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## CIVIC VISIT TO SPA CITY OF BUDAPEST



Cllr Frederick Thompson John Hinkley Cllr Jean Lammiman the Deputy Mayor of Budapest & Cllr Wendy Brice-Thompson

Despite the fog at Heathrow the flight to Budapest was not too late departing and in just over two hours some 70 plus LMA members safely arrived in Budapest, which, like London is divided by a river, the Danube, but unlike London, hilly on one side, Buda and flat on the other, Pest.

Boarding the two waiting coaches, Buda and Pest, we were whisked off to a light lunch at the Fisherman's Bastion with its magnificent views of the City. The afternoon started with a tour of the neo Gothic Matthias Church,



Cllr Robert Davis (right) & the Mayor of Szentendre

# CIVIC VISIT TO BUDAPEST CONT..

the Royal Palace and the Hungarian National Gallery.

On the Thursday evening we were entertained by the British Ambassador Jonathan Knott at his imposing Residence.

During the rest of the visit we visited an array of magnificent buildings including the imposing State Opera House, built in 1884 to rival those in Paris and Vienna; the St Stephen's Basilica, Esztergom Cathedral, the Country's biggest church in the smallest town in Hungary, the Royal Palace in Visegrad; in Szentendre, the Margit Kovacs Ceramic Museum, not plates and mugs, but wonderful expressive human figures all demonstrating varying experiences of life; and finally in Pest the stunning Byzantine Moorish style Great Synagogue with its sad WW11 history. Even our Hotel, the Corinthia, was stately and imposing, both inside and out.



The group



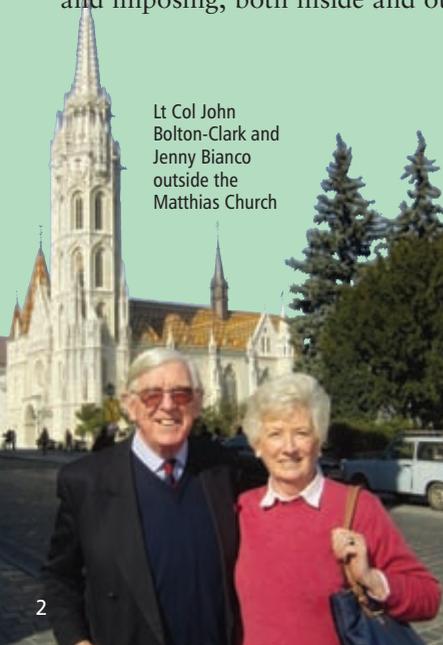
Cllr Robert Davis signing the way to the Buda Coach



Bob & Wenda Belam



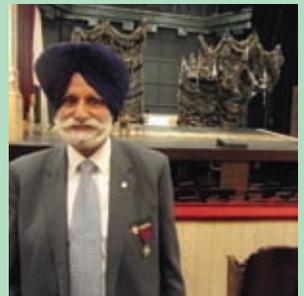
John & Patricia Clark outside the Opera House



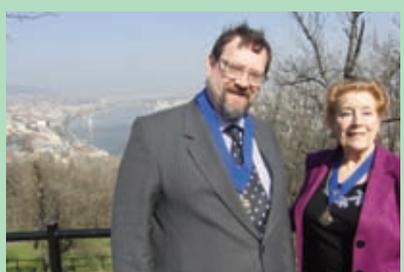
Lt Col John Bolton-Clark and Jenny Bianco outside the Matthias Church



The Chairman of Lewisham Council and his wife Sandra Adefiranye



Cllr Inder Singh Jamu in the Opera House



Cllr Josephine Barrett & her son Michael Gibson



Cllr & Mrs Michael Markham in Hero's Square Budapest



Hon. Ald. Dorothy Laird



Cllr & Mrs David Payne in Hero's Square



Helen Watson makes a purchase watched by Patricia Ann Payne



Cllr Michael Tickner & Dr Sarah Dalton in Budapest

Other visits included Gellert Hill and the Citadel and the Statue of Queen Elizabeth (the Hungarian one) with their wonderful views across the Danube. In Pest, we visited Heroes Square, the famous Andrassy Avenue, the Millennium Monument and the imposing Museum of Fine Arts and Arts Museum.

The importance of these Civic Visits is the many and varied people we meet. This Civic Visit was no exception, and included being received by the Deputy Mayor of Budapest, who was joined by many of his Councillors and Civic Hall staff; three Mayors who very kindly gave up part of their Hungarian National Day celebrations to be with us, namely the

# CIVIC VISIT TO BUDAPEST CONT..



Clr Marie Collier & Bob Bone in the memorial garden of the Great Synagogue of Budapest



Clr Josephne Barrett & Michael Gibson in the memorial garden of the Great Synagogue of Budapest



Clr Robert Davis & Alderman Ian Luder in the Great Synagogue of Budapest



Clrs Lord & Lady Palmer in the Great Synagogue of Budapest



Members in the Garden of the Great Synagogue of Budapest



Clr Mary Heathcote, Clr Dennis Doe & Clr the Lord Palmer in the museum of the Great Synagogue of Budapest

Mayor of Esztergom, Èva Tétényi who was accompanied by the Head of her Cabinet and her City Manager, all who joined us for lunch; Mr András Félégházi, Mayor of the City of Visegrad who personally conducted the tour of the Castle and entertained us with afternoon tea; and the Mayor of Szentendre, Dr Ferenc Dietz.

Food also seems a vital element of Civic Visits. Meals provide opportunities to mix and chat to fellow LMA members and local dignitaries and their staff and the chance to try local and traditional delicacies. On this visit no one could go hungry or be on a diet – slimming that is and on one evening in the Restaurant



Members in the Memorial Garden of the Great Synagogue of Budapest



The Matthias Church



Cllr Philip Kelly & Dorothy Jones



Lord Palmer & Linda Schama



Cllrs Bryan & Marie Collier at The Fisherman's Bastion



Helen Watson outside the Royal Palace



Cllr Philip Kelly & Cllr Bryan Collier in Visegrad



The Deputy Mayor of Budapest & Alderman Ian Luder in the British Ambassador's residence

# CIVIC VISIT TO BUDAPEST CONT..



Ronnie Raymond Cox in Esztergom with Slovakia on the other side of the River Danube



Cllr Anthony Ramsey and Cllr Jeanne Alexander in Esztergom



Members in the Cathedral of Esztergom



John & Patricia Clark at the Royal Palace



Cllr Michael & Janet Lewis outside the Esztergom Cathedral



Dr Vivienne Manheim in the crypt of the Cathedral of Esztergom

'Callas' diners were entertained by a Quartet playing Hungarian music. We also enjoyed lunch on a boat trip along the Danube on a sunny Sunday afternoon.

While overseas Civic Visits appear to go like clockwork, this is not possible without the diligent and hard work during many months of preparation and throughout the visit itself of Bob, Geri and Lizzie Bone

of Destination Events with Theresa Davis who assists so much behind the scenes in the office. We were fortunate too to have with us for the whole four days the two wonderful Andreas, our local guides who knew everything about their country and explained it all so well and simply, spoke perfect English, did amazing instantaneous translations, were interesting, delightful and a joy to meet.



Mayor of Hammersmith & Fulham and Cathy Longworth



Cllr Anthony Ramsey the new Hungarian Ambassador to the Court of St James and Cllr Muhamed Javed in Budapest City Hall



The British Ambassador with Cllr Jean Lammiman and John Hinkley in the British Ambassador's residence



Cllr Inder Singh Jamu, the Mayor of Esztergom and the Mayor of Barking & Dagenham



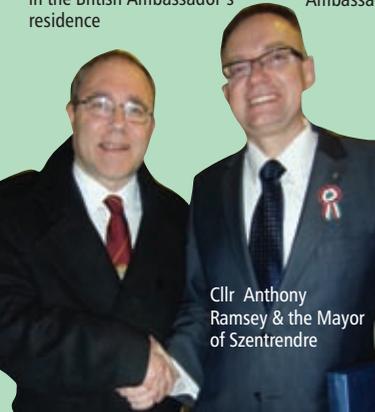
Cllrs Lisa Rutter & Dennis Doe in the British Ambassador's residence



Bob Belam in the British Ambassador's residence



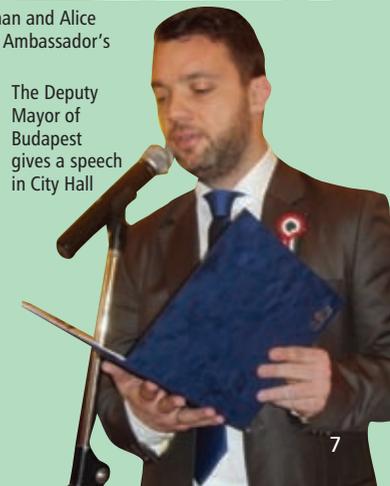
Prince Nawab Ali Khan and Alice Enskat in the British Ambassador's residence



Cllr Anthony Ramsey & the Mayor of Szentendre



The British Ambassador & June Fewtrell in the British Ambassador's residence



The Deputy Mayor of Budapest gives a speech in City Hall

# CIVIC VISIT TO BUDAPEST CONT..



Cllr Robert Davis on the Danube Cruise in front of the Hungarian Parliament



The Chairman of Lewisham Council & his wife Sandra



Patricia Ann Payne with Alice & Michael Enskat on the Danube Cruise in front of the Hungarian Parliament



Patricia Creutzberg & Susan Bailey on the Danube Cruise



Hon Ald Eleri Ebenezer in Esztergom



Cathy Longworth on the Danube Cruise in front of the Hungarian Parliament



Bob Bone on the Danube cruise



The Mayor of Redbridge in front of the Royal Palace in Visegrad



Cllr Lisa Rutter & the Mayor of Videgrad in front of the Royal Palace



Michael Enskat & Bob Bone in the St Stephens Basilica



Rosie Daniels at the Citadel



Cllr Jim Madden getting off the Danube cruiser



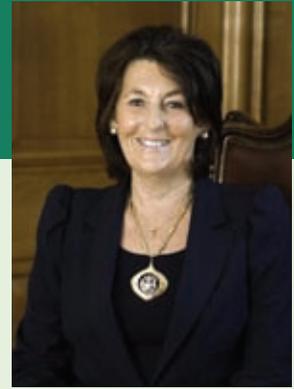
Lin Luder at the Citadel

Tony Kerslake in the Ceramic Museum of Szentendre



# BEING MAYORESS

– BY LINDA SCHAMA



When my husband, Brian, first mentioned that he'd been approached to put his name forward to become Mayor of Barnet and asked how I might feel about becoming Mayoress, I confess I knew very little about what was involved.

I probably imagined being Madam Mayoress was a little bit like being the wife of a vicar or an MP: attending the odd fete, opening the occasional supermarket and dispensing a school prize or two. How wrong I was! Being 'Mayor of Barnet' is rather more like a combination of being the Queen (in that the Mayor is the 'first citizen of the Borough') and the Speaker of the House of Commons (in that the Mayor chairs all formal Council Meetings).

Picture the scene... a quiet suburban street in Hendon one sunny May evening last year. A gleaming black stretch Jaguar limousine pulled up, adorned with a large iron crest on the front and pennants fluttering at either side. Out stepped a man in the smartest of dark suits, wearing a peaked cap and carrying a large black case, who made his way, head bowed, down my front path. It wasn't just the curtains that twitched. Windows and front doors were opened, and a birthday party-full of 12 year-olds came out onto the street to stop and stare and wonder what on earth was going on. 10 minutes later, the Mayor appeared dressed in pinstripe trousers, black tailcoat and resplendent in a scarlet robe, a Napoleonic 'bicorne' hat and a chain of office large enough to make the dictator of a medium-sized African nation turn green with envy. Faces, including my own, were visibly agog! So began my year as Barnet's Mayoress.

As I rapidly learned, wherever the Mayor goes, his driver follows. I had naively assumed that the driver doubled as some sort of bodyguard to protect the Mayor and his Mrs from foreign assassins or disgruntled residents. However, as one of our drivers eventually admitted somewhat sheepishly, the driver is there to protect the chain and Brian and I would sadly have to fend for ourselves!

With the above in mind, and just in case any of you reading this suddenly find yourselves in the future married to the Mayor of a London borough, I should warn you of a number of things:

- (1) Be prepared to spend a lot of time with your other half – I can honestly say that I spent more time with my husband during his Mayoral year than during the preceding 38 years of our marriage combined.
- (2) Your drivers and macebearers will become part of your family during your year of office.
- (3) It is impossible to lose weight during your mayoral year so banish any thoughts you may have to the contrary and start slimming now!
- (4) Make sure your home is well equipped with plenty of vases and plant pots for all the bunches of flowers you will receive.
- (5) You will have a wonderful time going to secret gems of places you never knew existed, meeting all manner of people who will rush to shake your hand and encourage you to try all variety of new things.

We attended almost 500 events during our mayoral year. Each one was a privilege and a pleasure. We met the most incredible people.

Now our year of office has come to an end, we are Mr Mayor and Madam Mayoress no longer and Mr and Mrs Nobody once again. No more robes, chains, drivers or flowers.

The only privilege that remains is our eligibility for lifelong membership of the London Mayors' Association.

# HUNGARIAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES ENTERTAINS

Members who were to join the Civic Visit to Budapest were invited to a Reception at the Hungarian Ambassador's Residency by the Hungarian Charge d'affaires, a couple of weeks prior to the visit.

The new Hungarian Ambassador was still waiting in Budapest to receive Her Majesty's approval to his becoming Ambassador and so could not host the Reception himself. However he subsequently met members of the LMA during the Civic Visit at a reception held in Budapest's City Hall.

While Hungarian wine and canapés were served, the Charge d'affaires, Mária Vass-Salazar gave her guests a brief history of her country and its economic situation, adding that the visit would occur during Hungary's National Day when many Hungarians celebrated with family parties and local gatherings.

This Reception also gave everyone the chance to meet others going on the trip and everyone left for home clutching their E-Ticket for the flights and the draft itinerary for the visit.



Ronnie Raymond Cox & Lizzie Bone



The Mayor of Redbridge & the Chairman of Lewisham Council



Cathy Longworth & Patricia Anne Payne

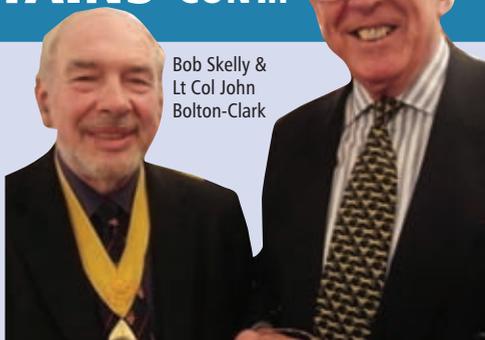


Pat Creutzenberg & Carolyn Doe

# HUNGARIAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES ENTERTAINS CONT.



Cllr Marie Collier, The Mayor of Redbridge & Dr Vivien Mannheim



Bob Skelly & Lt Col John Bolton-Clark



Members listen to the Charge D'Affaires



The Charge D'affaires addresses the Members



A Gurkha



The Mayor of Southwark talks to Colonel Hugh Purcell



In the Chapel



John Sandy putting on LMA tie in the chapel after his talk

# SANDHURST FOR THE DAY

Nearly eighty members including sixteen Mayors in Office travelled to the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst for the day.

Starting with coffee with the Commandant, Major General Stuart Skeates and his wife, members then watched the spectacular, hour-long dress rehearsal for the Sovereign's Parade.

There were 600 officers on parade who were accompanied by music provided by the band of The Brigade of Gurkha's. All Cadets, including the young women, carried rifles with fixed bayonets except the Cadet Under Officers who carried swords.

The route to the parade ground was lined by Gurkha soldiers and this and the drill standard was most impressive.

After the Cadets had marched on, led by the Adjutant on his grey horse and the four "Stick Orderlies", the Academy colours were marched on – during which we all stood in salute.

The General then inspected the parade preceded by his two female "Stick Orderlies" in slow time. The Sovereign's Banner was then "trooped" through the ranks of the Senior Term after which the whole parade marched past the General in slow and then quick time in salute.



Major General Stuart Skeates entertaining us in his Government House

The Commandant addressed the Cadets on Parade and then presented the sword of honour, the overseas sword of honour and the Queen's medal to the three top Cadets of the senior term.

The parade ended with the Adjutant, riding his horse up the steps into Old College!

After a quick meal at a local Golf Club, we returned for a tour of the Royal Memorial Chapel which has on its walls the names of every former Sandhurst Cadet who was killed between 1914 and 1919.

Finally we had a briefing by Colonel Robin Vickers who explained that cadets come for a total of 44 weeks. Despite a rigorous selection procedures, a few Cadets in each term do not last the course. The first term teaches a Cadet how to be a soldier and the next two turn him or her into a leader.

We were accompanied throughout the day by Colonel Hugh Purcell, Chief Executive of the Greater London Reserve Forces and Cadets' Association".

The Army gave us a great day and we felt most privileged to be part of this very special ceremony."



The Chair of Lewisham Council with Commandants wife

# VIP VISIT TO QUEEN VICTORIA



Cllr & Mrs Brian Schama and Queen Victoria's riding outfit



Mr & Mrs Brian O'Sullivan and Prince Albert's Court Dress



The Speaker of Tower Hamlets



Hon Ald Eleri Ebenezer and Prince Albert



The Mayor of Harringey and her consort

Nearly one hundred LMA members and their guests took the opportunity to visit Kensington Palace in February to tour the newly refurbished Palace with guides leading the way and explaining the use of each public room and the life and times of Queen Victoria as she grew up and ascended the Throne while still living there.

Groups of 20 guests started their tour with a personal guide at intervals so everyone had the opportunity to really hear the Guide's tales and look around each room in comfort. The guides were so good they really brought alive the life and times of the young Victoria and her mother, pointing out

various features of the Palace that were important to the family and became an integral part of her growing up and into adulthood.

At the end of the tours a relaxing Reception was enjoyed when refreshments were served by the catering company used by Royal Historic Palaces during which Palace staff were available to answer guests questions and give further information about its history, which of course is still the home of several members of the Royal Family including the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince George, who was sadly too busy to join the Reception.

# ORIA'S CHILDHOOD HOME



The Mayor & Mayoress of Barking & Dagenham



The Mayor of Kingston upon Thames



Michael Enskat and the Mayor of Hammersmith & Fulham and Queen Victoria's wedding dress



Cllr David Browne & Jill Rhodes (with Cllr Edith Macauley MBE)



Cllr Belinda Donovan



The Mayor of Bexley and her consort

# EVERYONE ESCAPED!!!



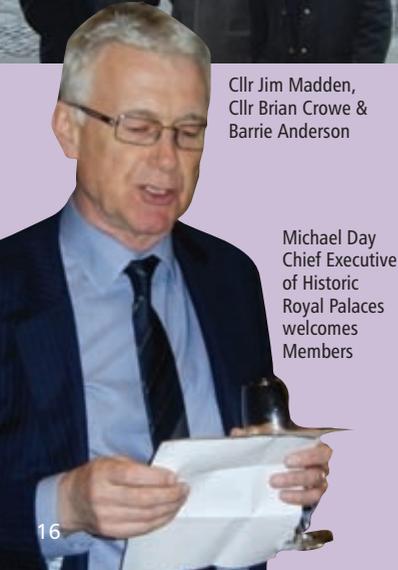
The Mayor & Mayoress of Havering



Sheila Smith-Pryor & Joe Trotter



Cllr Jim Madden,  
Cllr Brian Crowe &  
Barrie Anderson



Michael Day  
Chief Executive of  
Historic Royal Palaces  
welcomes  
Members

Over 80 LMA members and guests were dazed when they took a private tour of the Tower of London to view the Crown Jewels in their new setting.

Shown around the Tower by a Beefeater Warden whose tales of history were, while amusing, true as far as tradition relates. The newly refurbished Crown Jewels Exhibition is now spacious and beautifully presented. As the Travelator was stopped (a privilege of a private viewing!) it was a joy to be able to slowly view all the wonderful and historic Crowns and Coronets and the fabulous Gold used at Coronations and other State occasions for generations. All the stewards in attendance at the Exhibition were very knowledgeable about the various pieces and were anxious to answer questions, which they did with great enthusiasm for their subject.

The visit ended with a Reception in the, also, newly refurbished White Tower which now houses a fascinating exhibition of armour beautifully presented. It was interesting to see this ancient building restored to its former glory while enjoying the wine and canapés and chatting to other members and Historic Royal Palaces staff. The Chief Executive of Historic Royal Palaces hosted the reception and gave an interesting speech.

And despite visiting Traitors Gate, nobody was locked in and all Members (we believe) left in one piece!



The Mayor of Redbridge



The Mayor & Mayoress  
of Sutton

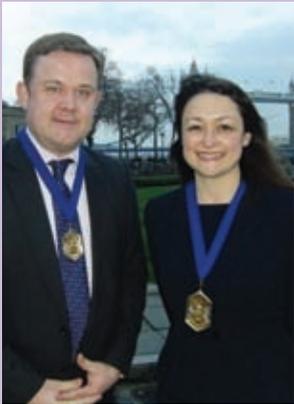


John Hinkley & Cllr Jean Lam

The Chairman of Lewisham Council & his wife Sandra Adefiranye



A Yeoman Warden, Cllr Inder Singh Jamu & the Mayor of Hammersmith & Fulham



The Mayor of Merton & her consort for the evening



Members listening to the Guide



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The Yeoman Warden expaling the history of the Tower

# THE DICK WH

Two of the Mayors walking through the City



Despite the forecast of heavy rain and several heavy showers as we all awoke, the 2014 Annual Whittington Walk from Highgate Hill to Mansion House in the footsteps of Dick Whittington, was undertaken in bright sunshine.

The Mayors congregated in Whittington Hospital where breakfast was served for those needing some energy before the walk commenced. Welcomed not only by the Mayor of Islington as Host Mayor but also by the Chairman of the Whittington Hospital Trust, Steve Hitchins (former Leader of Islington), the Mayors assembled outside the Hospital for a group photograph before moving on to touch the Whittington Stone Cat at the top of the Highgate Hill for luck before the walk commenced.

The Mayors of Haringey, Redbridge & Hillingdon and the Lay Sheriff of the City of London



Downhill all the way with a deserving break at Islington Town Hall, where coffee and tea was served, the atmosphere was



The Mayor of Hammersmith & Fulham



# ITTINGTON WALK

one of high spirits despite this being the last formal occasion in which the 2013-2014 Mayors would be together under the auspices of the London Mayors' Association, before they all retire from office a few weeks later.

A brief excursion was made into Hackney where the Speaker of Hackney welcomed everybody with a short visit to the famous Gainsborough Studios (now a residential development), which used to be the studios where Alfred Hitchcock made his famous films, now remembered by a massive statue of the film director for a further group photograph.

Members then entered the City of London where the Metropolitan Police escort handed over to the City of London Police, with the final arrival at Mansion House for a well deserved sit down lunch, courtesy of the Lord Mayor of London.

The Mayoress of Hillingdon



The Lord Mayor of London & the City of London Police Escort

A Chain Gang of female Mayors



# THE DICK WHITTINGTON WALK



The Mayors of  
Bexley & Harringey

Once the lunch had been consumed, the Lord Mayor of London then presented certificates to the participating Mayors and the Chairman, Councillor Robert Davis thanked everybody for participating in the day and particularly the organisers

including Graham and Margaret Holland, the Host Mayor, the Whittington Hospital Trust, as well as the Lord Mayor of London and her staff for so kindly providing members with a well earned hot lunch.



20 The Mayor & Mayoress of Brent



The Lord Mayors of London & Westminster pat Dick Whittington's cat

CONT.



The Mayor of Kingston & the Mayor of Croydon & her Consort



The Mayor & Mayoress of Kingston & Chelsea



The Mayors leaving the Whittington Hospital



# PARADE PROMISES

**London's New Year's Day Parade, Britain's biggest street event**, is promising to prove to be a particularly moving experience.

The much loved turn of year tradition, now in its 29th year and watched by millions around the World, has unveiled its theme for 2015 – 'London on the Move'.

With more than 10 million people living in London and 30 million more visiting each year – keeping 'London on the Move' is vital.

London's boroughs are being invited to submit entries to the great street spectacular – reflecting their own interpretation of the theme.

So whether it be skates, busses, bikes, go-carts, boats, trains, planes and automobiles or even stilts or po-go sticks (remember them) – the World is your oystercard!!

Discussions with TFL, train and bus companies, cycle and motorcycle clubs, vintage car owners are about to begin.

Bob Bone, said Londoners would embrace the chance to celebrate their city at the climax of the festive season.

"This is London's event – and London embraces it to the full." Said Bob.

"We had a massive street audience on January 1st – and the weather was atrocious." Said Bob.

"I am certain that even more will come out next year."



Merton



# TO BE 'MOVING EXPERIENCE'



Ealing

# LNYDP – TO GIVE £1,000 GRANT

## HELPING BOROUGHES PUT BEST FOOT FORWARD

London's New Year's Day Parade is renewing its commitment to the city that it serves – making it even easier for boroughs to join the party and a more rewarding experience once you are there

New arrangements just announced give each participating borough a £1,000 grant to get their entry off the ground.

As soon as you decide to come on board – parade representatives will arrange to make the payment – which can go towards costumes, design, transport or any other related expense.

Prize monies for the very best, most entertaining entries will not be reduced as a result.

Remember more than £1 million has been donated to mayoral charities across the Capital by the parade and its supporters during the last 29 years.

Changing facilities for participants are being made available at one of our partner hotels – with shuttle busses running to and from the parade start and finish.

At the close of the event an area will be allocated to breakdown the entry. Toilet facilities and hot drinks will also be available.

Meanwhile the Mayor and his/her entourage will experience the most memorable of days including:

- A sumptuous champagne brunch in a wonderful location
- The chance to represent their borough processing the event route on an open top bus to greet the massive crowds
- Attend the post parade tea and award ceremony
- Earn their chosen charities a share of the sizeable prize pot

What's more the LNYDP TV team, which will be broadcast live on the Sky platform, the internet and across the USA, is to feature each and every borough entry in our Parliament St performance area.

Approaching its 30th year the event is proving to be more popular than ever.



“London boroughs are the key to our incredible diversity.” Said Bob. “They have played an invaluable part in the success of our extraordinary event.

“We have spent a lot of time talking to our borough supporters – finding out how we can help make it easier for them to enter – and an even more rewarding experience once they do.

“These new initiatives should do both.

“This city is a cultural kaleidoscope with each borough offering a very different community spirit and culture which is reflected in the array of parade entries.

“I personally cherish this a great deal and want to reflect this diversity to the full in our wonderful event. This year 20 London boroughs entered – and we are already in discussion with even more re the 2015 event.

“We would like as many boroughs as possible to participate in the 2015 parade and show London in all its glory to the millions of the watching on the street and around the world on television.

“Mayoral charities support a myriad of wonderful causes – underlining the depth of compassion and spirit that this city has to offer.” Said Bob.

“We reaffirm our commitment to help raise much needed funds in the future.”

Boroughs wishing to participate in LNYDP 2015 should contact:

**Lizzie Bone** [lizzie@desitnationevents.com](mailto:lizzie@desitnationevents.com)  
**Tel: 0203 2750191**

# TO ALL BOROUGH ENTRIES



Enfield

## BOROUGH SWUNG TO SIXTIES THEME:

London's boroughs 'swung' in to action – producing some fabulous entries to the 2014 LNYDP on January 1st.

They battled the elements – and their rivals – in what proved to be the best event in the parade's 28 year history.

Judges voted the City of Westminster's Thunderbirds entry – 'Westminster is Go' – featuring Councillor Robert Davis as Parker Lady

Penelope's chauffeur in to first place earning the Lord Mayor, Councillor Sarah Richardson £7,500 for her mayoral charity.

Hillingdon's extraordinary tribute to hit show Priscilla Queen of the Desert came a close second – winning £6,000 for the mayoral charity.

Harrow – and another take on Thunderbirds – 'Harrow is Go' – came third earning £5,000 for the mayoral charity.



Westminster

Hammersmith & Fulham came fourth with their entry of living lava lamps – and other Sixties iconic images (£4,000).

Brent came fifth (£3,000), and Enfield, Barking & Dagenham, Sutton, Barnet and Croydon all won £2,000 having taken the judges eye.

The event was sponsored by DHL, the Corinthia Hotel London and Conn-Selmar.



# THE ABBEY ENCHANTS

It rained, oh did it rain, all morning and most of the early afternoon, but miraculously stopped just in time for the Mayors to make their traditional colourful procession from the Cloisters around Deans Yard and into the Abbey. It then rained again – until the Service ended and Mayors with their guests, VIPs and members of the LMA processed from the Abbey to the Great Hall of Westminster School for the Reception.

We were also honoured by the presence of the Lord Mayor elect of the City Of London Alderman Fiona Woolf and her husband Nicholas.

Once again it was a delight to listen to the Organist playing as guests entered the Abbey to take their seats and accompanying the wonderful Choir during Hymns and Anthems. The Lord Mayor of Westminster, Cllr Sarah Richardson read one of the Lessons, the other being read by Cllr Robert Davis DL, Chairman. The Preacher was the Dean of Westminster, the Very Reverend Dr John Hall, who gave a friendly, at times amusing and appropriate Address.

Many thanks are due to the wonderful Abbey Stewards who ensure everyone gets to the right seat, lead the Mayors procession so they all get to their allocated place, with their Mayoress/Consort already seated in the row behind. And thanks too to Mr Matthew Arnoldi, Westminster Abbey Protocol Officer who assists in the careful choreography of the event.

After the Service a group photograph was taken of all the Mayors together with the Lord Mayor of Westminster, the Dean, the Chair of the GLA, the High Sheriff of Great London and the Chairman of the LMA.

Guests then enjoyed refreshments provided by Jenny Bianco DL and her staff during which the Dean welcomed everyone to the Abbey and the Lord Mayor of Westminster and the Chairman, Cllr Robert Davis DL thanked the Abbey staff for all their help and thanked everyone for once again making this special occasion so successful.

The procession



The Service begins



The Dean and Cllr Edith Macauley



The Dean with the Mayor of Bromley & his Chaplain



The Mayor of Hounslow

The Lord Mayor reads the First Lesson



The Dean with the Mayors of Enfield and Barking & Dagenham with their Mayoresses

# THE MAYORS OF 2013-14



The 2013 Civic Service in Westminster Abbey.  
The Mayors of the London Boroughs together with the Dean of Westminster, the Chairman of the London Assembly, the High Sherriff of Greater London and the Chairman of the London Mayors' Association.



Westminster Abbey Civic Service pictures by:  
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# THE ABBEY ENCHANTS CONT..



The Mayor of Harrow



The Mayors in their pews



The Chairman of Lewisham Council



Passing the Tomb of the Unknown Warrior





The Mayor of Redbridge & the Dean



The Mayors of Croydon and Ealing



The Lord Mayor of Westminster leads the procession after the Service



The Mayor of Haringey

The Lord Mayor of London  
(then Lord Mayor elect) & the  
Mayor of Hammersmith &  
Fulham & her two consorts



The Chairman Cllr  
Robert Davis reads  
the Second Lesson

# IT'S A FULL HOUSE – AGAIN

Yes, indeed once again it was a full house, with a waiting list, for the Association's Annual Dinner, held at the prestigious Corinthia Hotel in Whitehall.

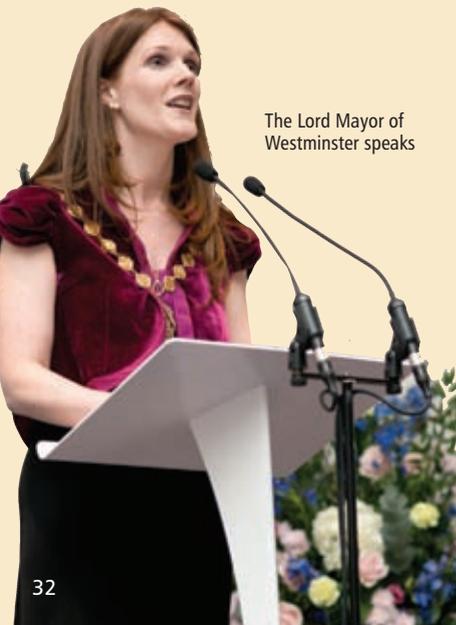
Guests were welcomed and received by the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Cllr Sarah Richardson and her husband, Mr Damian Collins MP with Sir David Brewer, Lord Lieutenant for Greater London and Lady Brewer. It was again a pleasure to welcome as a guest the Dean of Westminster, the Very Reverend Dr John Hall.

As always, it was an enjoyable occasion with an excellent Dinner served by the impeccable hotel staff.

Once again we were delighted to be joined by Jamie Walsh as our toastmaster who in his quiet, but immaculate manner kept everything on time and everyone knowing where they should be and when.

After dinner while coffee and the splendid Corinthia chocolates were enjoyed the Chairman, Cllr Robert Davis gave a report on the Association's activities for the past year and outlined ideas for the forthcoming months including the arranged Civic Visit to Budapest in March before introducing the guest speaker, Dame Gillian Lynne DBE.

Former Royal Ballet principal, Dame Gillian better known for her Choreography, especially for the Musical West End shows 'Cats' and "Phantom of the Opera", gave a fascinating talk about the inside world both in this country and abroad as a Ballet Dancer and choreographer – and very unusually, for a guest speaker, invited everyone to join her at an exercise sitting on their chair at their table.



The Lord Mayor of Westminster speaks



The Mayor of Sutton Heath & her Consort with Cllr & Mrs Dennis Doe



A typical table



The Lord Mayor of Westminster with her Consort & The Mayor of Hammersmith & Fulham and her Consort Prince Nawab Ali Khan



The Lord Lieutenant & Lady Brewer greet guests on arrival



The Lord Mayor of Westminster greets Linda Schama



The Mayor & Mayoress of Barnet



The Mayor of Merton & her Consort



The Top Table

# ANNUAL DINNER



The Mayors  
of Kensington  
& Chelsea  
and Brent



The Speaker of Hackney



Charlie & Josie Cherrill



Christopher & Celia Hodges with Barrie Anderson



Cllr Anne Manning & Cllr Michael Lewis



The Guest of honour Dame Gillian Lynne gives the keynote speech



The Chairman Cllr Robert Davis addresses the Dinner



Helen Watson the principal  
organiser of the Dinner



Helen Watson & Cllr Bryan Collier



Cllr Catherine Rideout, Hon Ald Frances Blois & Cllr Brian Coleman



Cllr Josephine Barrett & her son Michael Gibson



Cathy & Johnny Longworth win their table flowers



Mrs Veronica Barkey & the Mayor of Kensington & Chelsea



Cllr Edith Macauley



Former Mayors and Mayoresses of Waltham Forest

# ANNUAL DINNER



Cllr Marie Collier & Bob Belam



Cathy Longworth



The Mayor of Sutton



Hon Ald Diana Whittington & the guest of honour Dame Gillian Lynne & her husband Peter Land

Cllr Bryan Collier wins the table flowers



The Lord Mayor of Westminster welcomes the guests

# VISIT TO HACKNEY



Gwendolin Guy & Jila White



The Mayor & Mayoress of Islington with Ken Guy



Geffrye Museum

The visit of the LMA to the Geffrye Museum (arranged by Cllr Linda Kelly) was an excellent outing. We toured the exhibition that took us through the homes and furnished rooms in Hackney through the last 400 years. The Museum was founded in 1914 and is still housed in the original 1714 buildings of the Ironmongers Almshouses.

Our tour included an inspection of one of these historic homes. The director David Dewing talked to us of their future exciting plans and how the museum has become a gem in the up and coming district of Hoxton.

The subsequent visit to the Hackney Empire allowed us to see the magnificent Frank Matcham 1901 architecture. Built for Oswald Stoll, (later Stoll Moss Theatres), famous stars such as Charlie Chaplin and Marie Lloyd appeared on its stage. In 1956 it became the first commercial TV studio in the country and in 1963 a Bingo Hall. It reopened as a theatre again in 1986, a remarkable survival to this day.

Eli Kelly with the Guide in the Geffrye Museum



Group photo in the Geffrye Museum

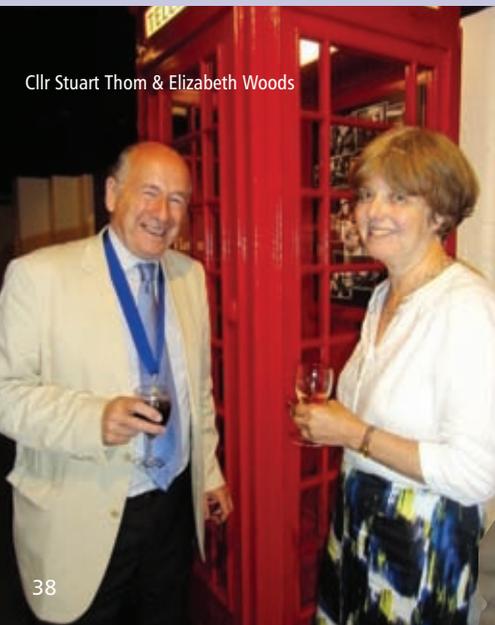
# AGM – LONDON IN FILM



Cllr Geoffrey Walker & Patricia Arnold



Mr & Mrs Bob Belam & Cllr Doreen Weatherhead



Cllr Stuart Thom & Elizabeth Woods

On one of the hottest days London, indeed the whole country, has ever experienced over 100 LMA members assembled at the Film Museum in Covent Garden for the Association's Annual General Meeting. Chaired by our President, the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Cllr Sarah Richardson, business was quickly dealt with.

Cllr Robert Davis DL, Chairman gave a resume of the Association's activities during the last twelve months, Cllr Dennis Doe reported on the Inter Borough Rifle Shooting Competition and Cllr Lurline Champagnie on the new Mayors induction Day. The Treasurer's Financial report was read on his behalf as he was unable to attend.

Cllr Robert Davis was again elected Chairman, Ronnie Barden was re-elected as vice Chairman and Mr Tony Kerslake as

Cathy Longworth & the Lord Mayor of Westminster



Treasurer. Mr Duncan Whitfield, Director of Finance at the London Borough of Southwark was appointed the Association's Auditor and Helen Watson as Secretary.

With the heat rising and the air conditioning almost unable to cope it was good to sit back, relax and listen to the guest speaker, Air Marshal Sir David Walker KCVO OBE Master of the Royal Household at Buckingham Palace. He was responsible for the operational management of Buckingham Palace, St James' Palace, Windsor Castle and Holyrood House. Sir David gave a fascinating talk which for most guests could have lasted much longer, explaining the nature of his work and briefly describing the role of each office within the Royal Household.

After this interesting presentation guests mingled to chat while enjoying the refreshments again provided by Jenny Bianco and her loyal helpers and also taking the opportunity to look around the Film Museum's interesting exhibits showing how London has been the backdrop to so many iconic films. Thanks go to Jonathan Sands of the Museum for allowing us to use the venue.



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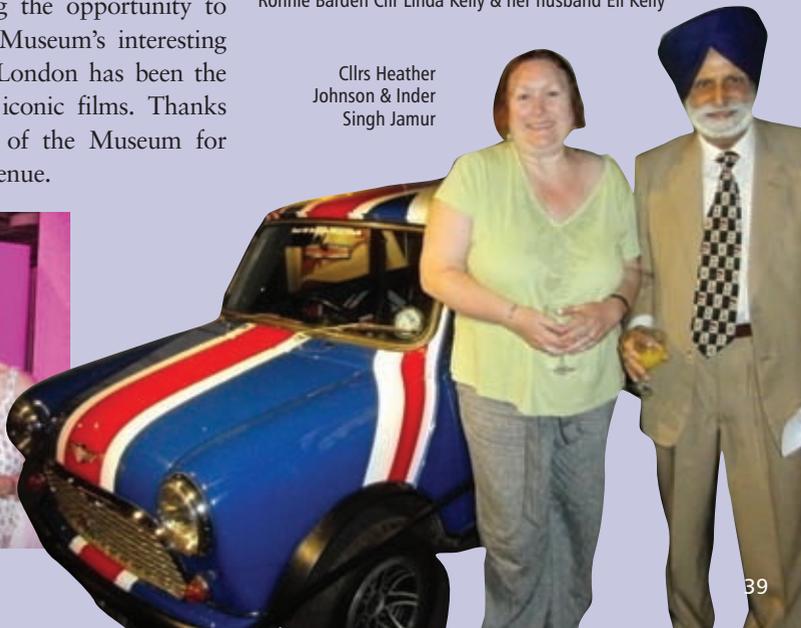


Ronnie Barden Cllr Linda Kelly & her husband Eli Kelly

Cllrs Heather Johnson & Inder Singh Jamur



Sir David Walker with Cllrs Josephine Barrett & Catherine Rideout



# THE BBC – A NEW ERA



Cllr & Mrs John Clarke



Cllr Maxi Martin



The Mayor of Redbridge

Cllr Edith Macauley & a Darlek

Probably now one of the best known images on national TV is the new, state of the art Newsroom at the newly built BBC Centre in central London.

Those prongs you see emerging from a central point each represent a different part of the world. The imposing piazza, often used during the ‘One Show’ leading to the main entrance is enhanced with brass plaques set among the flagstones detailing every part of the world the BBC has broadcast notable news.

A Restaurant accessible directly from the piazza allows the public to watch the activity in the newsroom below as it occurs.

The LMA members who visited the BBC were fascinated during the escorted tours to find the rest of the building very imposing; designed



Cllr Stuart Thom



Sylvia Frost



Rosie Daniels



Cllr Marie Collier beside the Today studio

and built for its purpose and very much run on modern office style - hot desking, hence not a paper clip or pen to be seen. No secluded, shut off meeting rooms just open cubicles set with a table and chairs. And no interview rooms, interviewee and interviewer merely stand on walkways with the newsroom in the back ground. Even the Weather Forecasters no longer have their own studio to explain the worst or best of weather, they too just have a platform with their map also overlooking the newsroom.



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With an introduction and film explaining how the building was designed and the concept behind it and well known BBC personalities talking about how much they were enjoying working in their new environment, this private visit was thoroughly enjoyed.



Bob & Wenda Belam

Many thanks to the BBC for arranging this very private and personal visit.



Cllr Leslie McDonnell



Cllr & Mrs  
Michael Lewis

# NEW MAYORS RECEP



Cllr Doreen Weatherhead and the Consort to the Mayor of Hammersmith & Fulham



The Mayor of Bexley, Wenda Belam & the Mayor of Kingston upon Thames

As has been the custom for the last several years the Executive Committee members were delighted to welcome and entertain the newly elected London Borough Mayors/Speakers/Chairs of Council in the Lord Mayor of Westminster Reception Rooms by kind permission of the Lord Mayor, Cllr Sarah Richardson, President of the LMA who also hosted the function. The majority of guests were accompanied by their Mayoress or Consort.

Cllr Robert Davis DL gave the new Mayors an insight into the work and activities of the Association and Mr Robert Bone gave a briefing on the New Year's London



The Mayoress of Barnet & Cllr Lurline Champagne



Barrie Anderson, The Mayor of Bexley & her consort and the Mayor of Hounslow



Cllr Marie Collier & Jean Trotter

# TION

The Mayor of Greenwich & the Chairman of Lewisham



Parade which the Mayors take an active part until they relax in the VIP stand to watch the proceedings.

The new Mayors were also joined by Alderman Fiona Woolf who a few months later was elected the Lord Mayor of the City Of London (and only the second female Lord Mayor of London).

The Reception provided a perfect opportunity for the newly elected Mayors not only to meet members of the LMA but to meet each other and discuss their work and activities during the next twelve months.



Bertha Joseph & the Mayor of Brent



Michael Gibson the Mayoress of Kingston upon Thames, Jila White & Ronnie Barden

Mayor of Hillingdon



The Mayor of Bromley with the Mayor of Croydon & her Consort

# NEW MAYORS RECEPTION CONT..

The Mayor of Wandsworth and her Consort with Hon Aldermen Diana Whittingham & Frances Blois



The Mayor of Barnet & Cllr Josephine Barrett



Helen Watson the Speaker of Tower Hamlets & Ronnie Barden



The Mayor of Hammersmith & Fulham & two of her Consorts



Mayor & Mayoress of Barkng & Dagenham

# THE EXECUTIVE ENTERTAIN THE MAYORS SECRETARIES

Members of the LMA Executive were once again delighted to entertain the Borough Mayors Secretaries to the annual lunch in the Lord Mayor of Westminster's Reception Rooms at Westminster City Hall.

Hosted by Cllr Sarah Richardson, Lord Mayor of Westminster and President of the LMA, the lunch was catered for by Jenny Bianco DL and her friendly team of helpers, who once again prepared a delicious buffet lunch enjoyed by all.

Happily the majority of the Mayors Secretaries were able to attend the lunch and judging by the chatter enjoyed 'catching up' with each other and meeting members of the LMA.

There had been several new appointments to Mayors Offices in the last couple of years and so this was a great opportunity for them to meet colleagues from other London Boroughs and for the LMA members who frequently speak and correspond with the Secretaries to meet these new colleagues.



The Islington Contingent – Sue Goss & Janet Eacott with Joe Trotter



Sandra Lynch (Haringey) & Doug King (Westminster)

Susan Zdan, Cllr Josephine Barrett & Shabidan Belghoul all of Hillingdon



Sue Yamansef (Waltham Forest) & Rhoda Aldridge (Enfield)

# THE MAYORS SECRETARIES CONT..



Carol Vincent & Cllr Maxi Martin (both Merton)



Claire Wilson & Alison Croucher (Kingston)



Pat Battista (Wandsworth) Rita Gresty (Harrow) & Cllr Lurline Champagne

Robert Landeryou & Jackie Gordon (Sutton)



## SHOOTING HERO'S

On Saturday 9th September 2013, the 102nd Final of the London Boroughs' Small-bore Rifle Competition was held in Ham, near Richmond.

Four Borough's – the Boroughs of Havering, Hillingdon, Richmond and Wandsworth – competed in the Finals after the other Boroughs were knocked out in the preliminary rounds.

Cllr Dennis Doe, the organiser explains that “it was one of the most exciting and close finishes that I have seen since I took over running this competition ten years ago. Only in the last shoot did we know who was the 102nd winner. That shoot involved Hillingdon, winners for the last 6 years, and Wandsworth, who last won in 2006. Wandsworth won, with Hillingdon having only 2 of their 24 discs still to remove”.



The Mayors of Wandsworth & Hillingdon present the trophy to the winning Captain

The Wandsworth team were presented with the huge and impressive Dawney Cup by Cllr Angela Graham, the Mayor of Wandsworth. They were also presented with the Harsant Shield which they could take away for a year. This presentation was by the Mayor of Hillingdon, Cllr Alan Kauffman, who had to hand it over, having had it in the Parlour for 6 years.

# TEACH IN FOR MAYORS

A workshop in session



All the newly installed mayors were invited to Westminster City Hall on a Saturday in early June to learn the Ropes from a chain gang of former Mayors.

Organised by Cllr Lurline Champagnie and Ronnie Barden, the morning comprised a series of lectures and workshops during which former mayors were able to explain what was involved in being a successful Mayor and offering advice on a range of issues.

Cllr Robert Davis the Chairman of the LMA opened the mornings deliberations with an amusing speech about Protocol and after a teach-in on how to give a good speech, the Mayors enjoyed a hearty lunch and new friendships started to blossom.



Mayors and Consorts listening to the speeches



Cllr Lurline Champagnie leads a workshop



The Mayors of Hillingdon and Barking & Dagenham

# NOT THE DAY JOB - BARRIE ANDERSON

There are many ways that Councillors choose to occupy time once they stop serving in Local Government, to retire.

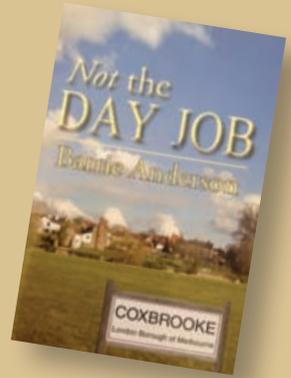
If you are Barrie Anderson, who stepped down from Lewisham Council in May 2010, you first accept the offer of Executive Member of the LMA, then you write a book that draws heavily upon many years experience of local politics.

*NOT THE DAY JOB* is a novel offering a witty, insightful commentary on some aspects of Councillor life, interwoven with a moving love interest.

The story is set in the fictional London Borough of Merbourne where the central character, Lucas Albion, practises as a minority group member, and becomes his Borough's Mayor.

Barrie has had published a number of fiction and non-fiction books.

*NOT THE DAY JOB* is available through your library service, all good book shops and the web.



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