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Do we have your membership details?

With over 850 members it is difficult to keep track of you all, and we know you like to keep up with information, even if you are no longer able to participate in some of our visits to wonderful places.

Sadly, we also found that a number of members had died, and we were still sending information.

With this in mind can I please ask you to email any changes to me at: Bob Belam: membership@londonmayors.org.uk

Chairman's opening address

Steve Summers, Chairman,
London Mayors' Association

I am writing this introduction in the final days of 2021 as once again the country is being faced with more uncertainty as a result of the COVID pandemic.

2021, like 2020, has been a year that none of us would wish to repeat. We have all had to face challenges. We have all had to face disappointments and we have all had to adapt.

Despite this, I am delighted that our wonderful association has continued to fly the flag for the civic mayoralty across London.

Once again, 2021 was a year that meant we could not meet as normal as much as we would have liked to. But I was delighted that we have been able to adapt and particularly delighted that we have been able to hold events, albeit in slightly different formats. It comes as no surprise to any of you that our wonderful civic leaders have

led the recovery across London in their Boroughs so I am delighted that the editorial team have taken the opportunity to use this journal to interview some of them and the work they have been doing this year.

My heartfelt thanks go to Jean Lammiman, Belinda Donovan and Richard Nixon for producing the journal and Destination Events for their generous sponsorship.

Normality will return soon. London will recover. The London Mayors will play a huge role in this and therefore I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in 2022, face to face, when I have no doubt our association will go from strength to strength.





London Mayors 2020-21

WELCOME to these pages showing the Mayors, Chairmen and Speakers who served their Boroughs during the Municipal Year 2020-2021.



Cllr. Jonathan Glanz
The Right Worshipful Lord Mayor of the City of Westminster



Alderman Sir William Russell
The Right Honourable Lord Mayor of the City of London



Cllr. Margaret Thompson
The Worshipful Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kingston Upon Thames



Cllr. Gerard Hargreaves
The Worshipful Mayor of the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea



Cllr. Linda Bird
The Worshipful Mayor of the Royal Borough of Greenwich



Cllr. Peter Chand
The Worshipful Mayor of Barking & Dagenham



Cllr. Caroline Stock
The Worshipful Mayor of Barnet



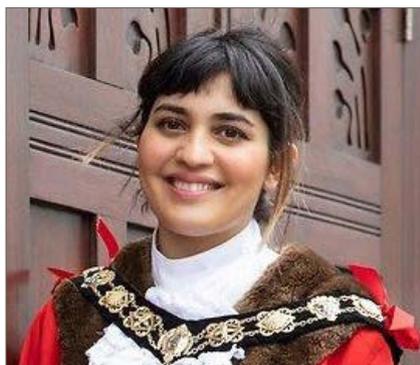
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The Worshipful Mayor of Bexley



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The Worshipful Mayor of Brent



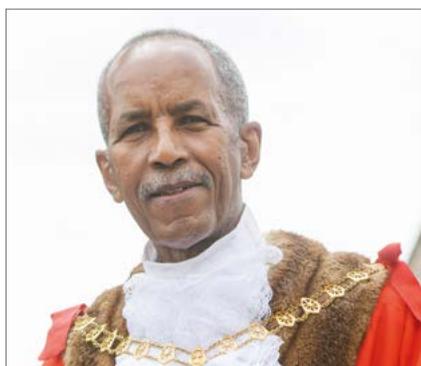
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The Worshipful Mayor of Camden



Cllr. Maddie Henson
The Worshipful Mayor of Croydon



Cllr. Abdullah Gulaid
The Worshipful Mayor of Ealing



Cllr. Sabri Ozaydin
The Worshipful Mayor of Enfield



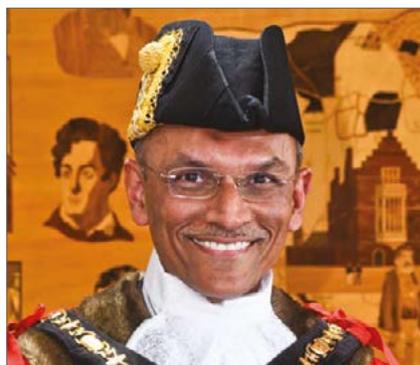
Cllr. Michael Desmond
Speaker of Hackney



Cllr. P. J. Murphy
The Worshipful Mayor of Hammersmith
& Fulham



Cllr. Adam Jogee
The Worshipful Mayor of Haringey



Cllr. Nitin Parekh
The Worshipful Mayor of Harrow



Cllr. John Mylod.
The Worshipful Mayor of Havering



Cllr. Teji Barnes
The Worshipful Mayor of Hillingdon



Cllr. Tony Louki
The Worshipful Mayor of Hounslow



Cllr. Janet Burgess
The Worshipful Mayor of Islington



Cllr. Philip Normal
The Worshipful Mayor of Lambeth



Cllr. Tauseef Anwar
The Chair of the Council of Lewisham



Cllr. Sally Kenny
The Worshipful Mayor of Merton



Cllr. Joy Laguda
Chair & Civic Lead of the Council
of Newham



Cllr. Zulfiqar Hussain
The Worshipful Mayor of Redbridge



Cllr. Geoff Acton
The Worshipful Mayor of Richmond
Upon Thames



Cllr. Barrie Hargrove
The Worshipful Mayor of Southwark



Cllr. Trish Fivey
The Worshipful Mayor of Sutton



Cllr. Mohammed Ahab Hossain
Speaker of Tower Hamlets



The Late Cllr. Christopher Robbins CBE
The Worshipful Mayor of Waltham Forest



Cllr. Jane Cooper
The Worshipful Mayor of Wandsworth



Borough Forum

Sean Brennan



If a week is a long time in politics imagine what a year or more of restricted duties and activities felt for Borough Mayors.

Last year we were rightly proud of the inventiveness, creativity and determination of our Mayors using Zoom and social media to keep in touch with their residents, front line staff, hospitals and chair Council meetings. Fund raising activities continued in a limited and restricted way yet still managed to raise much needed funds for the chosen charities.

But what a difference a year makes. With a relaxation of Covid restrictions Mayoral activities have sprung to life again. This varies from Borough to Borough but the sigh of relief from the Mayoralty, staff and charity committees was palpable. Mayors are back to what they do best, fulfilling their Civic duties and serving their Borough residents. In some Boroughs the Mayoral car has been withdrawn but this has not deterred engagements being fulfilled. Some long serving drivers and mace bearers have retired during the year leaving large gaps in knowledge and experience in some parlours.

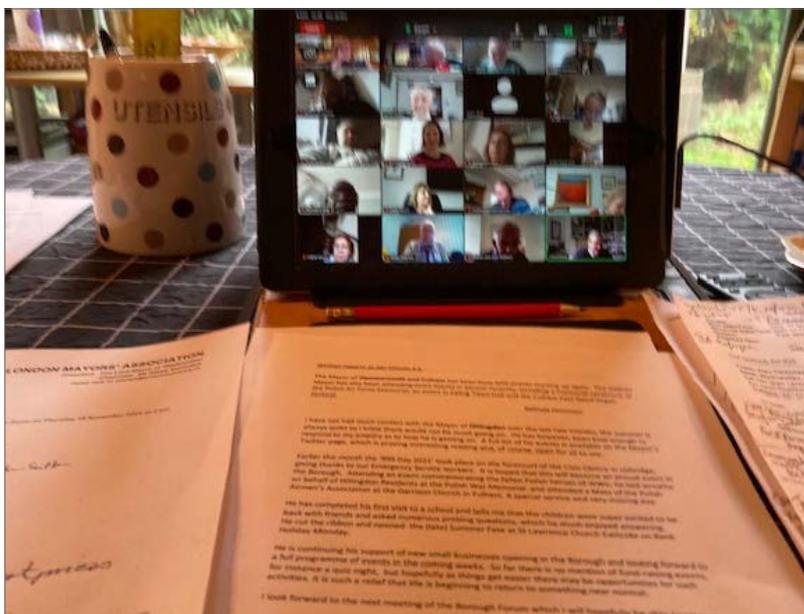
Across London the Mayoralty is busy again in a wide variety of

engagements. Some Boroughs are already on the cusp of a century of activities and events. At the Annual Civic Service in Westminster Abbey Mayors were once again dressed in their robes and chains and processed into the Abbey preceded by their mace bearers which added colour and spectacle to a very moving service.

Face to face Council meetings are returning. School visits, residents meetings, fundraising events, AGMs, celebrations like Black History Month and Diwali, birthday parties, Town Twinning events and much more are a good indication of how much progress has been made. The Annual Service of Remembrance was by all accounts very well attended in all the Boroughs.

We thank and congratulate all the Mayors who served during the past two years of Covid, some for a second year, for their commitment and loyalty to the London Mayoralty and to their Boroughs.

Borough Forum meetings on Zoom become the norm



The Editorial Board meets the 58th Mayor of Bexley

Cllr Belinda Donovan



The Mayor of Bexley, Cllr. James Hunt

The Editorial Board recently met up with the Mayor of Bexley – Councillor James Hunt, who starts by telling us about his childhood, and how it installed in him, a love of the community.

James's father was in the military reserves for 27 years and a member of the territorial army and his mother worked for the GLA – both parents, he says, are very community minded, having set up a Beaver Scout colony in the area. James tells us that all this was the perfect training ground for being Mayor. He is proud to carry on the family tradition being Vice-President of the Boy Scouts countrywide.

James's wife and Mayoress is also steeped in the community and has been working on the front line as a nurse battling COVID – recently, he cut the ribbon on a bench in memory of those who have tragically lost their lives locally with the pandemic.

Councillor Hunt tells us that, after school, he went to drama college and trod the boards with many a famous name who he still counts as good friends.

We discuss the Mayoral Insignia and the Mayor says that Bexley has no less than five Mayoral Chains as his Borough is a culmination of the Boroughs of Crayford, Erith and Sidcup – but he wears a newer

Mayoral chain which was created in the 60s. Bexley also boasts two historic Maces which represent the monarch, the Mace having originally been used as a weapon.

The Mayor's charities this year have been 'Crossroads Care' for the elderly and vulnerable, 'Carer's Support Bexley and Bexley's Looked after Children.

Bexley boasts a part Tudor Manor House, 'Crayford Manor' and other historic buildings such as Danson House and Hall Place. Councillor Hunt is especially proud of Queen Mary's Hospital where plastic surgery was pioneered for those injured in 1917 during World War I by Gillies and his team – more than 5,000 men had plastic surgery performed on them, mainly hiding injuries sustained from gun shot wounds.

James started as Deputy Mayor, then became Mayor last year and is soon to start his second term of office as Mayor. He is looking forward to being able to meet Borough residents in person in this term of Office!



Meet the Mayor of Hillingdon

Cllr Teji Barnes



Cllr Teji Barnes

May 2020 was the month I was to become the First Citizen of the Borough.

I had enjoyed an energetic and fun filled year as the Deputy Mayor attending and speaking at over seventy events and now, I was nervous, excited and anxious to take on the prestigious role as the Mayor of Hillingdon.

It was plain to see from the off that my year was going to be nothing like anyone could have ever imagined. I certainly, not even in my wildest dreams, expected what was about to transpire.

My year can be described in one word and that is unparalleled. All the "you will go to X" and "you will enjoy Y" went straight out the window. I had an empty diary, a Borough that was still shell shocked from the pandemic and the elephant in the room which was the "what on earth will she do with herself?" I said in my opening speech to the first online full council, "where there's a will there's a way!"

I needed to reach out to people and that meant social media. I set up the first ever YouTube Channel for a Mayor, aptly called Mayor of Hillingdon 2020, which was all thanks to the support and technical expertise of my son and Escort Cameron Bell and we decided to launch a family friendly show. The channel was there to communicate what I had been doing each week and I would summarise the week

with photos, and comical input from Cameron.

However, it became clear that this form of engagement was drawing attention far and wide, so we started to use this opportunity to show the brilliance of people, inform about important events in the Borough, and raise awareness of the unlimited ideas that were offered in a constantly changing scene by so many worthy groups, charities etc. My YouTube channel released over forty videos within six months. I noticed that people wanted to be part of it and they were keen to have their story aired. I learned how human interaction was key whichever way it was communicated, and we needed to be with each other, even if only through a computer screen.

Currently I am using my weekly updates to tell the stories of all the individuals who have shown great resilience during the last eleven months of the pandemic. The families that stayed together and the ones that could not, NHS staff, clubs and societies.

I cannot believe the way my term has metamorphosized and I hope I have broken the mould for future Mayors in Hillingdon inexplicably. As being the Mayor is a vocation that needs to be unparalleled as that will keep it alive.





The Editorial Board meets the Mayor of Barnet

Cllr Belinda Donovan



The Editorial Board recently caught up with Cllr Caroline Stock, Mayor of Barnet.

Barnet is the most populous Borough in Greater London and it is steeped in history, where the Battle of Barnet was fought. Cllr Stock tells me, in 1471 – resulting in the killing of 'The Kingmaker' Richard Neville, the Earl of Warwick and his brother, John Neville, 1st Marques of Montague at the hands of King Henry IV.

The Mayor has not wasted one second of her Mayoral Year – despite the very strange times we have lived in – helping to organise for example a 'clap for Carers' with all her Mayoral colleagues, filmed individually by each Borough Mayor, and then put onto one Film.

The Mayor attended a 'giving Event' organised by a charity called GIFT. Volunteers were recognised at the event at Brent Cross whilst the audience stayed in their cars. In her first year as a Councillor, Cllr Stock began an initiative called the Mayors' Golden Kilometre. She promoted this during her Mayoral term encouraging schools to do a daily kilometre. She has been supporting Cherry Lodge Cancer Care, Home Start, Barnet where she raised £60,000 on a virtual dinner with guest speaker, Journalist, Clive Coleman.

Caroline was originally Deputy Mayor and was then asked to continue for a second term of Office as the Mayor designate tragically passed away unexpectedly the day before his Mayor Making, this second term of office – for this second term she is supporting the Royal Free Hospital.

Her daily routine has revolved around a huge number of virtual meetings and also attendance in person as some events – for example the Borough's food banks and the initial opening of local gyms. She has also recorded many videos sending messages of support to local organisations.

Prior to being Mayor, Caroline helped with 'Together in Barnet Night Shelter' where homeless people are housed overnight in a rota of different churches and synagogues.

Caroline has during the various lockdowns supported the Barnet Health Champion programme and other initiatives with leaders of the Jewish community for example to give her support for vaccination. She has also opened a shop in the Borough. The Mayor went along to Barnet Hospital to thank the staff from different departments (including the new Long Covid department) for everything they have done during the pandemic and recently opened the new Well Being Centre which she is immensely proud of. The Mayor is the Borough's diabetes champion and has been made a pro-chancellor of Middlesex University.

The Mayor would also like it to be known that her Mayor's Office has won an Award. The National Civic Office of the Year Award, both part 1 and part 2.

Caroline ends our zoom by telling me that the highlight of her first year was leading the Association of Jewish Ex Servicemen and women from Horseguards to the Cenotaph with the Lord Mayor of Westminster. Additionally the Barnet entry in the New Year's Day Parade organised by Destination Events', came fifth that year in the Parade.

The Editorial Board would like to thank Cllr Caroline Stock, Mayor of Barnet for such a fascinating insight into her role as Mayor during the Pandemic.



Interview with Cllr Sabri Ozaydin, Mayor of Enfield

Cllr Belinda Donovan



Top mace: the Enfield Mace (1955-1965) presented by the Enfield District Manufacturers Association upon grant of charter on 29th March 1955

Second: Edmonton Mace (1937-1965) presented by the teachers of Edmonton on charter day 20th October 1937

Third: Southgate Mace (1933-1965) presented by the Borough of Southgate by the Rt Hon Lord Inverforth P.C. of Southgate 1933

Bottom: the newest mace, created when the three Boroughs merged to create the London Borough of Enfield Mace. Presented by the Enfield District Manufacturers Association on the 20th June 1968 incorporated by Royal Charter on 10th March 1964

Cllr Belinda Donovan caught up with Cllr Sabri Ozaydin by Zoom on behalf of the Editorial Board where he has been putting his Mayoral year to extremely good use, despite the pandemic.

Mondays see him and his wife, Ozlem, delivering food parcels to most of a postal district of Enfield, as well as personally picking up prescriptions from local chemists to deliver to residents – how very special to have your prescription delivered by the Mayor!

In addition he has persuaded local shops to donate £10.00 vouchers to those in need where they can buy anything apart from alcohol and cigarettes.

The Mayor has supported the North Middlesex Hospital as well as the Felix Food Bank Project, and he has been supporting children with special needs and campaigns which support the prevention of violence against women. Cllr Ozaydin, who has a day job has a clothing factory, has been producing T-shirts at his own expense – local school children having sent him their artwork for their decoration – these are then sold with every single penny going to his chosen charities. The school children who sent in the designs are then the proud owners of a special certificate.

Zoom has played a huge part of his year and he recently attended a virtual Rotary Meeting – the Mayor is a big Rotary fan – we discuss Rotary and for those who do not know, once you are a Member you are welcome – with a little notice of course, to any Rotary Club in the World – their excellent reputation for food proceeds them and they raise thousands of pounds for their chosen charities – often providing medical aid where there is none available in Third World countries.

The Mayor has also sent out a short video clip to advertise International Women's Day.

Another project of his year is to highlight a local World War II veteran who is celebrating his 100th birthday – he will be treated to a special trip to the Mayor's Parlour to celebrate when allowed!

Sabri has also promoted the young Mayor and Mayoress this year and championed the Youth Parliament – promoting the voices of the future.

Enfield boasts the first ever cash machine worldwide, together with the factory that produced the first TV's, it also manufactured armaments used in World War II, and for sports fans it is the training ground of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club.

Talking education, Enfield Grammar School is famous and historic, having been started in 1558 and for those who would like to visit a fabulous historic house, look no further than a trip to Forty Hall, a gorgeous Jacobean Manor House, complete with adjacent vineyard, which can be hired, once allowed, for Events – it comes with a history of intrigue with an alleged connection with the 'Rye House plot' a plan to murder King Charles II and his brother James, Duke of York – everyone else, supposedly involved met a grisly fate but the owners somehow escaped – I can't wait to visit as soon as it is open again.

The Editorial Board would like to thank The Mayor of Enfield for sharing with us what he has been able to do during this unusual year – there must be so many residents who have had their year 'made' by food parcels and prescriptions being delivered by a very special person who they will not forget in a hurry.

Two Years a Mayor in Time of COVID, Cllr Nitin Parekh

Cllr Nitin Parekh and
Cllr Jean Lammiman



Cllr. Nitin Parekh
The Worshipful Mayor of Harrow



Cllr Jean Lammiman

When I took my Oath of Allegiance on 16 May 2019, I never dreamt that I would make history by serving as Mayor for two consecutive years!

It was a great honour and privilege to be the Mayor of this GREAT and most diverse Borough. My aim that night was 'to make our vibrant and multi-cultural Borough move forward with an even stronger sense of community and belonging for all our residents, whilst tackling the challenges we faced'. How prophetic those words proved to be! When the Covid Pandemic struck at the core of our National and Local lives, despite Lockdown, Harrow sprang into action. As Mayor, in the past year, I have witnessed true community spirit and selfless service mobilised by volunteers and professionals in Harrow, to alleviate the hardship and spread of this awful disease. I have attended numerous virtual meetings, arranged commendation awards, and represented the Borough as best as was possible during the Pandemic. I am absolutely filled with awe at the response by the citizens of Harrow, and the remarkable initiatives that have emerged. I feel humbled to have been their First Citizen during these trying times. The strain on the Mayor's Charity Fund has been unequalled, and no doubt this will continue for some time. Heart-breaking personal circumstances have been responded to. And I am delighted that my Special Appeal, Akshaya Patra charity has already partnered with Harrow Council to provide support for vulnerable children in our Borough over the recent school holidays.

I have taken part in two, very different Remembrance Services – the first, our huge traditional Parade and Service, the second largest in London - and then last year's – a very pared down but respectful Service attended by just a few, but appreciated by many, via the wonders of social media. I've also become quite adept at recording video messages,

with numerous requests from community organisations and schools, and others to mark important dates and ceremonial occasions.

My Mayoralty has been one of contrasts - I've attended Flag Raisings, masked and unmasked. I have attended Mayoral Engagements in normal times - socially distanced observing Covid restrictions - and many virtually - but the one common thread has been that whenever I have attended as the Mayor, I have been greeted warmly!

There have been happy and sad occasions – the numerous religious celebrations in Mosques, Synagogues, Temples and Churches. I remember my first Civic Service, where Councillors and community representatives met afterwards in the grounds of Harrow School – our splendid 75th Anniversary Commemoration Service of the D Day Landings attended by Veterans. Also, very sadly the funerals of three Former Mayors, Ann Groves, Mrinal Choudhury, Mano Dharmarajah, and our beloved former Mayoral Chaplain SrutiDharma Das and sadly the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh last month - all very poignant.

Regardless of the length and circumstances of my Mayoralty it has been a privilege to represent Harrow, meeting residents, organisations and communities from all faiths and backgrounds. Most importantly, it has given me the opportunity to meet so many volunteers who do so much for our community.

From the fun and exciting engagements to the more solemn and reflective events I have truly experienced the heart and soul of



Harrow. I wanted to serve the people of Harrow as their Mayor – and what a fantastic honour and journey it has been!

Our Borough is a special place, filled with very special people within our community. What has stood out the most is how, despite our differences, we all get along. These events where we come together truly portray Harrow as an exemplar in bringing communities together and living peacefully together regardless of the differences in opinions, faith or background.

Being a Chartered Accountant, I'm proud to say that I've kept to budget and economised by driving

to almost all Engagements apart from the prestigious and occasional ceremonial one. Hita and I even drove to Westminster Abbey!

I'd like to thank everyone for their support and for helping to raise money and awareness for my chosen charity Akshaya Patra. Your generous donations will help them continue the great work they do.

As I return to my role as Councillor for Edgware Ward, I still look forward to meeting residents and working towards a better Harrow for all.

My year would not have been successful were it not for the support from all Council staff, Members and communities.

I'd like to say a special thank-you to the former Mayor and Consort, Cllr Jean Lammiman and Cllr John Hinkley for their support during the Visit to Douai and London's New Year's Day Parade

I have always kept the Mayoralty in my heart and not in my head. Thank you all for being with me on my journey - for two years of my Mayoralty - and I will always remember these two precious years of my life!

Mayoral Platinum Jubilee photos & stories*

Cllr Edith Macauley and Cllr Jean Lammiman



Do you have a good story and photographs of 'When I met Her Majesty'? If so, please send them to your Editorial Board, using Edith's template, for inclusion in the feature in the next Journal 'Jubilee feature supplement'.

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The first time I met the Queen was when I was the Mayor of Merton in 2002-03, when Her Majesty celebrated her Golden Jubilee. She invited all 32 London Borough Mayors for lunch, with 16 people from the community, who have made a difference to the Borough. This took place at Addington Palace with Merton's Deputy Lieutenant, Sir John Wheeler. It was a very grand occasion. The other photograph I am very proud of is when Her Majesty gave me an MBE for Services to the Community in 2012 at Windsor Castle. I attended with my husband, daughter and grandson.



Interview with The Lord Mayor of Westminster

Cllr Jonathan Glanz

Cllr Jean Lammiman and
Cllr Belinda Donovan



The London Mayors Association would like to thank the longest Serving Lord Mayor of Westminster for giving us such an interesting interview.

The LMA Journal caught up with our President, The Lord Mayor of Westminster, 2021, the longest serving Lord Mayor in history, to find out how his 'very different' Lord Mayoral year has gone.

Jonathan was extremely pleased to be offered the roll of Lord Mayor, because he had seen what a wonderful opportunity it was for colleagues to bring people together throughout the Borough – it has also been such a pleasure to be able to have his wife by his side as Lady Mayoress of Westminster.

The Journal learns that the Charity, Centrepont has been the Lord Mayor's chosen charity during his term of Office – Jonathan tells us that this Charity was created in his own Ward, West End Ward.

Centrepont offers support to street sleepers – Jonathan has raised as much money as he has been able to despite the pandemic for such a worthy cause, and he is continuing, after his term of office, to support Centrepont, his aim being to create a space in Westminster for independent living. We have all worried about those sleeping rough and wondered how they came to be living on the streets – apparently there are a particularly high amount of 14, 15 and 16 year olds out on the streets with complex needs who need a safe place to go – often coming from backgrounds where they have no trust of authority, indeed many having come from countries where there is a corrupt authority in place and certainly not to be trusted to help them – they have often been thrown out of home by their family for various tragic reasons. We have, he said, all experienced a 'cold night out' but to have that permanently in the depths of winter must be an unbearable experience, hence the urgent need for a safe 'independent living' space for street sleepers to go.

The Lord Mayor has greatly enjoyed being able to continue, every Tuesday, with a virtual

Citizenship ceremony. These were held throughout the pandemic 25 candidates at a time. Jonathan comments to the Journal that usually 20 of the citizenship candidates from the 25 are from 20 different nationalities and he is so proud that such a large amount of people from across the World are keen to make their home in Westminster, a great advertisement for the Borough if ever there was one.

Jonathan was made Lord Mayor of Westminster in a virtual ceremony and was very touched when one of his colleagues presented him with a special recording of the Event!

Throughout the pandemic, Jonathan has used Zoom, Teams, twitter and pre-recorded videos to communicate with local groups, schools, churches and residents associations. Cllr Glanz was himself Chair of the Marylebone Association prior to being elected as a Councillor, West End Ward, his own Ward is very much Theatre Land and full of restaurants and entertainment venues such as night clubs, he has supported them as much as he can during the various lockdowns because they have suffered a huge loss of footfall during this time.

The Lord Mayor ends by telling us that as a partial result of the pandemic there has been an upswing in the amount of people volunteering, probably because they have not been office bound and have had extra time to volunteer, as they have had no commute – one of the very few positive results of this otherwise terrible time. He hopes that people will continue to volunteer as more people go back to the office because they have found it such a positive experience.

Interview with The Lord Mayor of the City of London

Alderman Sir William Russell

Cllr Belinda Donovan



The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress

Alderman Sir William Russell is no stranger to Mansion House, he is the fifth member of his family to be Lord Mayor of London and he was a frequent visitor when his grandfather, Lieutenant, Colonel Sir Ian Frank Bowater GBE DSO TD, was Lord Mayor of London from 1969 to 1970.

When he was four years old, he remembers vividly playing hide and seek, finding a new place to play – and the somewhat embarrassing moment of finding out that this exciting new place was in fact the Magistrates Court which historically was held there. However, he got round this by calmly turning tail and walking out without causing too much disturbance. At the same age he personally opened Tower Bridge with his grandfather – so he received his training for the job early.

Some Members of the LMA will have already met his wife and Lady Mayoress, Hilary, who together with Lindy Estlin, looked after us so beautifully at our first trip to The Old Bailey – indeed they served us tea in the Judge's Dining Room. Lindy enabled this visit to The Old Bailey and also gave us a special talk at the beginning of our Tour of Mansion House which included a unique trip to the superb collection of gold and silver plate in the basement area. A huge thanks here to Lindy Estlin, last year's Consort to Peter Estlin, the previous Lord Mayor of London.

I ask Sir William about his routine at Mansion House. It typically starts

at 8.00 a.m. with a virtual breakfast meeting – perhaps with an Ambassador or business person.

As the UK Ambassador for the Financial and Professional Services, he meets with a range of financial institutions, regulators and Government Ministers. As the titular head of the Livery, he also meets with Livery Companies, there are 110 in the City of London.

His day ends at around 10.30 p.m. and he gets to bed by 11.00 p.m. so he can be up early the next day.

During the pandemic he has been representing the business of the City – both big financial institutions and small businesses. He has been 'eating out to help out' locally to do his bit for struggling local City restaurants instead of the usual Dinners that the Lord Mayor would attend.

Hilary, the Lady Mayoress, has been kept busy with two of the Charities she has been supporting, the Sheriff and Recorders Fund, which helps to prevent re-offending and 'Best Beginnings' which supports new mums.

I ask the Lord Mayor about the usual foreign trips that he would be making and he tells me that he



Interviewing the Lord Mayor,
Alderman Sir William Russell



is still making these trips virtually. He recently completed a four day trip to Australia and has visited Singapore, China and Japan in the same way. He says virtual visits can allow him to visit more places. For example, visiting China, India and the Gulf – all before lunch, UK time.

I ask him how he would change the City personally and he tells me that the Green Agenda is on the cards. The City of London has just published a 'Climate Action Strategy' so it can hit net zero emissions by 2040. It is also hosting a Virtual Green Horizon Summit at Mansion House on 9-11 November to promote green finance. The City of London has always been ahead of the Green Agenda. In 1954 the 'Clean Air Act' was passed in the City of London to avoid pea soupers which made the air in London so misty as at that time our fuel was not smokeless.

I ask him what he would keep from the 'old norm' and what he especially appreciates from the 'new norm'.

500,000 people used to come into the City every day and he thinks some kind of hybrid will be the future – people might perhaps work up to three days in the City and work from home the rest of the time as transport is such a problem with COVID. He is hoping that people will be reassured that the City will be a safe place to work in moving forward.

The Lord Mayor's Charities are Onside Youth Zones, The Samaritans, Place2Be, and The Duke of Edinburgh Award. His 'City Giving Day' in September attracted 465 companies who signed up virtually, a record number.

The Lord Mayor is trying to see as many people as possible within the rules.

He has had many Livery calls recently and there is a Livery Forum for pan Livery matters. He has taken the opportunity to visit open spaces owned and maintained by The City of London Corporation, such as Epping Forest, Hampstead Heath, Kenley

Common (with its long association with the Battle of Britain) and Burnham Beeches.

The City of London Corporation also controls the London Port Health Authority, which is responsible for all Port Health functions on the Thames, including the monitoring and sampling of shellfish as well as animal reception at Heathrow.

Because of COVID, Alderman Sir William will serve a second term in Office starting just days after this interview. He will be the first Lord Mayor to serve two consecutive terms in Office since William Cubit in 1861. One of the Lord Mayor's predecessors, one Dick Whittington, also served two consecutive terms in Office in 1397 and 1398.

The LMA would like to thank Alderman Sir William Russell for giving us such an interesting interview.

New Mayors' Induction and Protocols Day

Ian Payne,

Vice-Chairman and Facilitator



The annual Induction & Protocols Day was held on 5th February 2021. Due to the Covid 19 restrictions this was carried out on Zoom, 15 new Mayors attended supported by Officers of the LMA.

Our Chairman, Steve Summers, introduced the President of the LMA, the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Cllr Jonathan Glanz, who spoke of his immense pride of being the Lord Mayor and the privilege of being the President of the Association and looked forward to getting to know the new Mayors appointed this year as he was staying in office until September.

Attention was drawn to the information booklet that was sent out to all participating Mayors giving the contact details of the various participants of the Induction & Protocols Day, who were on the Zoom conference, suggesting that the Mayors, if they wish, could make contact with the various people for support. Also

there was a very fruitful Question and answer time after all the LMA officers participating introduced their subjects.

Vice Chairman Oonagh Moulton (events), Membership Secretary Bob Belam all gave brief presentations to the Mayors on their respective areas of responsibility.

Final remarks were given by the Chairman who thanked all those involved and highlighted the importance of the LMA its role and benefit to the civic leaders and the commitment to the Civic Role in London, he also looked forward to the day when we could all meet in person, he hoped that the day was very soon, but we needed to be led by the advice given.



Westminster Abbey Civic Service

Pat Clark



Scenes from the Civic Service

The introduction of the vaccine to counter the Covid-19 pandemic has had far-reaching effects, including on the 2021 Civic Service.

There were still no Mayoral chaplains participating in the service, but robes made a reappearance, and the Macebearers were back, along with Representative DLs. The Abbey was adhering to its socially distanced seating plan, so the Quire was still out of bounds but the procession across the Sanctuary and into the West Door was restored, and the Mayors processed out along the same route back to Dean's Yard. It had been hoped we might be able to reinstate the post-service Reception, but the limited numbers of LMA guests allowed to attend the service meant this was not viable.

And hymns were back! We were able to join in singing some old

favourites which helped the sense of being participants instead of spectators. As usual, the Lord-Lieutenant and the Lord Mayor gave the readings and the sermon was given by the Rev'd David Stanton, the Sub-Dean, who spoke about the importance of service to the community with special reference to the late Sir David Amess MP.

Regrettably we were unable to extend the invitation to the full membership but the Dean was keen to leave some space for the general public to attend as the service takes place during the Abbey's Edwardtime evensong service. We very much hope to be there in bigger numbers next time.



Taking a moment with Lord Lieutenant Sir Ken Olisa, Cllr Ghazanfar Ali, Mayor of Harrow and his Mayoress Mona Ali, and two past Mayors and LMA Executive Committee members, Cllrs Jean Lammiman and Edith Macauley ...

Burns' Night

Pat Clark



Andrew Baxter, Green Badge
Tour Guide

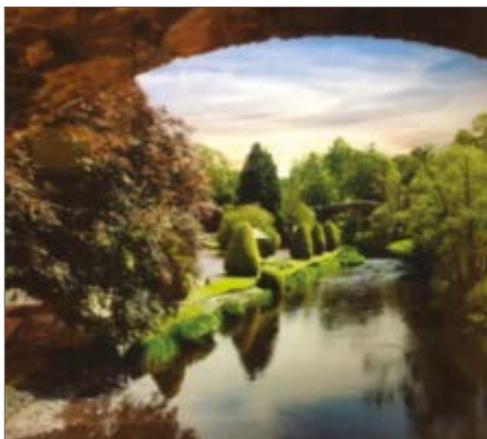
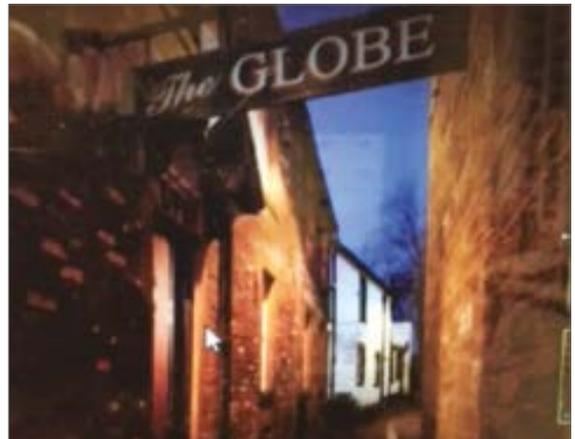
The LMA's first virtual event took place on Burns' Night, 25 January, with a virtual tour of Robert Burns' country, led by Green Badge professional tour guide Andrew Baxter.

We began with Burns' origins in Alloway in 1759 and followed his career though to his death in Dumfries in 1796, aged 37.

Andrew's account opened with the drama of the new-born Burns being rescued from a collapsing cottage during a wild storm, progressing to his childhood as the son of a farmer who had to undertake his share of the labour despite his tender years. Burns was inspired to write poetry when he fell for a local girl, this poem one of several examples of his work interspersed throughout the talk. This interest in the opposite sex was pursued with as much vigour as Burns' creative output as his amorous adventures led to the birth of several illegitimate children as well as those borne by his wife.

Burns' scandalous behaviour would have tried any wife's patience and eventually Mrs Burns sued her errant husband for the funds to provide for his family. We saw locations in the lowlands where Burns was a rather unsuccessful farmer and Edinburgh where his reputation as a published poet was established, as well as returning to Alloway to see the setting for his most famous poem Tam O'Shanter. We concluded our tour in Dumfries, where he was buried, with a rendition of Auld Lang Syne.

Our thanks go to Andrew for a highly enjoyable tour.





The LMA's 2021 Virtual Annual Dinner – Saturday 6th March

Cllr Oonagh Moulton

Vice-Chairman of the London Mayors' Association



The 2021 Annual Dinner which was booked at the Corinthia Hotel had to be postponed owing to the pandemic until Saturday 5th February 2022.

We were however delighted to host the first virtual Dinner of the LMA and over 50 screens zoomed in with around 70 members able to get together under the guidance of our Chairman, Steve Summers who welcomed everyone and introduced the evening.

It was great to see so many current Mayors and Members join us including two former Chairmen. Most of those attending had taken up the opportunity to dress smartly, wear their chains and badges and to charge their glasses.

The President of the LMA, the Lord Mayor of Westminster, Cllr Jonathan Glanz provided us with an interesting insight of his year to date and raised a Toast to all the Members.

We were also delighted to hear from The Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alderman Sir



William Russell who in addition to speaking about his year during the pandemic, raised the Toast to The London Mayors' Association.

A highlight of this event was the opportunity to have a number of informal get togethers meeting in breakout rooms over the course of the evening and catching up with those we hadn't seen for a while.

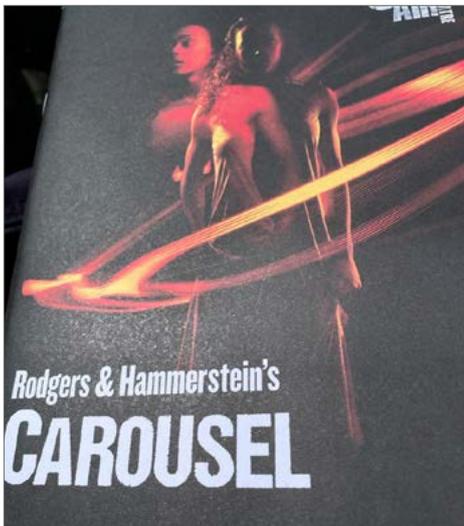
Everyone agreed it had been a fun and worthwhile evening.



Guests at the Virtual Dinner

Regent's Park Open Air Theatre – Carousel

Rosemary Markham



Way back in April, Brian Coleman emailed LMA members with an invitation to attend the matinee performance of this iconic musical on Saturday, 7th August.

What a wonderful opportunity, surely we shall be free from Covid restrictions by then. Our cheque went off, the seat number confirmation arrived; all we had to do was sit back and hope and pray that we would get together, face-to-face, with many much missed friends, for the first time in what has been endless months of isolation and restriction.

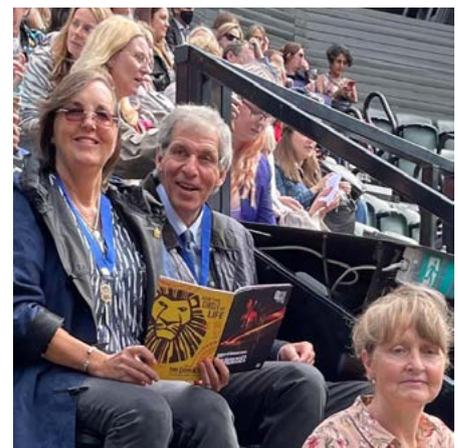
If Brian could also arrange good weather that would be an added bonus!

The morning arrives, as does the rain falling in stair rods outside our windows and across London. By 12.45 when we met Brian to be given our tickets, it had stopped raining and there is some blue sky, could we be in for a dry afternoon?

We could have pre-booked lunch in the Theatre area, some of us did and much enjoyed their repast being protected from the sudden downpour by the large umbrella over their table. Others chose to eat lunch at the Regents Park Kitchen, just a short distance from the Theatre entrance. Either way, lunching with good friends and sharing face-to-face chats just added to the joy of the whole afternoon.

By 2.15 pm and we are in our seats and the orchestra in theirs, so the performance begins. The staging is, as always, rather basic and I wondered how it would work. It did, and it did not disappoint in any way.

What an exciting and energetic production of this story of personal





relationships. With a strong and very talented cast – the lead actors were all, I thought, brilliant in their roles not only in portraying their characters but their voices were wonderful too – soaring strongly into the amphitheatre, then gentle and emotional in turn. So many songs we all knew well. The choreography was slick and vibrant; the supporting cast earned my respect with both their dancing and singing, ensuring the smooth transition from scene to scene leading the audience through the story. The scene when Billy Bigelow kills himself was well handled leading on to the

emotional final scene, when his 'ghost' is allowed to see his daughter Louise, but she cannot see him. This scene involved the young actress playing the part of Louise, together with four of the male supporting cast in some dramatic, athletic and thought-provoking dance sequences; evoking emotions that once again reduced me to tears along with many others in the audience.

Although for me the costumes could have been a little brighter, it all worked beautifully; the sound production was clear throughout. It was truly

entertaining and enjoyable afternoon shared with many folk we are lucky enough to call 'friends'. Thank you again Brian, I'm looking forward to 2022 already.





Please indulge your Editorial Board as we make the crossover to the Journal's 2022 realm to celebrate a very special London New Year's Day Parade – 1 January 2022 – such a boost for all of us and big thanks to Destination Events for their fantastic show – what an achievement.

LONDON'S NEW YEAR'S DAY PARADE LONDON'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE TO THE WORLD THE SHOW DID GO ON

They said it couldn't be done, due to all the hurdles, barriers and bumps in the road, that have been placed in all our ways over the last two years.

But we Londoners are made of stern stuff – and upheld the spirit of the West End and ensured that the 'show did go on'.

LNYP sent a New Year's message to the World that it was indeed open for business, thanks to Destination Events, the team behind London's New Year's Parade.

The spectacular two and half hour 'arena show' held in Waterloo Place on January 1st was a wonderful shop window for overseas viewers thinking about making a foreign trip this year.

Numerous Mayors and members enjoyed the show in person within the grandstand seats.

Here's how the stats stacked up.

- 15,000 new organisations affiliated to Associated Press were supplied the event live
- 500 global broadcasters received the event from Reuters TV
- 176 US TV stations screened the event live
- 167,000 viewers watched live on London Live



Bob Bone, Executive Director of Destination Events, said *"the 'show went on' and we gave London and the World a day to remember. It wasn't a full-blown Parade, that will return in 2023, but it was an important steppingstone on the road back to normality."*

The event featured an eclectic mix of musical acts, cultural and community groups and some 'firecracker' moments. As ever the event reflected the extraordinary diversity of the city that it serves.

For those that missed it – the entire event is available to view at www.lnydp.com

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