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CITY ELECTIONS 2022

City of London elections were due to be held in 2021 but were deferred to 2022 due to the Covid pandemic. The elections duly took place in the twenty-five wards of the City on Thursday 24th March. The result is a substantially changed Court of Common Council. Seventy three members were standing for re-election, sixty-two of them were successful meaning that there are thirty-eight new members.

In this ward of Farringdon Without, the Temple and Farringdon Together team of ten were standing for re-election en bloc for the ten available seats with only one challenger, Ellen Goodwin, a Labour candidate. The result was a resounding success for Temple and Farringdon Together as follows

Wendy Mead	289 votes
Greg Lawrence	286 votes
Oliver Sells	283 votes
Ruby Syed	282 votes
Paul Martinelli	281 votes
Edward Lord	278 votes
Caroline Addy	275 votes
William Upton	267 votes
George Abrahams	262 votes
John Absalom	249 votes

Ellen Goodwin achieved 108 votes. Across the City eleven members standing for re-election were unsuccessful in some close votes. However, six wards had uncontested elections.

Greg Lawrence commented – “We are delighted to have been re-elected and thank all those who supported us. I would like to congratulate everyone who was re-elected across the City and commiserate with those who were not. In particular, we welcome the thirty-eight new members to the Court of Common Council. These results have ensured a more diverse and representative council than ever before.”

THE BOAR'S HEAD CEREMONY



The procession sets off from Butchers' Hall

History identifies that the Boar's Head ceremony dates back to 1343 when the Butchers were slaughtering in Smithfield and experiencing great difficulty in removing the blood, guts and ordure. The Lord Mayor of the day, John Hammond, allowed the guild to purchase a small piece of land giving them access to the river Fleet, thereby allowing them to dispose of the animal waste away from the City streets.

In return for this the Butchers and their successors were forever more to render to the Lord Mayor of the City of London a Christmas Boar's Head. As we delivered the Boar's head on 8 February 2022, we were technically late, however the Lord Mayor did not complain.

Whilst the requirement is annual, I understand that the ceremony did lapse and was reintroduced in the mid-1900s.

Health and safety rules prevent us from processing with the actual Boar's Head, this is delivered to the Mansion House in a refrigerated vehicle, having been crafted by Defence School Food Services Training wing. This year was the largest they have ever made and ate very well.

The procession left Butchers' Hall after an enjoyable lunch, and led by the Epping Forest Pipe Band, we set off for Mansion House carrying a replica Boar's Head.

In previous years we have been escorted by the City of London Police on bicycles, but for reasons which are not entirely clear to me, we are now required to apply for a road closure permit and hire a security company, both of which add considerable cost to a twenty-minute walk through the City of London.

I am extremely grateful to the Smithfield Market Tenants' Association and Liveryman Peter Sturge MBE for sponsoring the event to cover these costs.

On arrival at the Mansion House, we are invited to partake of the real Boar's Head, after presenting the Lord Mayor with a Butcher's Apron bearing the Worshipful Company of Butchers crest, he is invited to carve the first slice. Everyone agreed that this is a special event and, after nearly two years of lockdown, it was good to be back in the City keeping up tradition and celebrating our history.



Passing by St Paul's Cathedral



The Master of the Worshipful Company of Butchers, Margaret Boanas, with the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor outside Mansion House.

Margaret Boanas
Master of the Worshipful Company of Butchers

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BRIAN MOONEY, CHIEF COMMONER

Brian Mooney finishes his term of office as Chief Commoner this month. He will have served for two years, as the former Lord Mayor and sheriffs did, due to the highly unusual circumstances of the COVID pandemic. He has been an excellent Chief Commoner, always having time for members as well as being a wonderful ambassador for the City of London.

BARTS MEDICAL SCHOOL NAME CHANGE OUTRAGE

Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry is being threatened with a name change to Queen Mary University Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry sparking off a wave of outrage among doctors, students and alumni. A change.org petition has attracted over 16,000 signatures protesting the change.

The medical school was set up as St Bartholomew's Hospital medical college in 1123 and the hospital celebrates its 900th anniversary in 2023.

Known worldwide as Barts and London the medical school survived the Great Fire of London and the Reformation when Henry VIII threatened its closure. Instead it was transferred to the City of London Corporation. Queen Mary University of London says it wishes to promote a strong coherent identity following the merger in 1995.

MEMORIES OF THE LATE ROY YORK

The sad news of the passing of Roy York, Smithfield Market's own Pearly King, brought back many happy memories of Lord Mayor's Show days in years gone by. Roy, with his Pearly Queen, Princes and Princesses, regularly turned up to walk with the Bart's Hospital Volunteers in the annual show until his health became impaired. They were a welcome sight on the City streets and loud cheers always greeted their appearance among us. Roy never failed to regret that we were not allowed to collect donations for Bart's along the route. As another amazing Smithfield character, Peter Martinelli, would have said, Roy was a 'top man'.

Wendy Mead OBE CC
Member, Farringdon Without

CHARTERHOUSE - EVENTS

Crown and Sceptre – an online lecture 28th April 2022 - 7:00pm - 8:00pm

In February 2022, Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her 70th year on the British throne—her Platinum Jubilee—by far the longest reign of any British monarch. Inspired by this momentous event, Tracy Borman's latest book, *Crown & Sceptre*, explores the tumultuous history of the British monarchy. With 1,000 years of royal history from 1066 to the present day, Domesday Book to Magna Carta, the Field of Cloth of Gold to Prince Harry's wedding, the book tells the real story of this iconic institution. To mark this occasion celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of their Royal Governor, Charterhouse are delighted that Tracy will be joining them to give this illustrated online lecture, where she will introduce some of her favourite monarchs and share a few of the secrets behind the crown's remarkable survival. To book go to <https://thecharterhouse.digitickets.co.uk/event-tickets/38589?catID=38600&> (donations welcome)

The Tempest – Shakespeare in the Squares 29th June 2022 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

This summer The Charterhouse will be hosting a performance of *The Tempest*, the 2022 production from Shakespeare in the Squares. Director Sioned Jones comments, "The Tempest has been described by some as the perfect Shakespeare play. It has the love story of Romeo and Juliet, the revenge, intrigue and plotting of Richard III and the magic, fantasy and comedy of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*." The show will be outside in Charterhouse Square, so bring a picnic and join the castaways on their desert island. Shakespeare in the Squares is a not-for-profit touring theatre company that stages a Shakespeare play in London garden squares for one night in each venue every summer. The aim is to provide a showcase for talented young theatre practitioners and to introduce audiences to the stars of the future. The exciting and innovative professional productions are filled with music and dance. Further information can be found at shakespeareinthesquares.co.uk **Tickets will go on sale in early April.**

NEWS IN BRIEF

George Abrahams represented the SMTA at a presentation and reception on Trade Opportunities in the Food Sector on 4 April at the Argentine Ambassador's Residence. This was in conjunction with a business visit being made by the Governor of Entre Rios, Gustavo Bordet.

City of London Distillery – the first gin distillery in the City for 200 years at 22-24 Bride Lane EC4Y 8DT. The distillery is the multi-award winning maker of Whitley Neill Gin and is open for tours, events and making your own gin.

Jeff Wayne's The War of the Worlds: The Immersive Experience - the 120 minute adventure begins under the green eyes of a giant Martian Fighting Machine on London's Leadenhall Street. With journalist George Herbert as your guide, you're transported back to 1898. A full kilometre of movie sets, live actors, virtual reality goggles and sensational 5D effects place you inside the action.



DIARY

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys."

PJ O'Rourke
American Satirist

SPRING QUOTE

Spring has sprung
The grass is riz
I wonder where the boidies is
The little boid is on the wing
That's absoid
The little wing is on the boid!

*Anonymous –
to be recited using a New York accent!*



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