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NEWSLETTER

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THE MALTESE EXPERIENCE



The Chairman of the LMA presents a gift to the Maltese Prime Minister with the Maltese High Commissioner to the Court of St James and the Mayor of Merton



The Acting Maltese President & Afolasade Bright

Sixty five members joined the 2011 Overseas Civic Visit to Malta. Very proud of its culture and awarded the George Cross by King George VI for its citizens courage during World War 2, it is a typical Mediterranean country and bursting with history.

Thursday 24 March - The First Leg and the short three hour flight to Luqa airport where we were met by the

manager of our hotel the Corinthia Palace and Spa. After 'checking in', we were whisked away to the 'Malta Experience', an excellent film demonstrating the long history of the island through to the present day.

The first day ended with a wine and canapés reception followed by dinner in the Corinthia Villa Restaurant which had been beautifully 'dressed' for the occasion.

Friday 25 March - A Diplomatic Morning – A short drive into Valletta the Capital City, and met by its Mayor, Dr Alexiei Dingli, who with our guides, showed us around the Valletta Upper Gardens pointing out all the places of interest around Grand Harbour.

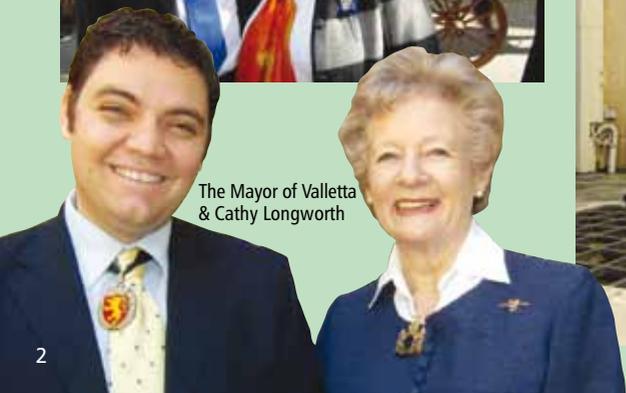
THE MALTESE EXPERIENCE CONT.

Walking into central Valletta, making a courtesy call to Mr Josef Formosa Ganci, the CEO of the Malta Tourist Authority and then on to the Parliament Building to meet MP's Gino Cauchi and Karl Gouder who in turn introduced Michael Frendo Speaker of the House, who gave a fascinating insight into the workings of the Maltese Parliament. We then moved on to the Presidents Palace, where we were received by the Acting President, Mr Anton Tabone, who addressed the group with interesting facts on the Islands and its history.

The next stop was to the amazingly adorned St John's Co Cathedral, where the famous Carravaggia painting 'The Beheading of St John' is hung.

This was followed by lunch at the Valletta Excelsior Hotel.

John & Patricia Clark in Valletta



The Mayor of Valletta & Cathy Longworth



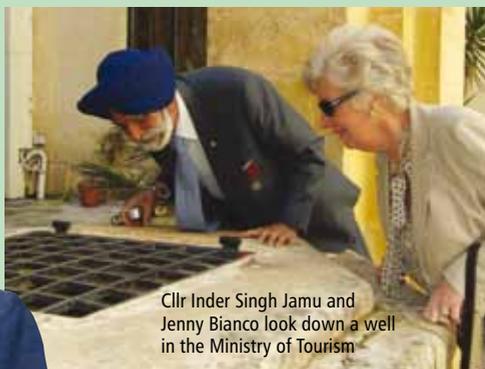
LMA members & the incumbent Mayors meet the Maltese Prime Minister

A more relaxed afternoon ended the day visiting the delightful family home of the 9th Marquis de Piro, the Casa Rocca Piccola, around which some of the group were taken by the equally delightful Marquis himself.

Ending with an even more relaxed evening. First we were entertained at a Reception hosted by the High Commissioner for Malta, HE Louise Stanton and her staff in her delightful Residency and then on to Dinner at the San Guiliana Restaurant situated on the harbour front at St Julian's.



Hon Ald Ernest Tomlin & Elizabeth Tomlin with Hon Ald Diana Whittingham (in the middle) in Valetta



Cllr Inder Singh Jamu and Jenny Bianco look down a well in the Ministry of Tourism



Hon Ald Anne Mallinson & Terence Mallinson outside the Presidents Palace



Joe Trotter and friend in the Inquisitors Palace

The Speaker of the Maltese Parliament & Cllr Jean Lammiman & Barbara Smith



The Mayors and Mayoresses of Redbridge & Hillingdon & the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Mdina

Cllr Christopher Buckmaster with the Marquis de Piro in the Casa Rocca Piccola

Saturday 26 March - An Historic Morning – in Mdina the old Capital where we were met by the Mayor of Mdina, Mr Peter Sant Manduca. After a guided tour of the Cathedral and its Museum which displays wonderful Maltese lace and embroidered vestments, the Mayor took the group up on to the old fortifications to see the view which extended over half of Malta. The final visit of the morning was to the historic family house museum, the Palazzo Falson.

While some of the group had much fun taking the mini (kiddy) train around part of the island including Rabat and Mtafa, the current London Borough Mayors with the

LMA Chairman paid a courtesy visit to the Prime Minister, Dr Lawrence Gonzi.

The Chairman also had a meeting with the Chairman of the Maltese Councillors Association.

Lunch and beyond - the day in Mdina ended with lunch in the delightful setting of Palazzo de Piro, a private home only opened for special events.

Back at the hotel, some of the group slept, some took advantage of the hotel Spa while others decided to shop in Sliema.

THE MALTESE EXPERIENCE CONT..



The Maltese High Commissioner gives Duncan Sandys a lift



Dawn Somper & Lady Palmer outside the Prime Ministers official residence



Cllr Brian Coleman & the Mayor of Mdina



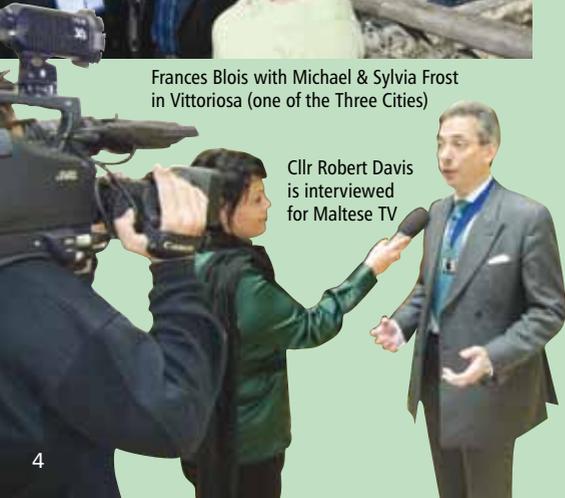
Jenny Bianco & Lt Col John Bolton-Clark dining at the San Gjuliano restaurant



Members enjoy the sunshine in Vittoriosa



Frances Blois with Michael & Sylvia Frost in Vittoriosa (one of the Three Cities)

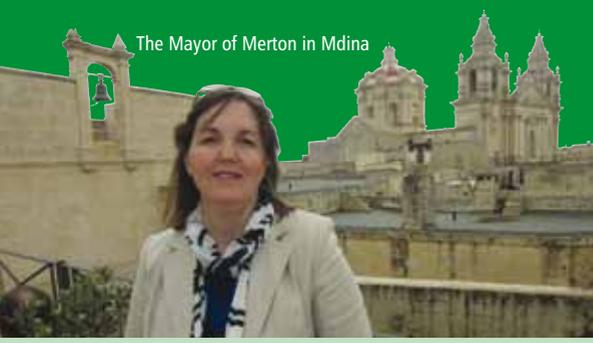


Cllr Robert Davis is interviewed for Maltese TV

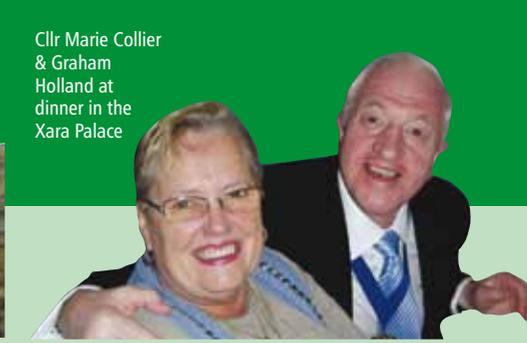
The final evening – back to Mdina for dinner in, perhaps, Malta’s finest restaurant, ‘de Mondion at the Xara Palace Relais and Chateaux’. The food and service certainly lived up to its reputation.

Sunday 27 March - A much unexpected final morning. During the Mayoral delegation to visit the Prime Minister the previous day, he suggested a visit to his official residence, Villa Francia, bequeathed to the Maltese government by Sir Ugo Mifsud, Malta’s youngest Prime Minister who died in office while making an important speech about Malta’s future and its Independence. This invitation was graciously accepted and while the group enjoyed the house, our guides quickly reorganised the remainder of the morning’s visits. Sadly, there was no time to visit all of the three Cities situated on the

The Mayor of Merton in Mdina



CLr Marie Collier & Graham Holland at dinner in the Xara Palace



east side of the Grand Harbour, Senglea and Cospicua being abandoned in favour of Vittoriosa, the first home of the Knights and where the Inquisitors Palace is now a Museum and the Maritime Museum housed in the old Royal Navy Bakery.

The final leg – back to the hotel for a buffet lunch, maybe one of the most lavish of buffets, final packing and off to the airport, where it all began, with the Hotel Manager coming along to see us safely on our way home.

And finally it couldn't have happened without:

- *The Maltese High Commissioner in London*, HE Mr Joseph Zammit Tabona, who made all the contacts and arrangements for the visits and who returned to Malta to be with

the LMA in Mdina and who in his 1952 Jaguar sports car arrived in style at the Prime Minister's Residence.

- *Bob, Geri and Lizzie Bone* who followed up the High Commissioner's contacts to make the detailed arrangements for the visits and courtesy calls and made the travel, hotel, lunch and dinner arrangements and kept everyone in the right place at the right time.

- *Dominic Micallef, Maria Buckle and Mariella Bubagiar* the Maltese informative, experienced and friendly guides who brought alive the history of the Islands.

- *And lastly everyone* who joined the trip for their laughter, fun, friendliness and camaraderie which all helped the 2011 Civic visit to be so successful – the best to date.



Carolyn Doe and Richard Hoskins enjoy the farewell lunch



Bob Bone & Josephine Barrett at drinks prior to dinner in the Xara Palace



Lord & Lady Palmer by the British High Commissioners car

Below: Robert Davis presents Italico Rota the Manager of the Corinthia Hotel with a gift for his staff

The British High Commissioner (centre) with Duncan & Mary Brown Sandys



THE MALTESE HIGH COM



The High Commissioner & the Chairman of Tower Hamlets with Duncan Sandys, Cllr Robert Davis and Maltese Members of Parliament Karl Gouder and Gino Cauchi



The High Commissioner presents Cllr Robert Davis with a book on Malta

Two weeks before our civic visit to Malta, the Maltese High Commissioner Joseph Zammit Tabona and his wife Susan hosted a reception for those members of the London Mayors' Association travelling to Malta.

Held in the High Commissioner's Residence in Kensington Square, members were honoured to receive superb hospitality from the High Commissioner and his wife and to hear from the High Commissioner about what to expect on our trip, while his wife provided the guests with positive hints on places to visit, things to see and what to wear.

Also joining members at the reception were representatives from the High Commission, the

General Manager of Malta Air and the Director of the Maltese Tourist Office. Also attending were two members of the Maltese Parliament Karl Gouder and Gino Cauchi and John Vella the Clerk to the Parliament who were co-incidentally on a visit to London for meetings in the Palace of Westminster. Members of the London Mayors' Association got on so well with the members of Parliament that they were invited to join us for dinner during our trip to Malta.

Everybody attending were given a beautiful book of Malta from the High Commissioner and in return the High Commissioner and his wife was given London Mayors' Association mugs and a little miniature Mayor for the High Commissioner to keep on his desk to remember our visit.



6 The Mayor of Merton, the Mayor & Mayoress of Redbridge & the Mayor of Hillingdon



Mary Brown Sandys & Jenny Bianco

MISSIONER ENTERTAINS



Duncan Sandys and two Members of the Maltese Parliament
Gino Cauchi and Karl Gouder



The Chairman of Tower Hamlets
& Hon Ald Anne Mallinson



Joe Trotter & Cllr Bryan Collier



John & Pat Clark with representaives
from the Maltese High Commission



Cllr Leslie
McDonnell &
Hon Ald Diana
Whittingham

LMA MUGS

London Mayors' Association mugs are now available for sale at £5.00 each. They are too delicate to send in the post and so they will be available to purchase at future functions of the London Mayors' Association.



AN ADVENTURE IN MOD



Cllr Robert Davis and LBC presenter James Whale



Cllr Jean Lammiman in the Heart FM studio with DJ Neil Bentley



Margaret Holland in the LBC studio

If you are a devotee of LBC, Classic FM, Capital or even Heart, then the studios of Global Radio in Leicester Square was the place to be on either the first or second Wednesday of February.

Global Radio is the largest privately owned radio group in the UK, housing seven radio stations and reaching 19.7 million listeners a week. LMA members were shown around the whole complex including studios for most of the stations, the newsroom, political, travel and traffic, weather, and sport sections and the huge commercial section (selling advertising) which keeps commercial radio functioning.

Various Radio presenters and senior executives were our guides and each gave interesting and clear descriptions on how each department worked.

In three stations guests were able to listen in to the programme being relayed and witness the skill of the presenters delivering their show, while at the same time handling highly complicated, sophisticated and innovative equipment, bringing in advertisements and news and travel bulletins on schedule and



The Mayoress of Wandsworth, Cllr Margaret Mead & the LBC weatherman Chris Lowery

DERN RADIO



Members in the Capital Radio Studio with presenter Greg Burns



The Classic FM Studio



Anne & Terence Mallinson & LBC presenter Kevin Maquire



James Whale & Ronnie Barden

also feeding in the texts, emails and telephone calls from the general public.

Both interesting and absorbing evenings concluded with a wine and snacks reception which was hosted by the Executive President of Global Radio, Ashley Tabor, with the station managers and Presenters, some of whom are very well known to listeners of the various stations.

The LMA really appreciated this opportunity to 'see inside' the workings of a large radio station, particularly as it is understood this is the first occasion large groups have been granted this privilege at Global.



LBC Presenter Ian Dale Cllr Bernice Vanier & Vernon King

Rosemarie Barden, Joe Trotter & LBC's Jon Cushing



AN ADVENTURE IN MODERN RADIO CONT...



Capital DJ Greg Burns with Anne & Terrence Mallinson watching



Frances Blois tries reading the news



Ivor Cameron and the Mayor & Mayoress of Hillingdon



Robert Landeryou & news reader Holly Ford

Ronnie Barden, LBC presenter Andrew Pierce & Joe Trotter





on



Sue Polydorou and Tom Cheal (LBC News Reporter)

Clr Jean Lammiman watching the News being read by Holly Ford

s in the LBC Newsroom



FROM DICK WHITTINGTON



Mayors rub Dick Whittington's stone cat at Highgate Hill before starting the Walk

24 London Borough Mayors assembled at the Whittington Hospital on a lovely sunny April Sunday at the start of the annual pilgrimage to the Mansion House following in the footsteps of Dick and his Cat.

Led by the Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Michael Bear, accompanied by his two sheriffs and the Deputy Lord Mayor of Westminster (our very own Robert Davis), this colourful procession brightened up the streets of the Boroughs of Islington and Hackney as it made its way to the City.



The Mayor of Wandsworth & Alderman and Sheriff Fiona Woolf

After a short, half way stop, at Islington Town Hall for refreshments, it was downhill all the way. It was not too long before the welcome sight of the City of London Mounted Police waiting at the city border to lead the procession through the City and on to the Mansion House



The Mayors approach the City



The Mayors of Waltham Forest & Lambeth

ON TO THE PRESENT DAY

And, after the five plus mile walk the awaiting champagne and relaxed curry lunch much looked forward to.

The Metropolitan Police, as always, made sure the procession stayed safe, stopped the traffic at busy junctions while it passed or crossed and provided its mini bus as a welcome sanctuary for weary walkers.

Once again the LMA owes a big thank you to Graham and Margaret Holland who, for the 19th year, made all the necessary, and sometimes, tricky arrangements. Grateful thanks are also due to the Lord Mayor of London and his Lady Mayoress for hosting the lunch and to their Mansion House staff who prepared and served it.



The Mayor of Kensington & Chelsea with two of the Police contingent



The Mayors of Bromley & Havering take a half way rest



Barrie Anderson the Mayor of Havering and the Mayor & Mayoress of Hillingdon



The Mayors arrive at the City boundary



The Mayors reach Islington Town Hall

LBC'S NICK FERRARI ENTER

The magnificent and newly refurbished Chartwell Suite at the Hyatt Regency London – the Churchill was the setting for this year's LMA Annual dinner held in February.

Hosted by the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Cllr Judith Warner, and attended by the Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alderman Michael Bear, and his Lady Mayoress, Mrs Barbara Bear, guests were entertained by students from the Sylvia

Young Theatre School and amused by the guest speaker, Nick Ferrari, LBC's Breakfast Time presenter.

In his speech, Alderman Michael Bear reminded guests of the international diplomatic, trade and PR role of the Lord Mayor of London and the LMA's Chairman, Cllr Robert Davis DL gave a review of the varied activities of the Association during the last twelve months.



Cllr Marie Collier, Cllr Major Denise Capstick TD, Cllr Josephine Barrett, Cllr Edith MaCauley and Gaye Branch



Corrine Simmons, Cllr Major Denise Capstick TD & Cllr Marie Collier



Janet Lewis, Cllr Geoffrey Walker, Patricia Arnold, Cllr Michael Lewis & Dawn Somper



The Lord Mayor of Westminster & the Lady Mayoress of London



TAINS AT ANNUAL DINNER



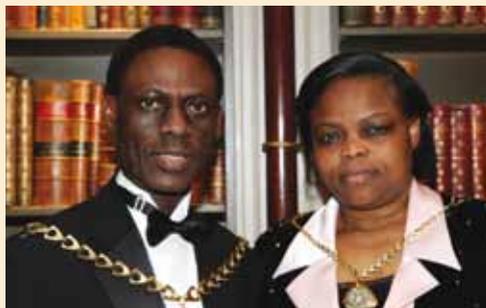
Cllr Robert Davis the Lord Mayor of London & Nick Ferrari



Geri Bone & His Honour Sir Gavyn Arthur



Wenda Belam & Barrie Anderson



The Mayor & Mayoress of Southwark

The Chartwell Suite looked colourful and beautiful with floral arrangements by the florist Malcolm and the delightful table gifts of mugs with the LMA logo one side and Ella May the other.

Jamie Wallis our Toastmaster kept the proceedings going along smoothly in his cool and unflappable manner. The Lord Mayor of Westminster brought the occasion to a conclusion with amusing antidotes about her Mayoral Year, concluding her speech with an apt thank you to everyone concerned with the arrangements.

The LMA is again grateful to Mr Michael Grey, General Manager of the Hyatt Regency and his Events staff and Chefs for all their painstaking work to ensure this function was enjoyed and appreciated by all the guests.



Joe Trotter & Brenda Cripps



Cllr Heather Johnson, Cllr Ross Houston and Mrs Christine Peters

ANNUAL DINNER

Charlie & José Cherril and B



Clr Robert Davis, the Lord Mayor & Lady Mayoress of London & the Lord Mayor of Westminster and her Consort with the Westminster Macebearer



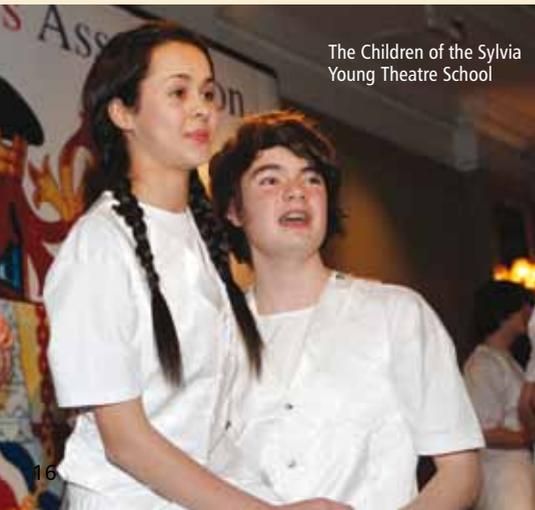
CLRs Jean Lammiman & Leslie McDonnell



The Mayor & Mayoress of Wandsworth & the Mayor of Hammersmith & Fulham



CLRs Charles and Catherine Rideout & Cllr Michael Tickner & his guest



The Children of the Sylvia Young Theatre School



Clr Brian Coleman, Duncan Sandys, Cllr Lynne Hillan & Gladys Coleman



Richard & Debbie Walker Arnott & the Mayoress of Kensington & Chelsea



The Lord Mayor & Lady Mayoress of London & the Mayor of Enfield



Cllr Bob Skelly & Cllr Stuart Thom



Cllrs Frances Taylor, Doreen Weatherhead & Tony Holt



Corrine Simmons & Colin Ormsby

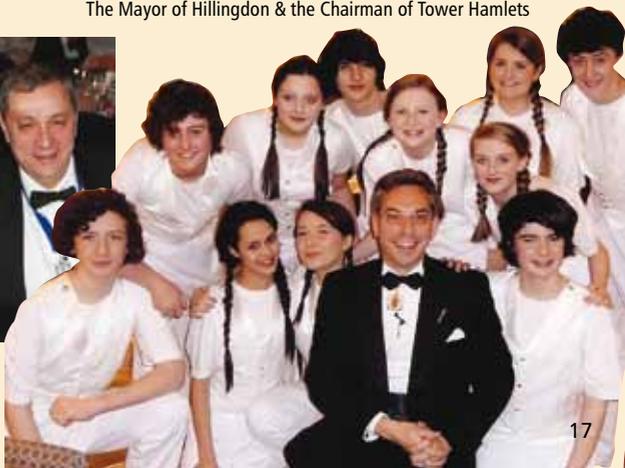


The Mayor of Hillingdon & the Chairman of Tower Hamlets



The Mayor of Redbridge & Mrs Emily Wilson with Ronnie Barden

Cllr Robert Davis & the kids of the Sylvia Young Theatre School



DIPLOMATIC DINNER



Cllr Jean Lammiman & the Swiss Ambassador



The Ambassador of Latvia
and Barrie Anderson



The Mayors of
Hammersmith &
Fulham and Havering
and their consorts

The LMA's final event for 2010 was the second Diplomatic Dinner, held again in the Lord Mayor of Westminster's Reception Rooms. Jenny Bianco served a traditional Christmas Dinner, which was enhanced by the decorated tree and red poinsettias on all the window ledges and tables.

The dinner was attended by Ambassadors and High Commissioners from Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas. Mr Stanley Martin CVO, the

Association's Diplomatic Adviser, introduced each VIP guests with a lively resumé of each of their careers to date.

HE Mr Giorgi Badridze, the Ambassador of Georgia, and probably one of the youngest Ambassador's to be appointed to the Court of St James', responded on behalf of the guests.

Once again a most interesting and enjoyable evening had been spent by both guests and hosts.



The Lord Mayor of Westminster and the High Commissioner (& his wife) of South Africa



Hon Ald Beryl Jeffery, the Georgian Ambassador & Gaye Branch



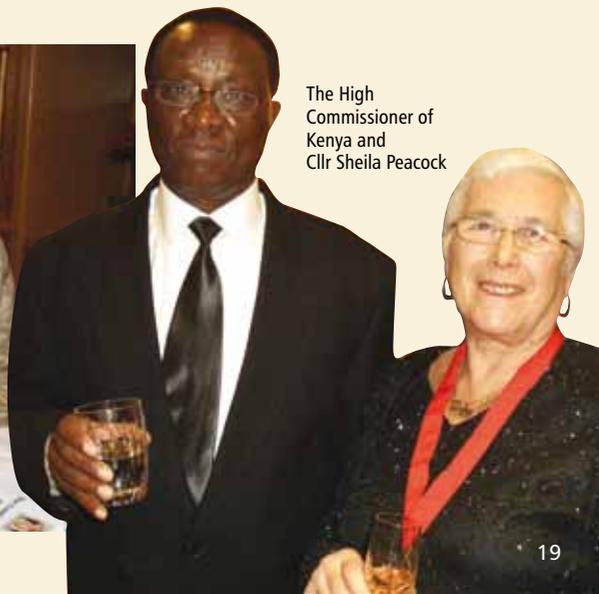
The Ambassador of Ecuador & the Mayor & Mayoress of Ealing



The Swiss Ambassador & Duncan Sandys



The Chinese Ambassador & Mrs Wenda Belam



The High
Commissioner of
Kenya and
Cllr Sheila Peacock

EVERYONE'S A WINNER AT

ENSURE YOUR SUCCESSOR IS ONE TOO!

They promised us a day to remember – and boy didn't they deliver!

It was a Silver Anniversary New Year's Day Parade where every entry shone in the media spotlight – and boroughs were lined up to reap their reward – a share of the mammoth mayoral charity prize pot.

Organisers were hoping for a street audience of around 500,000 - a figure which was easily exceeded with spectators along the 2.2 mile route from The Ritz to Parliament Sq. were more than 20 deep along both sides of the road.

Many millions more watched live on TV around the World as over 600 stations were fed live pictures.

The BBC streamed the entire event live on its website and for the first time lifted the bar on international access due to unprecedented interest overseas.



Brent



Lambeth



Richmond



Westminster



Hammersmith



Sutton



Barking and Dagenham



Havering



Islington



Redbridge

SILVER PARADE



Haringey

More than 8,500 performers participated ~ a thousand of which gathered at the Whitehall performance area for a massed band finale.

And the next parade will be the first event of London's legendary year 2012 – that heralds The Olympic Games, Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee, The Cultural Olympiad and so much more.

Expect parade officials to contact the new Mayors to supply them with material to ensure that each Mayor enjoys the experience in 2012.

Executive Director of the Parade Bob Bone said: "We hope the Mayors enjoyed the parade as much as we did this year. We hope the new Mayors will take part in 2012."

Lizzie Bone 0208-566 8586 Extn (3483).
lizzie@londonparade.co.uk

And the cash winners this year were:

The City of Westminster entry – Alice in Wonderland - caught the judges' eye and won the 'Let's Help London Challenge' earning the mayoral charity a whopping £7,000 and the proceeds of a huge street collection.

Brent came a close second with an entry radiating youth, diversity and cultural integration represented by a giant silver arch – a focal point for their performance – which earned their mayoral charity £6,000.

Ealing's entry came third with one of the most colourful and vibrant entries ever to grace the streets of London. The carnival group South Connections, which also celebrates its 25th Anniversary in 2011 gave London a true taste of the Caribbean on a cold grey day – and won £5,000 for its mayoral charity.

Fourth – winning £4,000 – was the Borough of Redbridge with their manifestation of the nursery rhyme 'Mary Mary'.

Fifth was Enfield (£3,000), Sixth Barking and Dagenham (£2,000), Seventh Hammersmith and Fulham (£1,500), Eighth Richmond Upon Thames (£1,500), Ninth Havering (£1,500), Tenth Islington (£1,000), Eleventh Haringey (£1,000) and Twelfth Sutton (£1,000).

Two special prizes of £1,500 each were also awarded to Harrow and Lambeth.



Ealing



Enfield



Harrow

TIME OFF FOR THE MAYOR'



Sheila Townend (Tower Hamlets) & Jennifer Mullins (Westminster)



Margaret Humphrey (Camden) and Linda Workman (Sutton)

One miserable morning in January the PA's and Secretaries to the London Borough Mayors were invited to switch off their computers, put their telephones on to voice mail and to gather in Westminster City Hall to join members of the LMA Executive Committee for lunch in the Lord Mayor of Westminster's Reception Rooms.

As in previous years both the Secretaries and Executive Members had much to talk about to each other while enjoying the lunch provided by Jenny Bianco and her team, during which both the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Cllr Judith Warner and LMA Chairman, Cllr Robert Davis DL formally thanked all Borough Mayor's personal staff for all their work for the Mayoralty and for the LMA.

At the end of a pleasant couple of hours interlude from their offices everyone returned to their desks to once again switch on those computers and listen to all their voicemail messages.



Shabidan Belghoul (Hillingdon), Cllr Josephine Barrett & Derek Johnson (Lewisham)

S SECRETARIES



Dee Manley (Wandsworth) and Mark Howlett (Ealing)

Angela Richardson (Barnet),
Steve Myhill (Waltham Forest)
& Susan Zdan (Hillingdon)



Sue Goss (Islington),
Ronnie Barden,
Paddy Lyne & Cllr Bryan Collier



SIR SIMON MILTON

Members will have seen the amazing obituaries and articles about Sir Simon Milton, Deputy Mayor of London, a former Leader of Westminster Council and a former Chairman of the Local Government Association, who died unexpectedly after a short illness in April.



Although not a member of the LMA himself, he was of course the long term partner of our Chairman Robert Davis. He therefore attended many LMA functions and was a great support to our Chairman. His death will be a great loss not only to Robert and Simon's family but also to the governance of London and local government in general.

LORD PALMER OF CHILDS HILL



Lord & Lady Palmer
in Mdina

The London Mayors' Association were delighted when one of its active members Cllr Monroe Palmer of Barnet Council (his wife Cllr Susette Palmer was a former Mayor of Barnet) was elevated to the Peerage at the end of 2010. We were honoured that Lord & Lady Palmer were able to join us on our trip to Malta.

FUTURE EVENTS

New Mayors Induction Day

4th June 2011.

For new Mayors only.

Details have been sent direct to their offices.

Westminster Abbey

Friday 24th June 2011 at 5pm (for Evensong)

Follow in the steps of Prince William and Kate Middleton and join a guided tour of Westminster Abbey with the Dean and Receiver General followed by a Reception in the Abbey Gardens. Members will also be invited to join Evensong that afternoon.

See separate enclosed Application Form to apply to attend.



Open Air Theatre in Regents Park

1st July 2011 6.30pm (supper) for 7.45pm start.

Attend a performance of the Beggars Opera preceded by a picnic style supper in the sponsors marquee.

See separate enclosed Application Form to apply to attend.

VIP Tour of London Zoo

7th July 2011 from 3.30pm.

A personal guided tour behind the scenes at London Zoo followed by a Reception.

See separate enclosed Application Form to apply to attend.

AGM

19th July 2011 at 5pm.

See separate enclosed Application Form to apply to attend.

Civic Service

Sunday 16th October 2011 at 3pm at Westminster Abbey.

A date for your diary. Application form will be posted to all members in the summer.

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