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ELLA MAY ARRIVES IN OXFORD STREET

Ella May (or LMA for the London Mayors' Association) was part of the successful Elephant Parade which stomped through London over the Summer.

Each of several hundred elephants were sponsored and painted individually by their sponsor. The London Mayors' Association were invited (at no cost to the LMA) to sponsor and design an Elephant and Ella May was the result. Designed by Charlotte May she stood for a while in Baker Street and then Victoria Street.

All the Elephants were then auctioned to raise money to support the Elephants of Asia and Ella May was bought by a friend of the London Mayors' Association.

She now stands in Oxford Street (on the corner with



Old Quebec Street - near Marble Arch) for members to visit.

Baby (miniature) Ella May's are now available to purchase from the Chairman at £40 each (ic postage and packing).

They are 8cm tall and are of a limited edition. So first come first served. Cheques payable to London Mayors' Association (no orders without cheques). Send your order to Cllr Robert Davis 8 Bentinck Street London W1U 2BJ

THE SPEAKER ADDRESSES THE ASSOCIATION

The 2010 Annual General Meeting of the London Mayors' Association was held in the Lord Mayor's Reception Rooms at Westminster City Hall.

The proceedings commenced with an address from the guest speaker. The Rt. Hon. John Bercow MP, the Speaker of the House of Commons, who this year, having accepted the invitation to be our guest speaker, found nearer the time, he had to return to the 'House' earlier than expected.

Mr Speaker gave an interesting start to the proceedings. Preferring to give a short but interesting speech, he then asked for questions from the floor, some of which were serious and some more frivolous but all of which he responded to in an honest, forthright and amusing manner.

After Mr Speaker's departure the Lord Mayor of Westminster, President of the LMA, presided over the formal part of the

proceedings, during which Cllr Robert Davis DL was again elected Chairman, Mr Ronnie Barden Vice Chairman, Mr Michael Chartres OBE the Treasurer and Helen Watson the Secretary.

The Officers and Executive Committee for the year was also elected with some long serving members standing down and new ones joining.

Following the formal proceedings the members enjoyed a wine and canapés reception catered for by Jenny Bianco.



John & Gaye Branch and June Fewtrell



Members in the audience



Cllr John Marshall and Hon Ald Eleri Ebenezer



Jean Trotter, Anthony Polydorou & Hon Ald Sue Polydorou



Jill Rhodes asks a question



Robert Landeryou and
Cllr Lurline Champagne



The Mayors of Waltham Forest, Haringey and Ealing



The Speaker

THE SPEAKER ADDRESSES THE ASSOCIATION



Cllrs Bryan Collier and Catherine Rideout



The Mayor of Wandsworth and Hon Ald Anne Mallinson



Barrie Anderson Cllr Sheila Peacock and Cllr Bryan Collier



The Mayor & Mayoress of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea



Mrs Joan Ansell and Mrs Pamela Mulcaire



The Lord Mayor presents the Speaker with an LMA brief case

THE SMALL-BORE RIFLE CHALLENGE CUP

On Saturday 4th September teams of eight shooters representing five Boroughs met in the final of this years annual competition. The event was again held at the range of the Ham & Petersham Pistol & Rifle Club in Richmond, who have hosted the Final since 1920.

Only about sixteen Boroughs have clubs who are of the standard needed to field a team and eleven of those entered the competition in April.

After participating in three preliminary rounds the finalists were Kingston upon Thames, Croydon, Havering, Hillingdon and Wandsworth.

The teams were supported by their Mayors, Deputy Mayors or former Mayors and Mayoress.



The Mayor of Wandsworth presents the Trophy

The winners were the team representing the Mayor of the Hillingdon, winning for the fourth year in succession.

The runners-up were Croydon whilst Havering were third and Wandsworth fourth.

This was the 99th year of the competition which has

been held almost every year. So next year will be the Centenary and we hope all Mayors who have rifle clubs who are capable of representing their Mayor will participate.

By Councillor Dennis Doe,
LMA Executive and former
Mayor of Kingston upon Thames



Rifle shoot

Left: One of the Teams
with their Mayor

LEARNING THE ROPE



The Mayors of Haringey and Islington



The Mayor of Hounslow



The Mayors of Redbridge and Richmond



The Lord Mayor of Westminster and the Mayor of Merton



The Mayors of Hammersmith & Fulham, Tower Hamlets & Waltham Forest

Some twenty of the new London Borough Mayors gathered in the Lord Mayor of Westminster's Reception Rooms to learn from the experts more about being their Borough's First Citizen for the forthcoming twelve months.

The programme comprised a mixture of plenary sessions, workshops and discussion. The day was designed by the Vice Chairman, Mr Ronnie Barden with his team of former Mayors.

The Mayors (some attending with their Mayoress' and Consorts) and Members of the LMA explored the possibilities, delights and pitfalls of high office.

One of the important aspects of the day were the many personal anecdotes from past Mayors and many questions were raised during the day which ended with a luncheon for the new Mayors and the London Mayors' Association Executive to get to know each other.



Cllrs Catherine Rideout and Lurline Champagne and Ronnie Barden



Cllr Edith Macauley

Right: The Mayor of Barking & Dagenham and his son with Hon Ald Diana Whittingham



Left: The Mayor & Mayoress of Ealing and the Mayor of Camden

A VERY ENGLISH AFTER

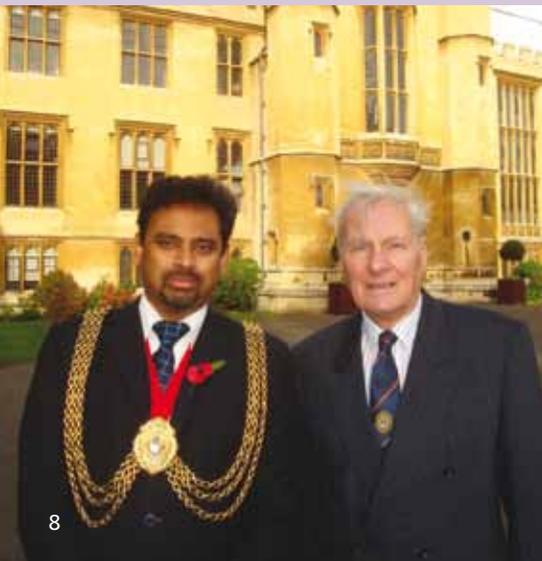


The State Rooms of Lambeth Palace



Cllr Michael Lewis and Bob Belam

The Mayor of Lambeth and Barrie Anderson



Jean Trotter and Ann Landeryou

The Lambeth Palace website informs surfers there is a two year waiting list for tours of the Palace. The LMA was therefore delighted to accept an offer of a tour on Thursday 4 November. With a limit of 50 guests per tour there were some 40 members disappointed as their application had to be rejected.

The extensive tour of this ancient and magnificent Palace, beautifully sited on the Embankment, started with a video of the history of the Palace narrated by the current Archbishop of Canterbury and then included a tour of the Crypt,

the Chapel, the Guards Room and the State Rooms as well as the splendid Library. Sadly the gardens could not be included owing to building works.

After the tour and a short and breezy walk across Lambeth Bridge, members enjoyed a traditional cream tea in the Millbank Lounge of the City Inn. The was the largest tea party arranged in the Lounge and we were told the Chef and the Manager felt very privileged and delighted to serve so many Mayors and former Mayors of the London Boroughs.

NOON (LAMBETH PALACE AND AFTERNOON TEA)



The Mayor of Hammersmith & Fulham and her consort



Jenny Bianco and John Bolton Clarke



Clr Bryan Collier, Frances Blois, Colin Ormsby and Corinne Simmons



Mary Brown Sandys and Joe Trotter



Members during the Tour



DIVINITY & THE



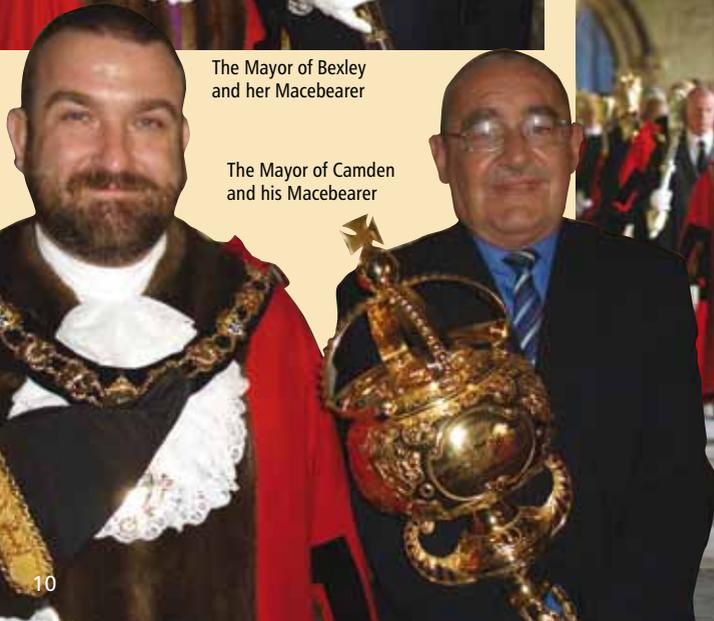
The Mayor of Hammersmith & Fulham

It is often thought to be a highlight of any Mayoral Year, and this year the Annual Civic Service in Westminster Abbey, was no exception when once again the London Borough Mayors, with their Mayoress/ Consort, the Deputy Lord Lieutenants of the London Boroughs, other guests and family and friends, assembled at Westminster Abbey on a Sunday in mid October.



The Mayor of Bexley and her Macebearer

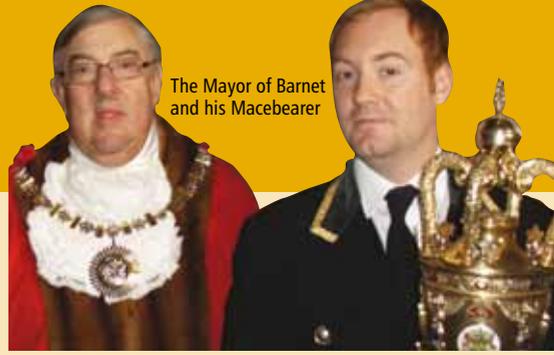
Happily, once again the sun shone and led by the Chair of the London Assembly, Mrs Dee Doocey, the Mayors, with their Borough Macebearer preceding them, enjoyed their procession around the Abbey to take their places in the Quire where their Mayoress or Consort were already seated.



The Mayor of Camden and his Macebearer



MAYORALTY



The Mayor of Barnet and his Macebearer

By tradition the Lessons were read by the Lord Mayor of Westminster and the Lord Lieutenant of Greater London. The Dean of Westminster led the Service and the guest Preacher, the Dean of Wakefield, The Rt. Rev. Jonathan Greener gave an inspirational and apt Sermon and the Westminster Choir sang Evensong beautifully.



Processing out of the Abbey at the conclusion of the Service the Mayors with all the guests following entered the Great Hall of Westminster School where everyone enjoyed a relaxed and informal reception catered for by Jenny Bianco and her loyal staff.



The Deans of Westminster & Wakefield, Canon Jane Hedges and Pamela Greener



The Mayor & Mayoress of Brent and Sylvia Frost



Very Rev Jonathan Greener

THE MAYORS OF 2010-11



The 2010 Civic Service in Westminster Abbey. The Mayors of the London Boroughs together with the Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, the Dean of Westminster, Cllr Robert Davis Chairman of the London Mayors' Association and the Chairman of the London Assembly.



Civic Service pictures by: picturepartnership.co.uk

DIVINITY & THE MAYORALTY

THE 2010 CIVIC SERVICE



Mayors waiting to process



The Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea



Cllrs Doreen Weatherhead, Lurline Champagne and the Mayor of Harrow



The Mayor & former Mayors of Croyden and their consorts and Glynis Meredith



Cllr Brian Coleman, Raine, Countess Spencer and the Lord Lieutenant



The Mayors of Merton & Richmond

The Dean, Lord Mayor and Chairman



THE MAYOR OF WANDSWORTH 2009-1010

AN OBITUARY BY HON. ALDERMAN DIANA WHITTINGHAM

The Mayor of Wandsworth for 2009/10, Councillor Professor Brian Prichard CBE, sadly died whilst still in office on the 6th of April 2010.

Cllr Prichard qualified in medicine at St George's Hospital and had a long and distinguished career in clinical pharmacology. He was first elected to Wandsworth Council in 1964, continuing the tradition of public service set by his father and grandfather, both of whom were local councillors and held office as Mayor of Battersea.

He was a committed Christian and at a Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving, tributes were paid by church representatives, medical colleagues, fellow councillors, members of voluntary organisations and his family.

A quiet, unassuming man, Brian was a true gentleman, a supportive colleague and a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was awarded the CBE in 1996.



MALTA 24TH TO 27TH MARCH 2011

The Annual Foreign Civic Visit in 2011 will be to Malta between Thursday 24th March 2011 and Sunday 27th March 2011.

Details of the visit are set out in a separate sheet enclosed with this Newsletter (Members only).

The trip will include return flights with Air Malta, accommodation in the luxury Corinthia Palace Hotel and lunch and dinner each day inclusive of drinks and wine.

We are hoping to be received by the President in his Palace and by the Prime Minister as well as the Mayors of Valetta (the current Capital) and Mdina (the ancient Capital).

We will also visit St. John's Cathedral which houses the Caravaggio Painting of 'The Beheading of St. John', as well as the Casa Rocca Piccola of the 9th Marquis de Piro, the City of Mdina with its Cathedral and Museum and the the Upper Gardens of Valletta.



A VERY DIPLOMATIC D



The Malaysian High Commissioner and Rosemarie Barden



Cllr Robert Davis with the High Commissioner of Jamaica and his wife

The LMA was once again host to Ambassadors and High Commissioners at the first of two annual diplomatic dinners held in the Lord Mayor of Westminster's Reception Rooms. [A report and photos of the second dinner will appear in the Spring 2011 Newsletter]

Being welcomed by the Lord Mayor, guests first enjoyed a Buck Fizz Reception prior to sitting down to dinner provided by Jenny Bianco and her staff.

We were fortunate in that HE the High Commissioner for Malta, Mr Joseph Zammit Tabona and his wife Susan were able to join us on this

special occasion. The High Commissioner and his staff have been extremely helpful in arranging the exciting programme for the up and coming 2011 Civic Visit to Malta and so the High Commissioner was invited to respond to the toast to the guests.

The other Diplomats joining us on this occasion were the Ambassadors of Austria, Bulgaria, Finland & the High Commissioners of India Jamaica & Malaysia.

Cllr Robert Davis, the Chairman, proposed a toast to the guests to which the High Commissioner of Malta responded.

Members arrive for dinner



INNER



Cllr Peter Gardner, the Austrian Ambassador and his wife



Cllr Bryan Collier, the Bulgarian Ambassador and Michael Chartres



Cllr Christopher Buckmaster and the Ambassador of Finland and his wife



The Indian High Commissioner and his wife with Victor and Sheila Lyon



The Mayor of Merton and her consort and the Lord Mayor of Westminster and her consort

GALA FINALE - MUSIC TO ANY



Question: Where can London Mayors be enveloped in an uplifting evening of marvellous music – and benefit their chosen charities by up to £1,000?

Answer: At the sumptuous Gala Finale of London’s International Choral Festival.

This glittering occasion – at the prestigious Cadogan Hall (home of The Royal Philharmonic Orchestra) – brings the season of celebration to a suitable crescendo.

All London mayors are eligible to apply for an allocation of tickets – which they can sell to benefit their charitable efforts. Tickets have a retail face value of £10.

The festival, now in its fourth year, has become established as an important choral cornerstone in the Capital’s musical diary.

The highly acclaimed Young Musicians’ Symphony Orchestra, conducted by James Blair, will accompany the massed voices of some truly talented young choristers from across the USA.

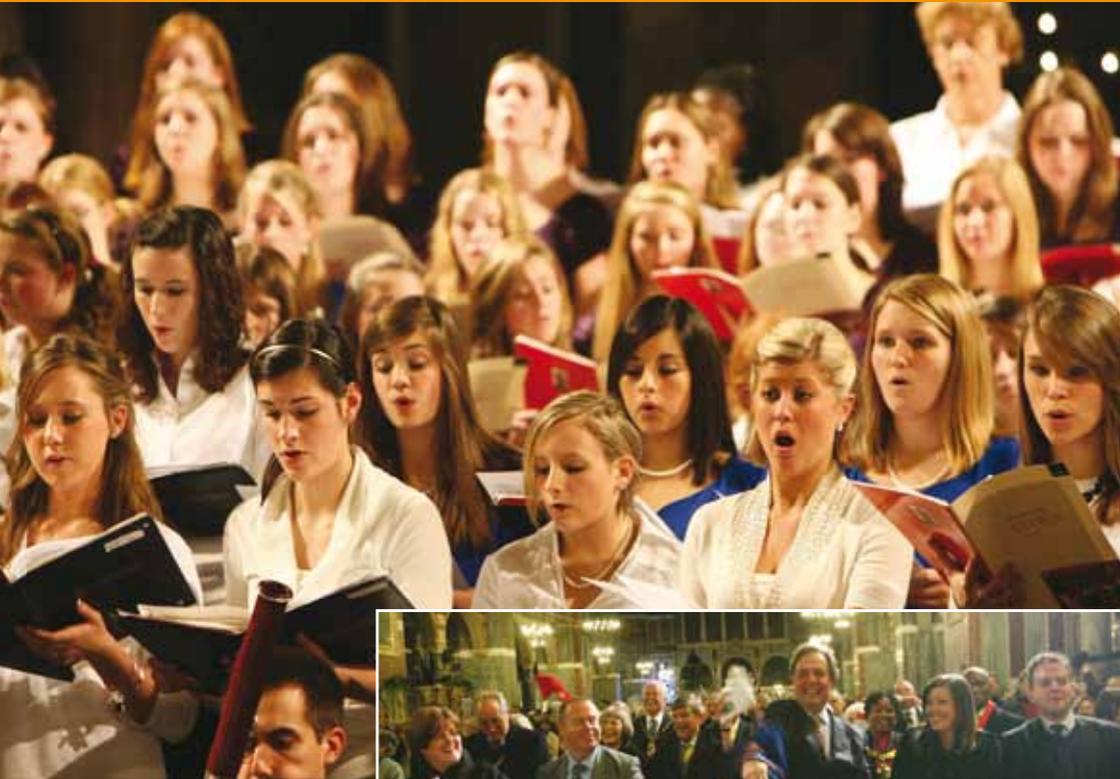
Choirs travelling to London to participate in the London International Choral Festival include:

Bloomington High School Choir, The Pinewood School Choir, The Piedmont Singers, Apex High School Choir, Maryvale Choir and Frankfort High School Choir.

Lead soloist will be the accomplished Dr. Alexa Jackson Schlimmer, who has starred in more than 30 operatic roles in leading houses around the globe.



MAYOR'S EARS



The full programme:

Zadok The Priest - George Frederic Handel (Choir and Orchestra)

Yeomen of the Guard - Arthur Sullivan (Orchestra)

O Fortuna from Carmina Burana - Carl Orff (Choir and Orchestra)

London Cameos - Haydn Wood (Orchestra)

The Bluebird - Charles Villiers Stanford (Choir)

Over The Rainbow from The Wizard of Oz - Harold Arlen (Choir and Orchestra)

Overture di Ballo - Arthur Sullivan (Orchestra)

Hallelujah Chorus - Handel (Choir and Orchestra)

Pomp and Circumstance No. 1 - Edward Elgar. (Land of Hope and Glory) (Choir and Orchestra)

TO SECURE YOUR ALLOCATION OF TICKETS PLEASE CALL: 020-8566 8586 Ext. 0

BOROUGH SET TO SHINE



London's boroughs are set to shine in the 25th Anniversary New Year's Day Parade - which is to be televised around the World.

More than 20 borough entries will be competing for in excess of £40,000 for their mayor charities and a chance to collect on the streets from the mammoth crowds packing the West End of London.

The entire event is being broadcast live by the BBC around the World on the web – and via satellite from coast to coast in the USA and beyond.

Parade founder and Executive Director Bob Bone believes that the event has truly come of age and is now recognised officially as the Capital's second biggest one-day event following closely behind The London Marathon.

“This is a wonderful milestone for us.” Said Bob, “Twenty five years ago no-one could have predicted just how prestigious the parade would become.

“We have grown organically year on year – without dipping in to the public purse.

“From our humble beginnings with a few hundred performers – we are now recognised as the biggest event of its kind anywhere in the World – with 10,000 entertainers giving London a wonderful spectacle.”

“The role that The London Mayor's Association and civic mayors in general have played in our development should not be underestimated. They have been instrumental in our success – and are more important now than ever.”

“It's always good – but being our Silver Anniversary we will be polishing it up even more.”



AT SILVER ANNIVERSARY PARADE

The event regularly attracts more than 500,000 spectators – which include tourists, Londoners and visitors from around the UK.

The parade contributes an in the region of £21m to the local economy per annum – providing a welcome cash boost at a pivotal time for retail and hospitality outlets in the Capital.

Participating mayors will enjoy a full package of pre and post parade hospitality – and an uplifting journey along the parade route on the big day itself to give the World a wave.

And if the forthcoming parade is a momentous event – just wait until 2012

The New Year's Day Parade will be the first official event of London's momentous Olympic year, the first event of the Cultural Olympiad and of HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

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ENTERTAINING THE NEWLY



The Mayors of Southwark and Brent



The Mayors of Enfield & Camden with their consorts



The Mayor & Mayoress of Richmond upon Thames

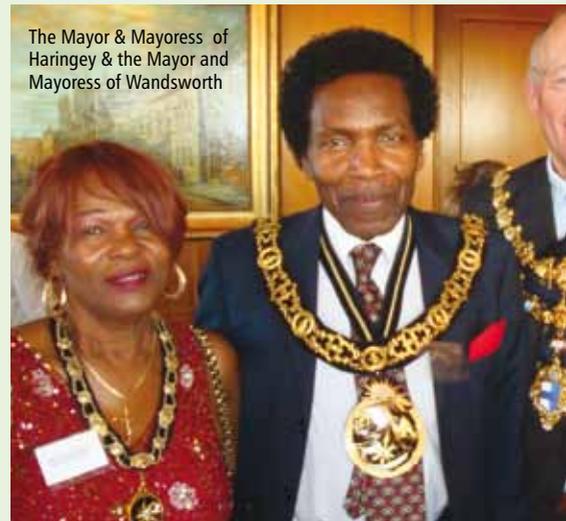
Soon after all the new London Borough Mayors have been elected it is now established in the Mayoral year for the LMA Executive members to entertain the Mayors with their Mayoress/Consort.

Hosted by the Lord Mayor of Westminster the reception provides an opportunity for the Mayors to meet at an informal and relaxed function and to be introduced to the activities and events of the London Mayors' Association.

Bob Bone who kindly sponsors the Reception also takes the opportunity to tell the Mayors about the New Year's Day Parade and the benefit to the Boroughs that participate.

The Chairman, Cllr Robert Davis DL also gives a talk about the London Mayors' Association in the hope that those who have not joined will do so. This year all but two of the Mayors have joined the Association.

We were delighted that the then Senior Alderman Below the Chair Alderman Michael Bear joined us. He is now the newly installed Lord Mayor of London.



The Mayor & Mayoress of Haringey & the Mayor and Mayoress of Wandsworth

INSTALLED MAYORS



The Mayor of Havering & her consort and Cllr Peter Gardner



The Mayor & Mayoress of Richmond upon Thames and Cllrs Dennis Doe and Felicity Barwood



The Mayor & Mayoress of Bromley and the Mayor of Greenwich and her consort



The Mayors of Waltham Forest & Islington with the Lord Mayor of Westminster



The Mayor & Mayoress of Barnet and the Lord Mayor of London

VISIT TO THE NORTH WEALD AIRFIELD MUSEUM

BY CLLR PETER GARDNER, FORMER MAYOR OF HAVERING

A party of Mayors from Essex and Outer London paid a visit to the former Battle of Britain airfield at North Weald near Epping on the 23rd September 2010.

They were given a guided tour of the airfield followed by lunch in the Control Tower. Afterwards a number of them paid a visit to the North Weald Airfield Museum where they were greeted by the Chairman of the Museum, former Mayor of Havering, Councillor Peter Gardner who said that it was a great pleasure to greet Mayors to the Museum and in particular the Mayor of Havering.



The Mayor of Havering Councillor Pam Light, the Mayor of Enfield, Councillor Jayne Buckland and Chairman of North Weald Museum Councillor Peter Gardner

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