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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the 2022 edition of 'The Mace-Bearer'. As I write, we find that the long drawn out battle with COVID seems to be finally fading towards the backs of our minds. It is therefore a cruel world where we now find ourselves facing the dreadful developing situation in Ukraine, whilst at the same time witnessing soaring energy bills, fuel prices reaching an all time high and through it all we watch our government in turmoil, seeking new leadership. But, just as a lesser nation would allow their heads to drop in desperation, along came our amazing monarch, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, to lift the nations hearts. In 2022, the people of Britain came together to celebrate 70 glorious years of her reign. Beacons were lit, flags and bunting adorned every street and shop window and Paddington Bear even visited Buckingham Palace! During the four day Jubilee bank holiday weekend, my Mayor and her deputy visited over 100 street parties in Bromley alone. I know that this was typical of not just all the other boroughs of London, but towns and cities across the country. Many of our maces made it back out in public view again, and you'll see the evidence of that within these pages.

The last Conference was put together in the final weeks, never knowing for sure if it would be able to go ahead. Full credit must therefore go to our Prime Warden Val Morrish, for pulling it out the hat.

Next year, let us hope for a return to normality in all aspects of life and in the meantime, I hope you enjoy reading this 2022 edition.

Neill Tully QPM - Guild Editor

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THE GUILD OF MACE-BEARERS

OBJECTS

To uphold and preserve the customs of the civic and corporate life of the Country and Commonwealth and to advise thereon.

To collect and disseminate information that will assist members in the performance of their duties.

To uphold the position and dignity of the office of Mace-Bearer within the civic and corporate domain.

To promote the spirit of comradeship and co-operation amongst its members.

To encourage a degree of uniformity in civic and corporate ceremonial without infringing the peculiar and characteristics customs of individual Towns and Corporations

To assemble its members periodically to discuss matters of professional interest.

IDEAL

The Guild shall be strictly non-sectarian and non-political and shall not seek the status of a Trade Union.

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Semper Fidelis (Ever Faithful)

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From The Prime Warden

Dear Guild Members,

My Installation at Bideford Town Hall in March was, without doubt, one of the most momentous occasions of my life. Never in a million years did I think I would become Prime Warden, let alone being only the second woman to do so. I must first of all thank my husband Paul, my son and daughter who not only supported me on the day, but also for the encouragement they gave me when I was having doubts about accepting the invitation.

The Guild Council and Bideford Town Council played a huge part in making the day such a success, especially as my Investiture and the A.G.M. were available on Zoom for the very first time for those members who were unable to attend in person. My thanks must also go to all Members and FOG's who travelled considerable distances to Bideford to share my day. Although it was decided to have just a one day Conference, we managed to pack in the Installation, A.G.M., two training sessions and a local history talk for the FOG's, interspersed with a buffet lunch and an afternoon cream tea, and an informal dinner in the evening.



In my capacity of Prime Warden, I have attended various events in my area, from Jubilee Parades, Church Services, Fairs, Street Parties and Beacon Lightings to Flag Raising on Armed Forces Day. I am very privileged to hold this honour in the Queen's Platinum Year which has coincided with the seventieth year of the Guild. Much interest has been shown in the Guild's history and in particular the Prime Warden's Insignia. I have appointed an Army Cadet as my Standard Bearer, who has carried the Guild Standard with great pride on many of these occasions.

My Invitation to be Guest of Honour at Royal Wootton Bassett Town Criers Competition and to carry their Ceremonial Sword had to be cancelled due to the passing of our beloved Sovereign. I was, however, invited to be Chieftain of the Gathering of Massed Pipes and Drums in Bideford when the late Queen's favourite tunes were played. We all know how much she loved to hear a Piper, and to commemorate the occasion I was presented with an inscribed Quaich.

I'm sure there will be many more events to attend before I hand over my tenure to the Renter Prime Warden, Clifford East next year.

May I conclude by wishing you all every success in all you do for your Mayors, Civic Leaders and Communities and thank you for the trust and honour you have bestowed on me.

Semper Fidelis

Valerie Morrish

Prime Warden





RENTER PRIME WARDEN

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Fellow members,

For me it has been a strange term of office as Renter Prime Warden for the Guild. With Covid-19 spreading for a second time, the loss of our much loved Queen, and my Charter Trustee's, Mayoralty and staff pushing hard to get Margate as a Town Council.

My position as Margate Mace-Bearer requires me to attend functions and events that require the presence of the Mace or the Mace-Bearer are few and far between, all equally important when required and an honour to represent Margate.

I hope to meet up once again with members old and new with the Guild Conference once again being held over two days.

Regards,

Cliff East

Renter Prime Warden



GUILD EDITOR



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Greetings,

Editing the magazine is always quite a challenge. Never more so than it was these last years. It's content relies heavily on you, the members, sending in your stories and articles and these only generate themselves over a period of working time. In 2018/19 nobody really did anything newsworthy and so the content pool almost dried up. Getting last years magazine out took 5 months longer than usual and it didn't actually land on your doormats until Jan/Feb 22.

"At least it went out, albeit a bit late" I hear you say. True, but the knock on effect of that was it only left me 7 months in which to get this years edition out and in similar sparse working conditions too.

Thankfully, things have picked up as the year has progressed. Your maces have been out and about, particularly with the Jubilee celebrations. So, thankfully, material has once again started to flow in.

Thank you all for your submissions, I couldn't do it without you. Here's to a more normal year in 2022/3



GUILD CLERK



hris Hobbs-East clerk@macebearer.com

This year has hopefully been a busy year for all.

Thanks must first of all go to the Guild Editor for the quick turn around between magazines. It is not an easy job compiling such a great annual magazine let alone two in one year!

As we all return to some sort of normality may I remind members that the Guild Council is here for all matters. We can all admit I'm sure to having foggy moments after so long without having to don our civic uniforms or organise parades etc, so please do not hesitate to contact your area reps or any council member for any questions you may have. Finally a big well done to our Prime Warden Val who stepped up by organising a great one day conference in Bideford. This was no mean feat as trying to make a day that was interesting, educational yet safe for members all with the uncertainty of if it would go ahead due to restrictions was not an easy task. I hope I can speak for all members who attended that it was great to get together again and share our experiences.

At the conference we trialed a hybrid installation and welcomed the Guild's first Communications Officer. I look forward to seeing how the Guild is yet to grow and thrive through its members.

I wish all members well and hopefully see you all at conference next year.



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Hello everyone, another year has passed, and I trust I find you well.

I would like to start by thanking members for granting me the privilege of Master status. It is much appreciated.

Onto the Guild accounts, we are in a very healthy position and were able to make several charity donations. So far in 2022 we have donated to the Ukraine crisis and planted a tree for the Platinum Jubilee.

I would like to thank Val Morrish for organising a enjoyable event in Bideford for the Guild AGM earlier this year. I look forward to the next AGM in Margate and hope to see many of you there.

GUILD BURSAR







COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Hi all!

At the AGM in Bideford the Guild agreed to add the new role of Communications Officer to the Council and I was delighted to accept the position.

In order to promote the Guild to as wide an audience as possible and to highlight the great work members do day-in-day-out we now have the following social media presences open to all members and the public. (Please note that these sites are constantly monitored for any inappropriate content or comments).



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Please do sign up to these and feel free to share your Mace-Bearing stories. They really are of interest and also help to pass on knowledge and information to other members. They also help to bring a wider understanding to those outside the Mace-Bearer community about what we do, helping to dispel myths and mis-information.

The Queen's Jubilee was a prime example of how these platforms can share what was going on around the country and many members made use of them. Please do not let it stop there. Keep sharing!

If you have any concerns about how to use the sites above please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be contacted via the following email: comms@macebearer.com

Why Join the Guild? - What's in it for me?

If you carry a mace, take part in civic or university processions or ceremonial events, then the Guild is for you.

Our members have a wealth of experience in protocol matters such as: Who should be in a procession? What order should dignitaries be in? How should a procession be marshalled and announced?

At less formal occasions the rules of protocol can be just as tricky. Should the Mayor wear his chain at a funeral? Can the Mayoress attend events in his stead? Does the Chancellor always enter last? Who should sit on the host's right at dinner?

All of these questions and many more are in the domain of the mace-bearer and the Guild of Mace-Bearers is where you can get real answers from experienced colleagues.



Membership allows you a wealth of support from fellow members. You will also receive the 'Manual of the Mace' – A pocket sized hand book which is a complete road map to success for any new mace-bearer.

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Membership also includes your copy of the 'The Mace-Bearer' yearly magazine. Packed full of useful articles, stories and pictures, details of regular training opportunities, and reports from the Guild Council. In addition, membership gives you full access to the 'members only' area of the Guild website and on-line shop.



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Russell Carnelley—Darlington BC

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Karl Hopton—Bournemouth CT

Mandy Hurd—Calderdale MBC

Claire Mann—Malmesbury TC

Mark O'Callaghan—Tunbridge Wells BC

Jonathan Owens—Ripon City Council

Phillip Rowne-Speed—Evesham TC

David Wicks—Higham Ferrers TC

Gina Wilding - Ludlow TC

Algernon Williams—House of Lords

Steven Williams—Sefton BC

Gary Wilson— Freelance N.Ireland

Simon Reed - Penzance TC

Colin George - Elmbridge BC

Stephen Buchanan - Glasgow City

Peter Adams - Thurrock Council UA

Nicholas Buckle - Witney TC

Conference 20



It also provided an opportunity to stroll around the beautiful riverside town, explore a part of the 'Tarka the Otter' trail, or just relax with drinks in the bar

Historic Wharv

The next day began with the installation of the new Prime Warden Val Morrish. The weekend set a new precedence by streaming the action live over the intenet. Members were even able to vote during the AGM online.

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There followed some fascinating training sessions around Dementia Awareness and a 'Hands-on' guide to practical First Aid.

As always, the weekend concluded with a formal dinner held this time at the Thatched Inn, Abbotsham.







Two Mace-Bearers Celebrate their Long Service.





Whilst another decides it's time to hang up his robes.



John Kerslake has performed the Civic Ceremonial duties as Mace-Bearer in an exemplary fashion in Malmesbury Wiltshire for over twenty years.

He has recently decided to call it a day and pass the mace on to somebody new. I'm sure whoever takes over will have a hard act to follow.

We wish John health and happiness for his future plans.

In the Town Council of Okehampton in Devon, we hear the news that two long -standing Mace-Bearers celebrate their devoted service. David Hollinshead and Basil Jones, who between them, celebrated a massive 60 years of service to the Council.

David having served for 40 years and Basil 20 years.

These milestones were recognised and both Mace-Bearers were presented with a Mayor's Award by the Mayor, Councillor Julie Yelland.

Congratulations to you both and long may you continue.



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FOGS News 2022 LOGs News 5055



After a short hiatus the Guild managed a get together in Bideford. It was a different feel to previous AGMs with no organised visits for FoGs but it was so good to be able to meet again in person.

In the true spirit of FoGs outings however, we did still manage to find a tea shop or two!

With nothing much to report on the FoGs side, I thought I would give a little news on things that have been happening in my home town of Southampton. I say Town, but since 24 February 1964 Southampton has actually been a city.



The first recorded use of the term 'Mayor' in Southampton can be traced back to a letter dating around 1217. The first Mayor to be mentioned by name was Walter Fortin who served from 1220 to 1234. The first lady Mayor, Lucia Foster Welch was appointed in 1927.

On 18 May 2022, Southampton City celebrated a milestone by investing Councillor Jacqui Rayment as the City's 800th Mayor. At the same time the first Children's Mayor, Amaanah Hayat was invested.

If those two events weren't enough cause for celebration, two days later on 20 May, it was announced that Southampton had been successful in its bid to be granted Lord Mayor Status in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



Jacqui Rayment @Jacwee67 · May 20

Waking up to...As well as creating eight new cities, the competition marking the Jubilee has bestowed the honour of Lord Mayoralty status on Southampton. It means the city can now have a Lord Mayor. Guess that's me then.@SouthamptonCC @BevoisLabour #lifescrazy #blessed #LordMayor

Southampton also made the final four in the bid to become City of Culture 2025. Despite a lot of hard work and a really good bid, Southampton lost out to Bradford.

Here's hoping that next year will see a resumption of the normal Guild Conference format and I hope to see you all in 2023 (as long as it's not in Bradford!)..



To become a FoG, either complete the application form on the website or come along to the next conference and we'll sign you up there and then.

Susan Spencer (aka FoG One)



University of Wolverhampton Graduation July 2021.

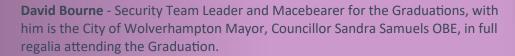
(Postponed due to the pandemic)

Many Universities bear maces and here we have a report from **David Bourne**...

Over the past two weeks, we have celebrated the tremendous achievements of our Class of 2021 graduates. Graduations are always a wonderful time and are arguably the most rewarding time in a university's annual calendar.

I had an amazing time meeting family and friends of our 2021 graduates and seeing them walk across the stage in their cap and gown, it was a great

celebration for all concerned, I look forward to our September 2022 Graduation, to start the celebrations all over again.







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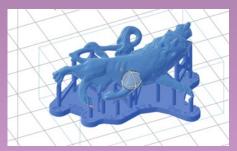


Ged Collins and family - Goldsmiths

This year's technological additions to the brave old world of goldsmithing are two-fold.

The first, a 3D scanner: last year the cost was £8K and this year is down to £3K and you can now even do it on your phone for free! Scan your maces, give it a try.







Scanning and reproducing complicated models like these two beasts of the kingdom above, in less expensive metals and different sizes to make facsimile chains of office, is now a skill that my apprentice can handle very well indeed. Previously I had to hand-carve wax models and reproducing these a different size could take two or three days for each piece to get just right. Now they can be reproduced by our 3D printer in a wax suitable to burn out within an hour or two. It was possible previously with our 3D scanner and milling machine but now is much simpler.

The second new addition is a fibre laser milling machine, proper James Bond stuff this. Five years ago £35K, this year £7K. It saves a massive amount of time, cutting cells for champlevé enamel has just become hugely less expensive and much more accurate (which also alters the valuations of many items).



Here's a photo of me cutting cells in a shield by hand to fill with enamel having first hand piercing-out the shield itself. This was a lost shield from an 18ct yellow gold chain which



had been lost due to incorrect repair many years before and having not been serviced by a goldsmith with the knowledge of how these things are supposed to be held together. Today this would, if hand-cut, take around eight hours to prepare before being enamelled and then a further two or three hours work itself. I can now carry out this preparation with a ten minute, computer drawn design followed by a six minute blast from the laser. I still have to spend as much time with the enamelling (although there are some shortcuts available there too if required). The only bugbear here is the spiralling cost of the gold itself. It spirals in both directions and is priced in dollars now and no-longer decided in England (in part thanks to the Brinks-Mat robbery many of you will remember, but that's another story).

Other news is that my goldsmithing daughter Sarah has returned an odd day here and there, mainly doing valuation updates and is looking forward to her children starting school and so freeing up more hours back at the bench.

Sam the apprentice is enjoying learning alongside me, as I too am still learning (after 49 years at it). The new equipment, and often stupid software, is trying at times but we still have so much traditional handskill work to juicy-up our lives; many things must still be done the "old" ways and always will be but there are so few of us left around and so few willing to learn.



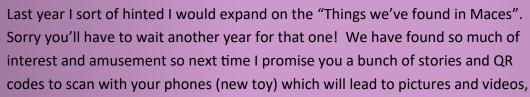
Pictured on the left, a white gold crown which had dropped off a modern mayoral pendant (now secured with proper "OLD SCHOOL" nuts and bolts) I actually pierced and milled



out the enamel cells using this hand drawn sketch. The whole job of replacing this missing component and vitreous enamelling it was completed within three hours flat.

Just imagine how many hours this piece on the right took to hand-cut. I am able to do it all by hand and

often have to where the enamel has been smashed-out and left to wear away for years. But nowadays it could all be made from scratch and ready for the enamel in about three hours. It could have taken five days if done by hand and for this actual piece the result would be virtually indistinguishable.





see the one below to view my laser completing an engraving of a coat of arms. This was recently applied to ten past Mayoral medallions, previous iterations of this design having been hand-engraved at considerable expense. They now actually look so much more precise and of course come in at a lower cost than would otherwise be the case.

Much thanks to **Fattorini & Co** for their wonderful design for the Platinum Jubilee hallmark. I have graced many items thus far with this extra orb. For my birthday I received **Edward Barrett's** astonishingly interesting book Ceremonial Swords of Britain which is an additional Bible for all with an interest in the history of insignia. I only wish I had the time to do the same job on all the Maces and Mayoral chains of the whole Kingdom too. Perhaps if I live until I'm 150 and get started next week I might manage it!



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Peter E. Legg **Guild Website Officer**

August 2022

I am pleased to report that following the closure of The Mace-Bearer pub in Bury St Edmonds last year we were able to purchase the web domain macebearer.co.uk. This now points to our website at www.macebearer.com thus removing the opportunity for confusion from people searching for us online. I believe the pub has now re-opened but without a website.

Our online shop has continued to do well for the last 12 months with 45 orders placed by members for badges, collars, books etc.

For the second year running the good management of the Guild funds has enabled us to offer a reduction in the renewal fees of all full members while new joiners continue to pay the full rate of £35 for their first year as that covers the costs of the Manual of the Mace. We will be looking to see whether we can continue to offer this discount for a further year.



Membership has grown by about 8% over the last year and you will find a list of new members elsewhere in this magazine. A full list of all the authorities that our members work for is now available in the Members Only area of the website.

As of 10th August 2022 ...

All MEMBERSHIP				176
FULL MEMBERS		137		
HONORARY MEMBER	S			26
FRIEND OF THE GUILD)			10
FREEMAN OF THE GUILD				3
				176
SCOTLAND MEMBERS				8
NORTH & NORTH WA	LES MEMBERS/	NORTHERN	IRELAND	41
SOUTH WEST & SOUT	H WALES MEME	BERS		56
SOUTH EAST MEMBEI	RS			71
				176
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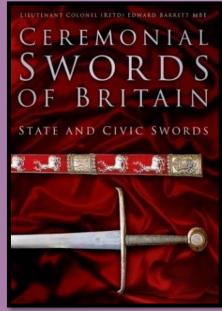
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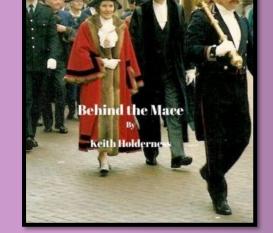
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Ceremonial Swords by Lt Col.



Behind the Mace by Keith Holderness



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Co. Fermanagh - Jubilee Celebrations Photos



The opening of the Co. Fernanagh 'Coronation Exibition' was attended by H M Lord Lieutenants for County Fermanagh, The Viscount Brookeborough KG and County

Tyrone Mr Robert Scott OBE, as well as members of the Royal Dragoon Guards and the Chair of Fermanagh and Omagh District Council. It is a very rare occassion that two Lord Lieutenants attend an event in one County.

Guild member Gary Wilson had the honour of

reading the Platinum Jubilee proclamation in Enniskllen ..the most Westerly location in the UK for this to happen.



Gary performed the Honourable duty of hosting the beacon lighting ceremony by DL of County Fermanagh in Enniskillen which saw a massed band of 60 pipers and 30 drummers play in tribute to Her Majesty, as well as a peal if bells from the Cathedral bell ringers, an Anthem from the choir and the sounding of the Jubilee bugle call.



Gary Wilson - Co. Fermanagh

Margate Honour

The Margate Charter Trustees conferred Tracey Emin with the title of Honorary Freewoman of Margate on Friday 12 August

Ms Emin received the honour in recognition of her international acclaim as an artist and her investment in the cultural and physical environment of Margate.

This is the first time that the Charter Trustees have conferred the honour and Ms Emin is only the fourth woman ever to receive this honour. The three previous recipients were also honoured by the Borough of Margate.



The ceremony took place at Ms Emin's studio in Union Crescent, Margate, and was attended by Ms Emin, and The Worshipful the Town Mayor of Margate Cllr Heather Keen.

Cliff East—Renter Prime Warden





Rifle Regiment Exercise their 'Freedom of the

Borough' - Russell Carnelly (Macebearer for Darlington)



Russell Carnelley is the Mayoral Officer and Mace-Bearer for Darlington Borough Council. He started this role in January 2022, so is relatively new. The role is a complete change for him compared to his previous career in the Merchant Navy and Port Pilotage. He describes a major event ...

On the 1st July 2022 the Rifles Regiment exercised their Freedom of the Borough and marched through the town centre of Darlington. The march by the Band and Bugles is very impressive as it is at quick

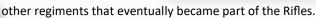


pace whilst playing musical instruments. The band marches at 140 paces per minute. The march culminated with a very impressive music and marching display in the town's market square. Anyone watching could only have felt pride and admiration at the skills of this military marching band.



The 'Rifles' are an Infantry
Regiment that were formed
in 2007 and were created as
a result of the army
structure review of that
year. Several battalions were
amalgamated and
incorporated thirteen
counties including County

Durham. The Durham Light Infantry amalgamated in 1968 with four





I was privileged as Mace-Bearer to lead the civic procession from the Town Hall to the Market Square. I also supported the Mayor in her inspection of the military band. The Civic procession included The Deputy Lieutenant of County Durham Colonel Artur Charlton TD; The Worshipful the Mayor of Darlington Councillor Anne -Marie Curry and the Deputy Rifles Colonel North and Midlands Colonel Neil Bellamy.

It was good to learn at the reception afterwards that the Senior Bugle Major who

led the band was born and bred very close to Darlington. The Band marches all over the country and abroad. This was one of the few events where he could visit and stay at his home.







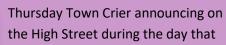


Hythe Town Sergeant and Town Mayors Secretary.

My role over the past few years has changed quite considerably, due partly to the pandemic but also due to a complete change of staff. We only have four staff, but with them all being new in post they relied on me while they settled in. This has left me being the main events coordinator for Mayoral and Civic matters, which fits in quite nicely with my Mace-Bearer, Town Sergeant and Mayor's secretary roles.

I received an email in January notifying the council that the jubilee weekend would consist of two bank holidays on the Thursday and Friday, 2nd - 3rd June 2022 and a link to the official web page suggesting events which we may like to hold. I called a meeting at the Town Hall where all interested parties were invited to attend and submit ideas for the town of Hythe to celebrate what would probably be the only platinum jubilee in history.

It was decided that we would have the following events:



the beacon would be lit that evening. We had the piper and bugler play the recommended music at the appropriate time, followed by the lighting of the beacon at 21:45 hours. Pretty straight forward you might think, but with the new staff, came new risk assessments and I had to have our beacon tested. It was the large basket type gas fuelled via a pipe. The gas engineer took one look at it and asked how I had tested it

the last time I had used it. When I told him I had lit it and it worked okay, he immediately condemned it and suggested we buy a new one. This we purchased from the official web site. If anyone wants a second hand beacon let me know, it comes

with its own feed pipe which leaks, it would appear the adhesive electrical tape wrapped around one part of it was not considered safe enough. Anyway, all proceeded well on the night, please see the pictures.

The town Crier is Chris McNeilly. He also plays the bag pipes and bugle, very handy!







From the collaborative meeting it was decided that Friday would be the day for the churches to come together and hold a service outside on our bandstand.



Saturday was set aside for local organisations in the town to do their own thing and the Mayor attended several small functions around the town. This included a treasure hunt on the High Street for the kids and a best crown competition which the Mayor judged.

Sunday the final day of the weekend it was decided we would arrange a party in the park for all those who were not able to have street parties. With a band on the bandstand, bouncy castles, face painters and many other contributors making it a day to remember.

It was a truly fantastic weekend coming only two weeks after the election of our new Mayor. The year before I had tried to do everything which was clearly not the way forward. This weekend worked, because everyone worked together. I looked after Thursday, the churches looked after Friday, Hythe Business and tourism looked after the Saturday and the Sunday was organised by the staff in the office. It set a standard for things to come and after the two years we have just been through, it has really brought





the town together. Having a dynamic and active Mayor, not afraid to wear his robes everywhere, goes a long way.

Roll on Speakers Day in October!

Terry Reene

Suns Out... Buns Out!

It would appear that Abingdon-on-Thames are not the only ones to regularly throw baked snacks from the roof tops of their civic buildings (see Nigel Luker—Mace-Bearer Magazine 2021). It would seem that the people of Harwich run the risk a bun to the head on a regular basis too...

I have the honour of being the Mace Bearer for the Town Council here in Harwich. My association with the council goes back some time having been a Councillor and Mayor in the past. I was very interested to read Nigel Luker's article in The Mace-Bearer 2021 regarding bun throwing that his council in Abingdon-on-Thames get up to. We in Harwich throw buns every year too at Mayor Making, which takes place in May.

Harwich is a small town standing on a peninsular at the most easterly point of Essex, with a natural harbour giving safe shelter to boats throughout its history. Once being an important Navel base, many timber war ships were built and maintained here in the Navy Boat Yard which still exists today (although in name only as it is now a busy dock yard). The earliest Navel "man of war" being the Colchester, built in 1660 and one of the last and largest, the Scarburd, a 62 tonner, built in 1812 with 74 guns.

During its long history the town has been through many changes and was made a free borough in 1318.



Between 1679 and 1688 the diarist Samuel Pepys was MP for Harwich. It is said that that he never actually visited Harwich but it is now believed that he made at least one fleeting visit.



Another notable individual who lived here, was Captain Christopher Jones. He sailed his ship, the Mayflower, from Harwich in 1620 to Southampton, in readiness for the Pilgrim voyage to the New World. Eventually setting sail from Plymouth in September to arrive in America in November 1620. Interestingly, in 1670,a settlement in Massachusetts was formed called Harwich.



Today the Town Council meets and has its offices in the Guildhall, a splendid Grade 1 listed building in the centre of Harwich.

The building was bought by the council in 1673. Back then it was then a public house, called 'The Bear'. In the back yard it had a pit where a live bear was kept for the amusement of the punters.

The building was re-configured by the council in 1769.

Today, after Mayor making, the Mayor, Councillors and invited guests process for a civic service to St. Nicholas Church, about 40 meters down the road. The Councillors wear their robes, the Mayor in the regalia including the Mayors Chain, dating from 1884. As Mace-Bearer, I lead the procession bearing the Town's ceremonial mace which dates back to 1669 and is of Silver Gilt.

After the service the procession returns to the Guildhall followed by the congregation, which includes several classes from local schools.

The Mayor and his party ascend to the first floor meeting chamber where they throw buns (called

Kitchels) down into the street below for the waiting crowd to catch. The children eagerly catch the kitchels but it is not long before adults are joining in. Many of the adults will remember how they, as children, would have stood there in anticipation. The origins of the 'Kitchel throwing' has long since been lost in the mists of time, but 'Kitchels' were mentioned in the Canterbury Tales (1386).

No one knows for sure when 'Kitchel throwing' began in Harwich, but in a



guide book of 1905 it mentions a "curious custom, hundreds of years old" that the newly elected Mayor would "shower his blessings on the children by throwing kitchels to them".

I, for one, hope this curious custom continues for many more years .

John Ford — Harwich Town Council Mace-Bearer

Royal Borough Celebrates Historic Jubilee

by Nigel Luker

In



The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea's

Civic Service

to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of

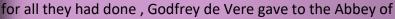
Her Majesty The Queen



St Mary Abbots Church, Kensington Wednesday 23 March 2022 In 1093, the Manor of Kensington, London was in the ownership of the de Vere family, who later became the Earls of Oxford.

In the late 11th century Godfrey de Vere's son fell gravely ill, whilst travelling near Abingdon on Thames and was cared for by the Abbots of Abingdon.

In 1100, as a mark of gratitude



Abingdon a small area around the old chapel of St Mary, Kensington.

In time this became known as the 'Abbots Manor' and it's church as 'St Mary Abbots'.

So began the long association

between Abingdon on Thames and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

This year the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and myself (Mace-Bearer), were invited to attend their civic service at St Mary Abbots

Church, Kensington

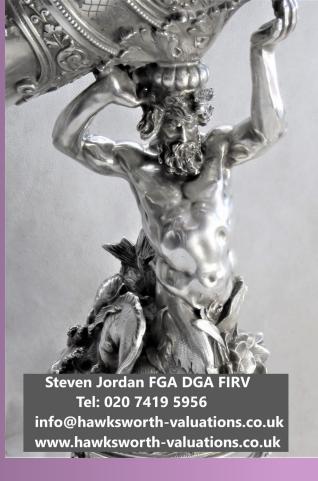
on the 23rd March to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen.

The service was well attended by local dignitaries with leaders of other faith groups present offering prayers and reflections, the church choir was excellent and the whole event with the reception in the Kensington Borough's Civic offices was very enjoyable.

(Photos by Justin Thomas)



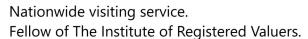






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In September 2009 he was awarded the National Association of Jewellers' Institute of Registered Valuers' David Wilkins Trophy, for 'outstanding skill, dedication and service in respect of appraisal and valuation'.

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- Fellow of The National Association of Jewellers (FNAJ)
- National Association of Jewellers Fellow of the Institute
 of Registered Valuers (FIRV)
- Member of the Society of Jewellery Historians
- National Association of Jewellers Professional Jeweller diploma (PJdip)
- Gemmological Association of Great Britain Diamond Diploma (DGA)

- Chairman, National Association of Jewellery Valuers (2010 April 2013)
- 2009 recipient of the David Wilkins trophy
- Committee member, The National Association of Jewellers Institute of Registered Valuers (2013-2015)
- Board Member of The Gemmological Association (2010 -2012)
- Freeman of the Worshipful Company of Arts Scholars
- Individual member of The Cathedral Archives, Libraries and Collections Association

The Life of (King) Brian!

Mace-Bearer Brian Sullivan dresses up for Royal Visit!

Friday the 8th of July, 2022, was a special day for both the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames and its Mace-Bearer Brian Sullivan. Not only was the Royal Borough privileged to hosts a visit by the Earl of Wessex, HRH Prince Edward, but guild member Brian swapped his normal Mace-Bearing uniform for something very unusual.

As part of Kingston's Platinum Jubilee celebrations the Earl unveiled a plaque to commemorate the renovation of Kingston's famous Coronation stone and the opening of a Jubilee trail through the historic Town

Children from seven local primary schools were invited, each school representing one of the seven Saxon Kings said to have been crowned upon the stone in the tenth century.



His normal duties as the Mayors Attendant and Mace-Bearer were put aside and he was attired as King Athelstan. Whilst this



looks like fun and indeed, was a great honour, he says it was a very warm day the additional hair was an issue!

King Athelstan, the grandson of Alfred the Great, by war and diplomacy became the first King of the whole of England. Crowned in Kingston in 925AD he was the first King to actually wear a crown rather than a helmet. He introduced a religious element to the coronation for the first time, much of which survives to this day.

In 2025 it will be 1100 years since his coronation in Kingston and we hope to have another celebration then, so Brians 'thespian' skills could well be called upon again!

Brian Sullivan. Mace-Bearer for the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames.



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Can You Carry a Mace? ... Congratulations, you have a new job!

Jill Manly writes about how she became a Mace-Bearer

I am now a Mace-Bearer for Shrewsbury Town Council. Wow... How did that happen!

I worked for Shrewsbury and Atcham Borough Council (things changed in 2009 on Unitary hence its now a Town Council). My office was in the same building as the Mayoral office so we all knew each other in there.

In 1996 I was casually asked if I would mind attending Annual Council/Mayor Making as the Mace-Bearer. I was told I "wouldn't really have to do anything and I would get a free meal" (not to mention time out of the office) so I agreed.

Mace-bearers were usually appointed from workers from the Depot, but on this occasion, there were no volunteers.

I was a bit wary at first as I was the first female Mace-Bearer for the town, but the team all really looked after me and helped me with the role. After the ceremonies and meal, I was told "see you next time". I was officially "on the books" as the Shrewsbury Town Council Mace-Bearer!

Our regular events are:

Attending a church service at Shrewsbury School. Several famous pupils including Charles Darwin. This service is to reinforce the historic link between school and Town.



Annual Council/Mayor making. This is open to members of the public, recently held in Shrewsbury Theatre. When I first started it was held in The Music Hall with all the town silver on display. An amazing sight.

Mayors Sunday church service follows and is held at St Chad's.

Then we attend Battle of Britain and Remembrance Sunday. There are close links with all nearby service personnel. There was until recently large army camp in

Shrewsbury. Things change and units amalgamated. We still have a RAF base at Shawbury where helicopter pilots are trained for all the services.

A recent addition to our attendances is escorting the Mayor into Shrewsbury Flower Show for the official opening of the show. This took place on 12 August 2022. It was blistering hot standing in our robes but fortunately we were not there very long.

The Team standing on the steps of St Chads. The Town



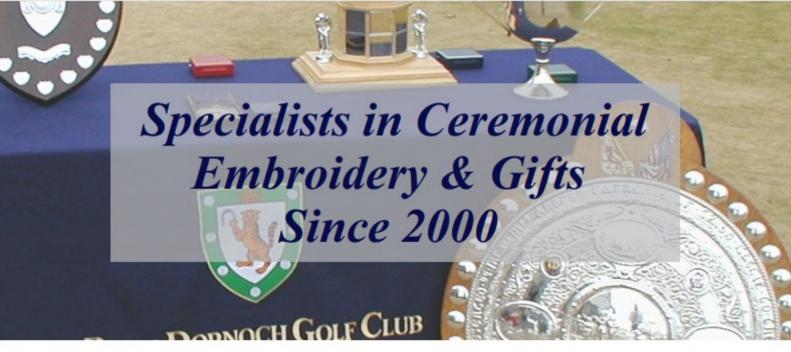
Clerk, Helen Ball, Roy Whitfield-Percy, me, Swordbearer Keith Jones, his wife Sylvia and Steve Doyle.

We actually have

lace, dated 1820. Part of Shrewsbury Civic Regalia. Shrewsbury
ough Council (SABC: SH/2004/082 and SABC: SH/2004/083).
Each mace is 2 feet 4inches long. They are surmounted by a
own, around which is engraved "The Rev. Hugh Owen, Mayor
q, Senior - Alderman R.H. Edw., Earl of Powis - Recorded A.D.

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A Busy Year for Southampton's Town Crier...

In May, Southampton selected its 800th Mayor, Councillor Jacqui Rayment and I was honoured to officiate

throughout the ceremony.



Following on from that, I have attended a number of events with the Mayor, including the Mayoral dinner, some charity events and the opening of a celebration event for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.





Southampton also applied to become City of Culture in 2025 but, unfortunately, were unsuccessful, losing out to Bradford. As a consolation, we discovered that Southampton's



Mayoralty had been granted the honour of Lord Mayor Status as part of the Jubilee Celebrations.

This made my Jubilee proclamation in June at the Beacon Lighting a very happy event with the Mayor. We are now waiting for Letters Patent to make everything official and will have a big celebration when this occurs.

Alan Spencer
City of Southampton

Where Next?





The Guild of Mace-Bearers formally invites you to attend the 2023 Annual Conference and Training event, hosted within the Pegwell Bay Hotel in Ramsgate

Pegwell Bay is a shallow inlet in the English Channel coast astride the estuary of the River Stour north of Sandwich Bay, between Ramsgate and Sandwich in Kent.

We do hope you are able to attend this event and we look forward to welcoming you in such beautiful settings.



ACCOMMODATION

The annual conference of the Guild of Mace-Bearers, featuring the 2022 Guild training and Annual General Meeting will be held at the

Pegwell Bay Hotel Ramsgate, Kent on Thursday 16th to Friday 17th February 2023.

http://www.pegwellbayhotel.co.uk

Tel. 01843 599590

Please quote 'Guild of Mace-Bearers conference' if booking rooms at this hotel.

£85 per night single occupancy £110 per night double occupancy

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Accommodation and parking will be the responsibility of the individual member.

Annual Conference

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Training

Thursday 16th & Friday 17th February 2023

Ramsgate

Kent

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Programme

Below are details of the formal training. However, members also benefit from the informal discussions with members from across the country.

Thursday 16th February

Members

10.30—11.30 Registration, Welcome and Robing 11.30—12.30 Installation (In uniform) and Photos

12.30—13.30 Buffet lunch

13.30—14.30 Training Session

14.30—14.45 Tea/Coffee break 14.45—15.45 A.G.M

18.30 Black tie Dinner

Friday 17th February

07.00—10.00 Breakfast

10.00—11.00 Training Session

11.00—11.15 Tea/Coffee Break

11.15—12.15 Training Session

12.15—13.00 Q&A Session 13.00 Conference closed by Prime Warden

The programme has been carefully planned so that priority is given to training. Please show this programme to your line manager and discuss with them the benefits of you attending. The better trained and more knowledgeable you are, the better you will serve your Mayor and your Council.

Accommodation and parking will be the responsibility of the individual member.

The agenda for the meeting is as printed in the Manual of the Mace.

Members attending are encouraged to bring their Macebearing uniform. This is worn for the installation ceremony and for the official photograph.

There is a separate programme of events for spouses and other guests.

COSTS

£70 members & £50 FOGs/other guests.

Visit the website www.macebearer.com to book

Rews Watch Quiz

With all that's been going on in the 12 months following our last issue, have you been keeping an eye on the lesser known headlines news?

September 11 th	Which British Tennis player won the US Open Women's Singles tournament in this month.
	The first female British player to win a major since Viginia Wade in 1977?
October 15 th	During this month, the maximum amount for which contactless payment can be used was raised from £45 to what ?
November 30 th	Which Country became a republic on this day, thereby, no longer having Her Majesty the Queen as it's Head of state, but joined the Commonwealth of Nations?
December 2 nd	What famous annual London attraction went on show today, but was branded by many as being 'Spindly' and 'Dead'?
January 17 th	Which News Broadcasting Company announced that it would begin playing the National Anthem at the start of each days live programming?
February 8 th	On this day, which British singer won 8 BRIT Awards, including best artist, song and album of the year ?
March 4 th	Which Australian cricket spin bowler and died from a heart attack on this day aged just 52 ?
April 29 th	Which former tennis star was sentenced this day to 2 & 1/2 years in prison for hiding assets during bankruptcy proceedings?
May 10 th	For the first time in her reign, what task did Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth ask her son Charles, the Prince of Wales and her Grandson, Prince William, Duke of Cambridge to perform on her behalf on this day?
June 4 th	During the 'Platinum Party at the Palace' event, which much-loved character joined Her Majesty the Queen in tapping teaspoons to 'We Will Rock You'?
July 18 th	What mammal was reintroduced in to the UK's Kent countryside for the first time in thousands of years on this day, where it is hoped it could improve the local ecology?
August 3 rd	What is the name of former US President Donal Trump's Florida home, that was raided by the FBI on this day ?



NEWS!

Answers on page 42



A Plea from the Editor...

Please Start Writing

The readers of this magazine are an interesting bunch. With all the various historical facts, stories and traditions, it is a potential gold mine of interesting reading.

I'm sure that each and every member of the Guild has a story to tell, whether it be an educational one, a serious, historical one or just a comical experience that you've come across in your day to day lives. Why not share it with the Guild?

We are always searching for interesting articles to fill these pages, so why not give it a go. You do not have to be a literary genius, and your article doesn't have to span several pages. It can be as long or as short as you wish and about any subject you feel would make an interesting read.

Don't worry about spelling, grammar, format or any other presentation issue. I will make sure it all looks and reads OK before it goes to print.

You can send your article to me in whichever format you wish, I am happy to receive it on a scrap of paper if necessary.

The Editor

editor@macebearewr.com

News Watch Quiz—Answers

August — Mar-a-Largo

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June—Paddington Bear

May—To carry out the State Opening of Parliament

April—Boris Becker

March—Shane Warne

February—Adele

Jaunary— GB News

December—The Trafalgar Square Christmas Tree

November—Barbados

October—£100

Zebtemper — Emma Raducanu

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The Presiding Officer of the Scottish Parliament
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1953-1954	Cpt. W.F. Floyd	Northampton
1954-1955	H. Gregory	City of Chester
1955-1956	R.H. Strong	Middlesbrough
1956-1957	A. Johnson	Paisley
1957-1958	R.C.F. Leppard	Dover
1958-1959	A. Broadhurst	Nuneaton
1959-1960	W.R.H. Thompson	City of Edinburgh
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1961-1962	W. Wood	Goole
1962-1963	J. Currie	Ayr
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1964-1965	H. Giliver	Bolton
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1967-1968	T. Lewis	Bury
1968-1969	J.R. Moffat	Falkirk
1969-1970	G.T. Eadie	City of Bath
1970-1971	C.F. Clifton	Barnsley
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2004-2005	R. Buckle	Colchester	
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2006-2007	D. Knight J.P.	Poole	
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2008-2009	A. Jenkins	St. Helens	
2009-2010	S. Dennis	City & County of Swansea	
2010-2011	J. Smoothy	St. Ives, Cambs.	
2011-2012	P. Townsend	London Borough of Croydon	
2012-2013	J Caruana	Hertford	
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2016—2017	R Trigger	Yeovil	
2017—2018	J Vauvert	Ripon	
2018—2019	K Simpson	LB Hammersmith & Fulham	
2019—2020	C Hobbs-East	Deal	
2020—2021	A Tregoning J.P.	Southend-On-Sea	
2021—2022	A Tregoning J.P.	Southend-On-Sea	
2022—	V Morrish	Bideford	

Mace-Bearer

"A Sword. A cup of Maintenance. A Mace
Great and well gilt, to do the Town more grace
Are borne before the Mayor and Aldermen,
And on festivities or High Days, then
Those Magistrates their Scarlet gowns do wear
And have six Sergeants to attend each year"
John Taylor 1622

Noun:

an official, as of a city or legislative body, who carries a ceremonial mace before dignitaries.

Origin:

1545-55, mace + bearer

SEMPER FIDELIS

