading through the packed streets and seeing your constituents light up London are the best possible ways to start the year.



Havering 12th prize - £1,000



Waltham Forest 11th prize - £1,000

Hounslow 9th prize - £1,000



The Borough of Merton carried off the top prize of £7,500



Sutton special prize - £1,500

THE LONDON PARADE 2009

This year's event, whose media partner is BBC London, drew a massive street audience of 520,000 to the West End – and more than 700 TV stations Worldwide received live coverage of the spectacle.



Twenty two boroughs featured in the three hour free family event:

The Borough of Merton carried off top prize in The Let's Help London Challenge – earning their mayoral charity £7,500 and a share of the street collection.

Their entry entitled “Winter Wonderland” celebrated the borough's parks and open spaces – with a dramatic moving tableau – featuring elves, fairies and a snow queen.

Tower Hamlets “Mr. Recycle More” and giant transformer style robot came second earning the mayor £6,000 for their chosen charity.

Hammersmith and Fulham came a close third with circus school Albert and Friends earning their borough £5,000

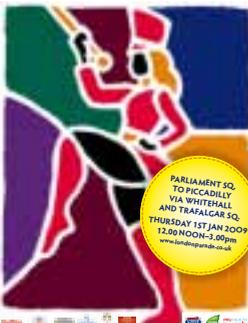
Other prizes went to:

4th Enfield £4,000, 5th Westminster £3,000, 6th Ealing £2,000, 7th Brent £1,500, 8th Redbridge £1,000, 9th Hounslow £1,000, 10th Barnet £1,000, 11th Waltham Forest £1,000, 12th Havering £1,000.



Two boroughs' efforts received special recognition for their contribution to the event.

LONDON'S NEW YEAR'S DAY PARADE



Sutton and Islington were awarded £1,500 each, Sutton for their Captain Chemo entry – a superhero created by a young cancer patient and Islington for their nautical but nice entry Keeping Kids Afloat.

BE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR INTENT TO ENTER ASAP BY CONTACTING LIZZIE BONE ON 020-8566 8586
lizzie@destinationevents.com



THE NEW YEAR'S DAY
PARADE & FESTIVAL
LONDON

MAYORS SECRETARIES



Ed Partridge (Clerk to the Lord Lieutenant), Hilary Gullen (Merton), Liz Ball (Harrow) & Renania Mayo (Ealing)



Margaret Humphrey (Camden), Sue Goss (Islington) & Joe Trotter

Once again the tables were turned when the London Borough Mayors Secretaries were entertained to lunch by the London Mayors' Association, rather than them working tirelessly arranging functions and visits for others.

Hosted by the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Louise Hyams in her Reception Rooms in Westminster City Hall, twenty nine Borough Mayors PA's and Secretaries and the Lord Lieutenant's Clerk joined members of the LMA Executive Committee for lunch, prepared and served by Jenny Bianco and her staff.

Now an annual function, the Executive Committee were delighted so many Secretaries had managed to persuade their Mayor they could have time away from the 'Parlour' and to have the opportunity to relax and enjoy each others company and that of the Committee.



Right: Hilary Gullen (Merton), Cllr Ronnie Barden & Leanne Corneille (Richmond)

HAVE A DAY OUT

This also gave our Chairman, Councillor Robert Davis, the opportunity to thank the Mayors personal staff for their help in making the arrangements for their Mayor to attend LMA functions and events and for their work on behalf of the Mayoralty in London.

Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and Jenny Bianco came up trumps by doubling the amount of her Bread and Butter Pudding so every one was happy and some even went home with 'doggy bags'!

Some of the Secretaries had to leave as soon as lunch was over so as to return to important duties and Mayoral appointments, others stayed on for a while chatting and catching up on London Borough news, while those visiting Westminster City Hall for the first time admired the view from the 18th floor.



Rhoda Aldridge (Enfield) & Angela Richardson (Barnet)



Dee Manley (Wandsworth), Linda Workman (Sutton) & Sue Goss (Islington) with Kevin Taylor (Westminster) in the background

Jennifer Mullings (Westminster) & Shabidan Belghoul (Hillingdon)



WHITTINGTON TO WORLD

Some 100 members assembled in the Lord Mayor of Westminster's Reception Rooms for this year's Half Yearly General Meeting. After a quick review of the Association's functions and events since the AGM held in July 2008 and reports on Membership, the up coming Inter Borough Rifle Shooting Competition and the Treasurer's report on Finances, including the decision to increase membership fees as from May 2009, the Chairman of the meeting, the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Councillor Louise Hyams, introduced the guest speaker, Alderman Sir John Stuttard.

Sir John, Lord Mayor of the City of London 2006 – 2007 addressed guests with a fascinating account of his year as Lord Mayor. Sir John provided a delightful insight into his year at the

Mansion House – 764 speeches, 133 media interviews, 100 nights spent abroad in 23 different countries being just a few facts to help understand the pressures of the Office and the extensive world wide public relations involved.

Following his year in office, Sir John wrote a book, "Whittington to World Financial Centre – the City of London and its Lord Mayor". Literally telling the story and history of the famous square mile, from Whittington to the present day, the book makes fascinating reading and includes some magnificent and delightful photographs.

Published in late 2008, Sir John agreed to sign copies bought by Members after his address, even selling them at a discount on the price – he almost sold out.



The Mayors of Harringey, Hammersmith & Fulham, Wandsworth & Bexley with the Chair of Lewisham (centre)

FINANCIAL CENTRE



The Mayor of Hammersmith & Fulham with the Mayor and Mayoress of Croydon



Jean Trotter with Victor & Sheila Lyon



The Mayors of Haringey, Wandsworth, Redbridge, Hammersmith & Fulham, Richmond, Bexley and Waltham Forest



Sir John Stuttard and Hon Ald Diana Whittingham



The Mayors of Haringey & Barnet with Cllr Marie Collier



Sir John Stuttard signs a book for Cllr Hazel Ware

IN MEMORIAM: DENNIS MALLAM

PAST CHAIRMAN & PRESIDENT OF THE LONDON MAYORS' ASSOCIATION



A past Chairman & President Dennis Mallam sadly passed away late last year.

Dennis was born in Fulham on 13th December 1926 and attended the Leinster House School Putney and then Wellington School in Somerset. In his 20s, he served in the Royal Navy where he met his wife, Heather, whom he married in 1950. They had two children Martin and Susan. Martin himself became Leader and Mayor of Ealing.

A chartered quantity surveyor by profession, Dennis was elected as a councillor in 1953 and became housing chairman in 1968. In 1978 the borough swung to the Conservatives and Dennis became Leader of the Council. Dennis stood down as council leader in 1979 to become Mayor of Wandsworth. He subsequently became Chairman of the London Mayors' Association and then its President.

He was a stalwart of the LMA attending most events and he will be terribly missed

AGM AT THE MOVIEUM

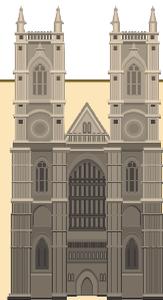


The Annual General Meeting of the London Mayors' Association will take place on 21st July 2009 at 5pm in the Council Chamber of the former Greater London Council (County Hall) followed by a reception in the Movieum, the new museum at County Hall dedicated to Films and the large screen. Members will be entitled to wander through the Exhibitions and enter the world of movie making. Attendance at the AGM is free but a charge is being made for attending the Reception (to cover catering costs).

Please see the Application Form enclosed.

ANNUAL CIVIC SERVICE

The Annual Civic Service will again take place in Westminster Abbey on Sunday 18th October 2009 which will coincide with the Abbey's Feast of Dedication.



2003-2004 REUNION

A small number of the 2003/4 chain gang met for lunch once again in the Mandarin Palace restaurant in Redbridge.

During a splendid lunch we took the opportunity to toast absent friends and wish them well with their treatments

We also took the opportunity to welcome the Redbridge's Mayor and Mayoress elect Cllr Thomas Chan and his wife Mrs Simi Chan to our special gang. Cllr Chan will be the first Chinese Mayor in London, if not the country. We gave them a small example of how waistbands expand during their year ahead, somehow I don't think they thought this was a serious lesson, but we know different, don't we.



2004-2005 REUNION

Group of Mayor's from the year 2004/5 met up again for a reunion on 30th January.

The evening, which was arranged by Ealing Councillor Ian Potts, started with a reception in the Mayor's Parlour in Ealing Town Hall before the guests moved on to the Thai Restaurant in Ealing Broadway for Dinner.

Ian said he was able to make contact with most of the Mayors who held office during that year but there were a few who he could not locate. He would be pleased to hear from them so he can add their names to his contact list for future occasions.



Email: ianpotts@ealing.gov.uk

BACK A WINNER AT ASCOT RACES

Following the successful afternoon at Ascot Races in September 2006, the London Mayors' Association is arranging another visit on Saturday 10th October 2009. The cost of tickets will be £75.00 per person and will include Admission tickets, a car parking pass, coffee on arrival, lunch and afternoon tea.

Please apply by returning the application form enclosed with this newsletter.



Members enjoying the last visit to Ascot in 2006.



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