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The Newsletter of the Worshipful Company of Framework Knitters

## Our Master sports his Robes in Clothworkers' Hall

Our new Master – Ian Grundy – installed that very afternoon, held his Installation Dinner at Clothworkers' Hall on Friday 12th April, with the Light Cavalry of the Honourable Artillery Company providing a magnificent Carpet Guard.

How appropriate his choice was, with the Clothworkers the last of the Great Twelve of livery companies, clothworkers being finishers of



woven woollen cloth. The Hall itself has seen several incarnations, as it had fallen victim to both the Great Fire of London and the Blitz.



Known for his love of **Soraya Vermeulen** all things nautical, Ian surprised us when his guest speaker – Captain Arthur Creighton – turned out to be a pilot of aircraft rather than of boats. Having begun his career in the RAF, Captain Creighton moved to Monarch Airlines, where he spent 31 years and had had wide and varied experiences, which yielded a wealth of anecdotes with which to entertain us as he responded to the Toast to the Guests, which had been proposed by PM George Turner.

After our first feast – the Dinner itself – where the chef displayed enormous imagination as well as skill, doing marvels with sea trout, guinea fowl and crème brûlée, we were entertained by a feast of tunes from Soraya Vermeulen (a harpist born in Leicestershire) who had also played as guests were moving upstairs to the Reception before Dinner. One had to marvel at the beautiful music she played and admire the effort she has to make to transport her instrument around London, the UK and Europe.

The Master responded to the aeronautical toast to The Worshipful Company of Framework Knitters and the Master thereof, and was much praised that he had kept everything to a strict timetable, thus enabling Liverymen and guests alike to enjoy a Stirrup Cup afterwards whilst admiring the stunning surroundings of Clothworkers' Hall.



**Assistant Liz Fox**

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# New ... New... News !!

## New Court Members

**We were delighted to welcome Claire Bethel & Janie Martin as Court Assistants on Friday 18th January – here's more about them.**

**Claire Bethel** lives in Kew, Surrey with Paul, where she is Secretary of the Kew Society. She spent most of her career in the Department of Health, finishing in 2016 as a Deputy Director responsible for children and young people's mental health. In her varied career she also advised ministers on policy, ranging from military health, coronary heart disease and children's health. She now works as an independent consultant on projects such as the Mayor of London's initiative to support young victims of abuse. She chairs a charity that raises awareness of young people's health. She enjoys spending time with her two daughters and one-year-old granddaughter, as well as indulging her passions for cooking, musical theatre, travel and walking.

**Janie Martin** lives in Leicestershire, was introduced to the Framework Knitters nearly ten years ago, and became a Liveryman in 2013. She has spent most of her life abroad due to various army postings. Over the years she has seen at close quarters some of the amazing textile work done in countries such as Syria and Guatemala. She continues to have an interest in textiles, and although she does a lot of tapestry, she has no formal experience in the industry but is very willing to learn. She is involved in several charities in Leicestershire and is also a



**Janie Martin & Claire Bethel**

Deputy Lieutenant for the same county. Married to Robert for over 40 years, they have three children – Charlotte, Edward and Sophie – and her interests include gardening and travelling.

### And after that we admitted two new Liverymen as well !!



**Katherine Thompson** was born in Taunton, and then spent the majority of her childhood living around the world due to her

**Lesley Stevens** was born and bred in Essex, and crossed the river to Cheam, Surrey when she married her husband Geoffrey.



father's occupation in government communications. Back in the UK, she studied at Liverpool and Nottingham Universities, gaining first and second degrees in Textile and Art Studies. She arrived in Leicester for her first job in teaching in 1978, and taught textiles in schools for 37 years, developing close industrial links for factory visits and work experience. She has two sons in their 20s – William and James – and enjoys hill-walking, travel, opera, theatre, ballet, reading and frequent trips to London, and had attended our functions as a guest of Margaret Brewin. She was delighted to be invited to join the Livery, and looks forward to developing her involvement further.

She has one son – James – who, like his father, is a Chartered Accountant and Liveryman of the Painter Stainers Company. She spent all her working life with Unilever Plc at their head office in Blackfriars in various departments, ending up as personal assistant to the Vice Chairman. After retirement, she was involved with fundraising for the NSPCC and other charities. She is a member of the Farringdon Ward Club, the United Wards Club and the Guild of Freeman, and has been a Freeman of the City for a number of years. Hobbies include walking, the theatre and opera and extensive overseas car tours in western Europe (and New Zealand!) with Geoffrey in their classic car.

# From The



# Master

I am very honoured and privileged to have been elected as Master of our wonderful livery, and particularly in this very special year for our Company with PM Liz Green serving as a Sheriff of the City of London. I was very pleased to join the Framework Knitters company in 1997, being sponsored by my father-in-law, PM Brian Smith, and also PM Peter Osborne.

Of course, the family connections are bountiful, and I have particularly enjoyed having the opportunity to represent the Company as Upper Warden whilst at the same time supporting IPM Sheila Turner (my sister-in-law) during her very successful year as Master. Indeed now, on behalf of the Company, I would like to add my appreciation and thanks to both Sheila and her Consort – Duncan – for representing us all so conscientiously and diligently in what has been a very busy year for them. I know they have both thoroughly enjoyed it.

PM Liz Green adopted a theme for her year of “Friendship, Fellowship and Fun”. I believe this to be a continuing theme within our membership, and very much hope it can be once again embraced this year. I encourage you to regularly check forthcoming events both on the website and also in our Newsletters, and I do hope you are able to support future events.

A particular highlight for me last year was being able to participate in the Lord Mayor’s Show. I am delighted to confirm that we will be entering our float in this year’s event, and I hope that as many of you as possible will be able either to participate in or to watch this unique show from the stands.

In the build-up to my installation, I would have been lost without the knowledge and support of our gallant Clerk, Shaun. The Installation Dinner at Clothworkers’ Hall was organised as usual with military precision, and I do thank both Shaun and Mary for all their hard work in making it such a huge success.

My thanks also to the Social Committee for organising such a varied programme for this year. Particular thanks for their patience in facilitating my whim for a nautical theme for some of the events (see programme on back page). On the charity front, I know that the Education Committee has been very busy interviewing potential bursary

awardees. Over 50 applicants have been interviewed at numerous universities. I was invited to attend, as part of our interview panel, last November at the University of Derby, and greatly appreciated not only the quality of each applicant but also the immense knowledge, expertise and experience of our members on the interview panel. The universities are hugely appreciative of the bursaries that

are awarded to their students and also for the guidance and mentoring offered by members of the Livery.

As Chairman of the Management Committee of the Cottage Homes last year, I would like to acknowledge my personal thanks to all the members for their contributions and support. Projects completed include a programme to replace wooden windows with uPVC, conversion of the central rose bed into an attractive and

more useable seating and patio area, together with the conversion of Corah Hall’s back store room into a very spacious archive room. We are particularly fortunate to have Helen Meek and Karl Whatsize, who work tirelessly to support the residents and maintain the cottages and grounds in such idyllic fashion. The residents are delightful people, and I would urge you to either visit the Homes and/or soak up the fun and fellowship of the Leicester Weekend in September.

In my experience, membership of any voluntary organisation is always challenging. Therefore can I acknowledge the work of the Membership Committee who are exploring a number of initiatives including research to enable contact with our past bursary and award winners. Of course, we can all support this committee by introducing potential members. I always find a good starter for ten is to invite friends or family as guests to one of our dinners.

I am particularly looking forward to continuing with our affiliations with the Leicestershire & Derbyshire Yeomanry, the Leicestershire, Northamptonshire & Rutland Cadets, and the South & East Midlands Wing Air Training Corps.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Court for their continuing support and, of course, you the membership. Julia and I, together with our Wardens – Tony and Julian – are looking forward to representing the Framework Knitters’ Company and to seeing as many of you as possible at events over the coming year.



# Anyone for Tennis ?



**Our Team Before**

Janey Heaney and I were delighted to be the first to represent the Framework Knitters in the annual mixed doubles competition organised by the Feltmakers at the Queens Club on Wednesday 5th September. There were 24 couples attending from around 20 liveries. We were separated into six groups, and played a round robin. After a resounding loss against the top seeds – Tallow Chandlers 1 (ex-Queens 1st team players!) – we were pleased to come through against Carpenters 1 and Drapers 2. As a result, we came second in our group and were duly entered into the plate. We won through our quarter- and semi-final rounds, and were serving at 4-5 in the final when exhaustion clearly set in and my calf muscle popped, rendering me incapacitated, and our team sadly



**And After**

having to retire as losing finalists. Fortunately we were treated to a fine meal in the President's Room afterwards and were presented with a bottle of Pol Roger each, a most welcome reward for all our endeavours! We will certainly enter again next year and hope that others might be encouraged to do likewise.

**Liveryman Michael Piper**

## Martin Madden 7th December 1955 to 21st October 2018



From the red side of Manchester but fully at home roaming tiger territory in Leicestershire, Martin had Celtic roots, Northern ambitions and a Leicester degree. His first business, in 1983, was Magnum Holidays – a specialist tour operator based in Blaby which he successfully sold after 26 years of travelling. Time then for a rest? No – his Leicester-based Magnum Care has a nursing home and a care home, both in Aylestone, adding a purpose-built 72 room nursing home in Hinckley in 2014.

Martin joined the Framework Knitters in April 2013 after being introduced to the livery company by his close friend and fellow liveryman Michael Griffiths. Martin soon realised there was synergy between his professional life and the core values of the Framework Knitters, and it wasn't long before he joined the Cottage Homes Committee. Soon after his appointment, Martin played a key rôle in the selection of a new Cottage Homes Administrator; and by applying his enthusiasm and industry experience he was instrumental in guiding the interview panel towards a successful recruitment. Martin joined the Court in January 2017, and was soon awarded the David Bryars Trophy. This award is presented to a liveryman who has made an outstanding contribution to the company. Mary – our Clerk's wife – remembers Martin beaming with pride as he received the trophy and him insisting that he carried the trophy home that evening. It is worth pointing out at this stage that the trophy is very heavy, but Martin didn't care: it was his for the time being and it wasn't going to be let out of his sight.

Martin loved to represent the Framework Knitters at the inter-livery golf competition at Ashbridge. He was always a great ambassador of our Company as well as being a capable and competitive golfer. Fellow liveryman George Turner remembers how Martin had good command of fairway irons and as a result was all too frequently beaten by him. Martin was always an enthusiastic member with an opinion to share or suggestion to make. Last year he took over running the Residents Entertainment Committee, and worked with Les and Dave from the Cottage Homes on new ideas for social activities for the residents. This culminated in the lovely afternoon shared by liveryman and residents alike on the Sunday of the Leicester weekend. Martin arranged for a brass band to come and play for us and for an ice-cream van to be on site to provide complementary cones and ice lollies. Unfortunately, it was a particularly cold day, and events had to be moved inside; but it was still a super afternoon.

Martin's last act at Court was to present a paper on benevolence within the livery. This is something that he had personally undertaken to investigate with other livery companies, and it will be a lasting legacy to Martin. We are sure many of you have your own special memories of Martin and his presence, enthusiasm and commitment to a good cause will be greatly missed by all his fellow liveryman.

**With thanks to IPM Sheila Turner & Liveryman Michael Griffiths**

# The Annual Carol Service



The Master and Wardens of the Stationers' Company again invited other livery companies, along with local businesses and members of the public to join them for their annual Carol Service at 11.30am on Thursday 13th December 2018 at the church of St. Martin-within-Ludgate near St. Paul's Cathedral. On a cold, dry day, liverymen of the Framework Knitters' Company and their guests, totalling 15, joined the congregation with liverymen and guests from six other livery companies.

The service, which was led by the chaplain of St. Martin-within-Ludgate – the Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephen Platten – was attended by “our” Sheriff Liz Green, dressed in her formal Shrieval robes with her new chain of office, and accompanied by her husband Peter Green – a liveryman of the Worshipful Company of International Bankers.

The 17th century Wren church, built on the old Roman London wall, was dressed with a Christmas tree and lighted wax candles in the candelabra.

The excellent choir of 20 was drawn from staff of a nearby publishing company – LexisNexis

– who regularly rehearse in the church and whose choirmaster is Andrew Sackett, while accompaniment was provided by the organist and pianist Daniel Moulton.

The congregation sang the well-known carols with enthusiasm, and members of the choir also sang a number of solos, including *In The Bleak Midwinter*.

Sheriff Liz Green and our Master Sheila Turner were among the readers of the lessons.

After the service, the Master and Wardens of the Stationers' Company hosted a drinks reception and lunch in Stationers' Hall, adjacent to the church. The Framework Knitters, who had their own table, lunched on scallops, turkey and a Christmas platter dessert with accompanying wines.

The Master of the Stationers' Company – David Allan – thanked everyone for their attendance, naming the livery companies present in turn who each responded with a rousing cheer. Our Master proposed the vote of thanks and wished everyone seasonal greetings.



**Liveryman Susan Shield**

## Our Winter Dinner in Saddlers' Hall



The Winter Dinner was held at Saddlers' Hall on 18th January. Our Master, Sheila Turner, and her Consort, Duncan King, welcomed the Framework Knitters and their guests for her last banquet as Master. Saddlers' Hall is an elegant modern Hall, but records of the Saddlers' Company date from around 1160, being one of the very oldest City of London companies. It contains impressive period furniture and beautiful old paintings.

The Marici Saxes quartet of lady saxophonists performed a selection from their repertoire, beginning with an Argentinian Tango then a Welsh composition, followed by *Let's Face the Music and Dance* and concluding with a rousing version of Glen Miller's *In the Mood*. They expertly demonstrated how their soprano, alto, tenor and baritone instruments worked in harmony, and told us that the name Marici refers to a Buddhist goddess of arms and weapons. Given that name it is surprising how harmonious they sounded!

George Turner – Chairman of our Education Committee – presented two winners of the awards who had been unable to attend our October Banquet. Beth Ranson and Jessye Boulton received their parchments from the Master for the David Bethel and Byford Bursaries.

Our Clerk – Shaun Mackaness – then introduced Trooper Luke Hayworth from the Leicestershire & Derbyshire Yeomanry, who had won the Master's Affiliation Award for determination and drive during his training as a gunner.



Our Master welcomed her principal guests – John Scott and Ross Barr-Hoyland. John Scott is the Chief Commoner of the City of London Corporation, having been elected to office for a term of a year by the Court of Common Council. He is their foremost representative and supports the Lord Mayor.

The Master then introduced her speaker – Ross Barr-Hoyland. He started by telling us that he had set up his knitwear company in Wakefield in 2015 with help from The Prince's Trust. He wanted to revive British manufacturing industry in Yorkshire. He informed us that at their height, Bradford and Leeds had the most Rolls Royce cars of any region in the UK – which was sadly now not the case!



**Trooper Luke Hayworth, along with The Master**

He had suffered as a teenager with severe depression and had been on drugs and benefits before eventually taking a degree. He had then changed direction, becoming a knitwear designer and launching a garment known as "The Spencer" – a double-breasted cardigan as modelled by David Gandy in GQ. It had sold out in every continent, and had been worn by super models and even by Prince Charles. Ross demonstrated, by his impassioned and entertaining speech, that he was determined to show that British wool is the best material.

Our Master presented him with our book on the history of the Framework Knitters and, of course, a pair of socks.

Responding to the toast proposed by Ross, our Master gave us an entertaining account of her year in office. Highlights included riding in a landau in the Lord Mayor's Parade, accompanying the Lord Mayor at the Silent Ceremony, and escorting The Archbishop of Canterbury when she was the guest of honour at the Lord Mayor's Banquet in November. She had reviewed the cadets in Loughborough

and enjoyed the Brigantes meeting in Chester, where some 140 Liverymen had listened to our very own Sheriff Liz Green talking about her first few months in office.

The Master attended the Lord Mayor's childrens' party in January with 350 children in the Egyptian Hall at Mansion House, and even joined in the conga. It did indeed sound as though she had survived and enjoyed the experience! She also referred to the traditional summer tea party for the residents of the Cottage Homes and to the herding of sheep across London Bridge. Although she would not miss the travelling from Yorkshire, she had enjoyed all the events, and thanked the Company for its faith in her. She also thanked our Clerk – Shaun – and Mary, his wife, for their help and calming influence, also thanking the various committees for their hard work.

Finally the Master paid tribute to her excellent consort – Duncan King. He had not only supported her wholeheartedly but he had also been part of our team which had come second in the inter-livery go-karting competition and had dressed as a mobile phone in the inter-livery pancake race.

No one can doubt it has been a remarkable year!

**Liveryman Helen Woolfe**

## Followed by Transports of Delight



A dozen hardy souls braved a bitterly cold but dry Saturday morning (the day after the Winter Dinner) to venture out to Covent Garden in order to visit the London Transport Museum. Covent Garden early on a Saturday can be a much more pleasant experience than later in the day. Most of the tourists have not yet finished their breakfast, the stalls are still being set up, and the entertainers are practising their acts on the early birds (both with and without wings) opposite St. Paul's Church, known as the Actors' Church.

Situated in the south-east corner of Covent Garden, I had long wanted to tour the London Transport Museum (when you live in a city...). To my delight, it was far more than a collection of London Transport 'buses and tube trains. It is instead an exhibition of transport in London over the centuries beginning, of course, with the River Thames. The second floor illustrates how Londoners and visitors travelled within the metropolis, which had only three bridges over the Thames. There were ferries, but many resorted to using wherries, in many senses the forerunner of the taxi cab ("I had that William Shakespeare in the back of my wherry last week").

The creation of the Embankment, when 22 acres of land were reclaimed from what had been a very wide tidal river, led to the growth of wheeled transport and to the increasing use of horses. As we descended the stairs we were greeted by more familiar exhibits, with early versions of tram and train and then the inevitable tubes and 'buses.

The whole building, but particularly the lower floors, was mobbed with children; but I did not hear one cry or whine. They were all mesmerised by what they could see, feel and climb into. Indeed, there were many grown-ups, including Framework Knitters, who enjoyed the "interactive" exhibits to the full.



**Lunch at The Crusting Pipe**

We were able to have a quick look at the shop (one Christmas present bought), before we repaired to the Crusting Pipe in the lower reaches of the Piazza, for what proved to be a very good lunch in a private room deep below the thronging tourists above. If you did not make it, a trip to the London Transport Museum is highly recommended, but go early if you can.



**Our Master  
Surveying The Scene**

**Assistant Elizabeth Fox**

# After the Elections, the Ceremonies Start

## First, The Silent Ceremony and the Giving of Gifts



Every year, on the day before the Lord Mayor's Show, the Lord Mayoralty is passed on to the next incumbent. This year, the baton was passed from Alderman Charles Bowman to Alderman Peter Estlin, the 691st Lord Mayor of London. With our Master and our Non-Aldermanic Sheriff taking part, several Framework Knitters were privileged to attend to watch this somewhat whimsical but masterfully choreographed occasion, with some of us then participating in the ensuing *Presentation of Addresses*.

The *Silent Ceremony* as it is known, was conducted in the packed Great Hall of the Guildhall. At precisely 2.55pm, the procession entered, comprising the Lord Mayor, the Lord Mayor Elect and all the other senior Civic and Livery representatives of the City of London, accompanied by the wand of office, and including our Master along with other members of the Lord Mayor's and Sheriffs' Committee. Apart from the incoming Lord Mayor swearing his oath of installation, no words were spoken as the various symbols of the Lord Mayor's power – the Sceptre, Seal of Office, Purse, Collar of Esses and Badge, Sword and Mace – were transferred in the customary manner to the new incumbent. They were first presented to the



### The Presentation

each one in turn and then the officer took the symbol and walked backwards, bowing, essentially reversing the process. Then the incoming Lord Mayor undertook to safeguard the silver and furniture at Mansion House, signing for the "plate". The ceremony concluded with the Civic dignitaries offering congratulations to the new Lord Mayor – silently, of course! They lined up to shake hands with him; and then the ceremony, which only lasted about 20 minutes, was over: the procession left the Hall and the onlookers could talk!

After a short break, this was followed by the *Presentation of the Addresses* to the new Lord Mayor and his Sheriffs. Representatives of different organisations associated with each presented them with gifts to mark their year of high office. As Liz's Mother Livery Company, the Framework Knitters were the first to make a presentation to her, with the Master, flanked by Past Master Stephen Woolfe, Upper Warden Ian Grundy, our Gallant Clerk and me, saying a few words and presenting the gift. This was a beautiful, leather-bound visitors' book, with both Liz's and the Company's coat of arms on the front. It had already been well-used, recording Liz's guests to the Old Bailey.

Liz also received gifts from The City Livery Club, The Walbrook Ward Club and The Farmers' Company. After all gifts had been received, the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs gave a brief reply to thank all concerned, then everyone made their way to the Old Library for refreshments.

Finally, at 6.00pm a Service of Thanksgiving was held in the nearby St. Margaret's, Lothbury: a service open to all members of the public.

outgoing Lord Mayor and then touched by the incoming one to signify receipt and the transfer of power. The officers then took it in turn to present their symbols of office: the Sceptre, Seal, Purse, Sword, Mace, Collar of Esses and Badge, each officer taking three steps forward, then

bowing, then presenting the symbol. The new Lord Mayor touched



### Our Team



## Next, The Lord Mayor's Show



**Liz in her Carriage**



**Egyptian Hall Lunch**

The following day saw many of us lining the streets of the City of London to witness the Lord Mayor's Show, with a privileged few being invited to watch it from the shelter of Mansion House, with the benefit of a splendid luncheon afterwards in the Egyptian Hall. Amazingly, we were spared the downpour that has cursed the more recent shows; and while we were hardly bathed in sunshine, the weather was reasonable for November.

Naturally, for the Framework Knitters there were two highlights. First, of course, the official carriage for Sheriff Liz Green, coming in at

No. 131 out of the 147 floats. But before that, we were treated to our Master, Upper Warden, Clerk and PM Sally Murray riding in an open Landau in 119th place: the Master of



**Our Master & Party in their Landau**

each sheriff's mother company is accorded honour of taking part in the procession that way. However, there were a further 146 wonderful participants, both with floats and on foot, starting with the band of HM Royal Marines (HMS Collingwood) and – always a bit of an anticlimax – finishing with the City of London Cleansing Department: yes, there were a lot of horses too !!

## And to Conclude – The Lord Mayor's Banquet



**Our Master leads in the Archbishop of Canterbury**

particular emphasis on digital technology. Then, the Prime Minister spoke about a wide-ranging variety of subjects, including the centenary of the Armistice, global trade led by the City of London, world-wide terrorism, our relationships with Europe and the rest of the world and the UK economy generally. And, of course, our very own Sheriff Liz Green was there, together with our Master and their consorts.

On the following Monday (12th November), some 150 guests joined a phalanx of senior representatives from all walks of life, including 43 Councillors and their guests, 100 guests of the City and both the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Prime Minister. The Lord Mayor spoke about his new programme with the theme of "Shaping Tomorrow's City", with a



**The Prime Minister with the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs and consorts at the Lord Mayor's banquet**

## So, what does a Sheriff do once Elected?



First things first: get your shrieval badge made. Although she already had the right to bear arms, Liz decided – as is usual in these circumstances – to petition for a new design which reflected her life. So, in consultation with William Hunt in the office of John Petrie (Rouge Pursuivant at the College of Arms), the design of the arms was agreed: it comprises the Leicestershire Fox (reflecting her love and involvement of farming – albeit in City of London colours) and the Hertfordshire stag, where she and Peter have been living for over 25 years.

With the Arms agreed, the next item was designing the Shrieval Chain, achieved with the help of Grant Macdonald. The design features the cinquefoil associated with Leicestershire since the 11th century, with each petal having a traditional plain-knit background. An oak branch with acorns surrounds Liz's Arms, and the shields on the petals reflect Liz's three Ward Clubs (Walbrook, Coleman Street and Broad Street) and the City Livery Club. Connecting the badge to the arms of the City of London is a cone of knitter's yarn with a stylised "B" on top, representing Byfords – the hosiery company set up in Leicester in the 1920s by Liz's paternal grandfather, who was our Master in 1944, as was her maternal grandfather in 1950 and her father in 1980. Finally, the interlinked chain rises to the shoulder pieces using hockey sticks and golf clubs to portray Liz's lifelong enjoyment of sport through hockey and golf, together with the shields of Liz's school and the Farmers Club. The shoulder pieces include Liz's motto: *Community, Service, Fellowship*, accurately reflecting that which is important in her life.

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## And After That? The Rôle of a Sheriff



**Amanda & Vincent Keaveny and Liz & Peter Green**

What does a sheriff actually do? Well, there are three main rôles involved.

First, to support the work and agenda of the Lord Mayor, which can be an extremely varied one. Both sheriffs attend functions with him/her, often promoting the mayoral agenda.

Next, they need to look after the judges in the Old Bailey. This includes inviting guests to lunch each day, sometimes hosting special themed lunches: the judges themselves are great supporters of the shrieval initiatives.

This year they will preside over a debate to consider whether 16-year-olds should have the right to vote. Other Old Bailey events will include the annual Sheriffs' Challenge, a new Chess Challenge for schools, and a careers talk.

More generally, their third rôle is to recognise and support the good work of all those who contribute to life within the square mile, including Ward Clubs, livery, charity and military events. Since taking office, Liz and her fellow Aldermanic Sheriff Vincent Keaveny have attended a very large number of engagements, starting with the Cadet Music Finals the day after taking office. This was quickly followed by, inter alia, the Annual Sheep Drive (featuring Alan Titchmarsh as guest of honour). But each day is different: to follow Liz's exploits, visit her blog at <https://www.lizgreen.co.uk/blog>.

# The Annual Inter-Livery Pancake Race

Well what a difference a year makes: after the disappointing Beast from the East weather we endured last year at Guildhall, this year, the team (plus supporters) was delighted to arrive in sunshine for the annual Pancake Races organised by the Worshipful Company of Poulterers. This year was the 15th running of a fun day of Inter-Livery competition whilst raising funds for the Lord Mayor's three charities – namely the Samaritans, Place2Be and OnSide Youth Zones.

The team this year consisted of the Master's Consort – Duncan King (as the Master was unable to run due to an ankle injury), Upper Warden Ian Grundy, Steward Simon Burrows and Liveryman Beth Parry. Also there in her capacity as Sheriff was our own PM Liz Green, dressed smartly in her scarlet robes for the occasion.

After an introduction from the Master of Ceremonies, the Chief Commoner welcomed competitors and spectators alike before the first race was started by the Lady Mayoress firing a small cannon.

After four Masters' Qualifying races, it was time for the team event; and first up was the Masters' Race (with Duncan standing in for the Master), followed by the Liveryman's Race with Simon, the Lady's race with Beth and finally, the Novelty/Fancy Dress race, with Ian representing the Company on this occasion. Competitors, duly accessorised with hats, aprons and gloves, had to run/walk down the track, stop half-way in the designated box, toss their pancake, continue along the course, round a cone, and then return, stopping again in the box to toss their pancake once again before racing to the finish line: the clock stopped once the frying pan was back on the table. There were stewards along the course checking for any indiscipline or infringements.

Once all times had been checked and verified, Duncan and Ian were called on to compete again as one of the five fastest in their respective categories. Both went on to win their races, so had to compete against each other in the final race of the day – the *Victor Ludorum* – along with liverymen from the Insurers, Plaisterers and Constructors.



**Our Kitted-Out Team**



**Practice makes Perfect**

Duncan won the final race for the Framework Knitters, and Ian came a commendable third.

A delicious lunch was provided in the Crypts of the Guildhall by Clink Catering, prepared by serving prisoners training towards gaining their Level 1 and 2 NVQs in Professional Cookery in HMP Downview and delivered to events in refrigerated vehicles. Afterwards, there was time to mingle, before the Presentation Ceremony. The Lady Mayoress, accompanied by Sheriff Liz Green, handed out certificates and frying pans to the winners of each section and the *Victor Ludorum*.

All in all, after an excellent day of fund raising and fellowship we departed a very happy Framework Knitters team!

**Julia Grundy**

# The Brigantes At Chester

Master Sheila Turner, Sheriff the Hon. Elizabeth Green, The Very Rev'd. Dr. Tim Stratford, Dean of Chester Cathedral, and Canon Precentor Jeremy Dussek (Pavior) were among a capacity 142 Liverymen and guests in fine heart and voice at the Brigantes Winter Gathering at Chester Cathedral on Saturday 8th December.

Framework Knitters were out in force with, in addition to the Master and Sheriff, the Upper Warden Ian Grundy, Liverymen Beth Parry and Jenny Bentley, and their other halves.

The occasion started with a highly convivial reception in the Cloisters and early evening dinner in the adjoining 13th century Refectory. Dean Stratford, who said Grace, is well known to many Framework Knitters as he has just taken up his position at Chester after several years as the Archdeacon of Leicester.



## The Chester Cathedral Service

We then joined the audience of several hundred in the Nave for the annual Christmas Concert, with a superb choral programme from the Cathedral's magnificent choir. Thereafter, we retired to the nearby Crowne Plaza Hotel – Brigantes tribal HQ for the weekend – for a lengthy nightcap, before getting down to some serious Christmas shopping in the City the following day.

The 2018 Winter Gathering in Chester proved as popular and as oversubscribed as on the previous Brigantes visit in 2016, with travellers coming from as far afield as Broadstairs, Taunton and Glasgow as well as a number from around London.

### Brigantes dates for your 2019 diary

#### Brigantes Golf Day

Tuesday 23rd April – Brigantes Golf Dinner, then  
Wednesday 24th April – Lindrick, Near Worksop.

#### Brigantes Breakfast

12.00 for 12.30 Thursday 25 July – The Whitworth Hall, Manchester – Principal Guest: the Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor Alderman Peter Estlin – preceded at 10.30 by a talk and tour of the adjoining Museum of Manchester led by the Senior Curator.

#### Brigantes Winter Gathering

Saturday 14th December – AGM, Dinner & Christmas Concert.

**Liveryman Jenny Bentley**

Nick Gale, Past Master Plumber, proposed the toast to the guests with great humour, somehow crafting into his allotted four minutes an ingenious tale that name-checked all 52 Livery Companies represented. Sheriff Liz, resplendent in her Badge of Office at Brigantes request, responded with more than equal aplomb, to the delight of all present.

As with our own Mansion House Banquet in November, there was tremendous applause for Liz when she was announced. Liz has been a staunch supporter of Brigantes from day one – and indeed, carried off the Ladies Prize at the 2017 Brigantes Golf Day over the former Ryder Cup course at Ganton in North Yorkshire.



## The FWK Representatives

# A Trip to The Old Bailey



The Saturday after the Installation saw 55 of us assembled at the Old Bailey – one of the largest outings we have ever had. Sheriff Liz Green and her husband Peter had invited us to look round their temporary home – theirs whilst Liz is occupying the post of Sheriff.

We started with an introduction from Liz, giving us some insight into the hugely varied rôle she plays in supporting the Lord Mayor – Peter Estlin – who has made digital inclusion a priority for his year in office. One of her key duties, along with the other Sheriff – Alderman Vincent Keaveny – is to entertain the 13 judges who preside at the Old Bailey for lunch, together with guests from business, the voluntary sector and, of course, livery companies. When asked for her favourite aspect of the job, Liz finds it impossible to choose, given that no two days are ever the same. We were then divided into two groups and given a tour of the building by Liz and Peter.

The Old Bailey, correctly known as the Central Criminal Court, was built in 1907 next to the infamous Newgate Prison, conveniently sited so that prisoners could be brought to the courtroom for their trials. The famous gold-leaf statue of the *Lady of Justice* sits on top of the dome, holding a sword in one hand and the scales of justice in the other: she is not blindfolded, contrary to popular belief. A modern extension with additional courts was opened in 1972. The building was heavily bombed in 1941, necessitating a major rebuild. A more modern reminder of some of the sadder aspects of our history is the piece of glass embedded in the wall opposite the entrance – a consequence of the IRA car bomb in 1973. The highlights of the tour included the Great Hall, which has many beautiful paintings and an impressive statue of Elizabeth Fry, who did much to reform the harsh prison conditions for women; the Courts themselves, where the documents left over the weekend reminded us that these are



**Assembling for the Tour**



**In the Great Hall**

working courts which play such a fundamental rôle in our judicial system, and the cells where the defendants are brought each day. We were warned that if anyone inadvertently closed the door of the cell, they might have a very long wait to be rescued, as the keys are not kept on site!

After the tour we were treated to an excellent lunch in the Judges' dining room, seated at the table where they dine on a daily basis, and with wine kindly provided by Liz and her husband. We enjoyed corn-fed chicken breast stuffed with chorizo followed by white forest cheesecake. It was a real highlight in the livery calendar to be taken round by the Sheriff and her husband and to learn first hand what contribution the Sheriffs make to the life of the City: a rare opportunity that was appreciated by all of us.

**Assistant Claire Bethel**

# Ruddington Framework-Knitting Museum



**Taking Tea with Julian**

us to join our three sites into one and provide better visitor facilities and better visitor flow, as well as extending display space.

With the encouragement of the Lottery Fund, we are researching the exploitation of workers in the textile industry, including plans to tell stories of the slaves who provided our cotton raw materials, the hardships of the knitters, the development of the Truck Acts in response to their exploitation, and on to modern-day exploitation.

We have appointed a highly experienced project manager who is working well with our relatively new museum manager – Jim Grevatte. Jim has a great track record in museology, and is working very hard with great commitment.



**Our Master learns the trade**

On the basis that we manage to be successful in the actual second-phase implementation grant bid, we plan to finish the work in 2021, in time for our 50th anniversary.

Work is continuing on our project, with refugees and their craft and culture and also those with problems starting work, by developing their skills as volunteers to develop their employability. This is helped with a grant from the Drapers' Trust of £7,500.

Naturally, we are always grateful for both the financial and, particularly, moral support and input from the Livery, as well as their many visits.



**Paul Miles welcomes you**

A copy of our new brochure is enclosed; and further details can be found on our website at <https://www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org/>.

And, of course, you're always welcome to come and see us in person too!!

**Under Warden Julian Ellis  
Chairman of Trustees**



**A Beautiful Setting**



**And a Vision of the Future**

# The Leicestershire & Derbyshire Yeomanry

## What is “the Frezenberg Dinner” All About ?



### Muster and wreath-laying at the War Memorial in Bradgate Park

the War Memorial in Bradgate Park. The service is always held close to the anniversary of the Battle of Frezenberg Ridge (8th to 13th May 1915). The Ridge was held – but of the 280 men of the Yeomanry who took part in the battle, 90 died and 90 were injured. Prince Albert’s Own, The Leicester Yeomanry – a cavalry and mounted regiment of the British Army – was more commonly and affectionately known as Albert’s Lads.

With the motto *Vultus En Hoste*, a justly deserved adage meaning face the enemy, its history dates back to 1794. During the 18th century, at the time of the 2nd Boer War, it was first rallied. It served in the Great War and WWII, latterly as a field regiment of the Royal Artillery. However, back in Ypres, from 22nd April up until 25th May 1915, the Leicester Yeomanry suffered greatly. In the Battle of Frezenberg they earned battle honours, fighting in the worst conditions imaginable whilst still managing to hold the line. Sadly, it was here that they lost their Colonel, the Honourable PC Evans-Freke. The words from Evans-Freke himself, their commanding officer, “Hold hard, Leicester Yeomanry” inspiring them to fight on ferociously.

During the second Battle of Ypres, and at the dawn of chemical warfare, the Battle of Frezenberg took place. At 5.00pm on 12th May 1915, the order was given that they were to march upon the German trenches at 7.15pm. The weather conditions were severe, with rain, mud and later frost, snow and intense cold. Together with the 1st and 2nd Life Guards, they marched east along the Vlamertinge-Ypres through Ypres. The town was on fire from constant German shelling. Leaving Ypres by the Zonnibeke road and, after a brief break at a local château, they headed to the trenches that were previously occupied by 5th Battalion Royal Fusiliers. B Squadron went to the Northern Trenches, C to the south and the support trenches near A Squadron. Dispatch notes describe how the conditions of the trenches were bad. With loose soil and sandbags being scarce, protection from shell fire was negligible. Therefore, the first job was to improve the trenches, which started sometime between 1.00pm and 1.30pm. South of the nearby railway, the trenches were occupied by the soldiers of the 3rd Dragoon Guards and, north of B Squadron, was the 1st Life Guards.

On the night of 12th May 1915, 14 officers and 267 other ranks went into action. By the morning of 13th May the Regiment had lost the lives of seven officers, and 87 other ranks were killed or missing. Five officers were wounded along with 88 other ranks.

The bravery of the Leicester Yeomanry in holding the line and preventing a gap opening up in the defences, despite the terrible conditions and the retreating of other troops, gained the Regiment the Battle Honour of Frezenberg, and the courage of the leaders and the men they commanded is to be remembered with pride.

Members will be well aware of our affiliation with The Leicestershire & Derbyshire Yeomanry, and may well have read about the Frezenberg annual service in the November 2012 Newsletter (Page 10) and our Master attending the annual Frezenberg Dinner in Wigston in the November 2018 edition (Page 3). But what is it, and why “Frezenberg” ? Here’s a brief summary of the background.

Every year the Leicestershire & Derbyshire Yeomanry holds a Service at Newton Linford parish church, followed by a muster and wreath-laying at



### Past Master Peter White joins the Ceremony at the War Memorial

With thanks to *The Armourer*, November 2018

# Dates for your diary

## 2019

23rd April	Brigantes pre-golf Dinner, Lindrick, near Worksop	See Below and Page 12
24th April	Brigantes Golf Day, Lindrick, near Worksop	See Below and Page 12
21st May	Festival of the Sons of the Clergy, St. Paul's Cathedral	The Clerk
15th June	Inter-Livery Croquet, Sussex County Croquet Club	The Clerk
24th June	Election of the Sheriffs, Guildhall	The Clerk
28th June	Summer Dinner, Barber-Surgeons' Hall	The Clerk
29th June	Post-dinner outing – a visit to the Cutty Sark, Greenwich	The Social Committee
25th July	Brigantes Breakfast in Whitworth Hall, Manchester	See Below and Page 12

### 6th to 8th September – The Leicester Weekend

6th September	Golf Match & Golf Dinner, Leicestershire Golf Club	Liveryman Adrian Keene
7th September	Possible Morning Visit – see the FWK website	The Social Committee
7th September	Morning: Ceremony of the Socks at Wigston Framework Knitters Museum	The Clerk
7th September	Evening: Livery Dinner in St. Martin's House, Leicester	The Clerk
8th September	Annual Church Service, followed by luncheon at the Cottage Homes	The Clerk
20th September	Sheriffs' Ball, Guildhall	The Clerk
2nd October	Election of the Lord Mayor, Guildhall	The Clerk
25th October	Livery Banquet, Guildhall Old Library	The Clerk
26th October	Post-dinner outing – The RNLI Station, Embankment	The Social Committee
8th November	Silent Ceremony for the Installation of The Lord Mayor	The Clerk
9th November	The Lord Mayor's Show	The Clerk
19th November	Livery Ladies Luncheon, Painters' Hall	Julia Grundy
25th November	Guildhall Christmas Market Grand Opening, 5.30pm to 9.00pm	N/A
26th November	Guildhall Christmas Market – 10.30am to 8.00pm	N/A
7th December	Residents' Christmas Luncheon, Corah Hall	The Clerk
14th December	Brigantes Winter Gathering, Durham: AGM, Dinner, Christmas Concert	See Below and Page 12

## 2020

17th January	Winter Dinner at Trinity House, Trinity Square, EC3N 4DH	The Clerk
18th January	Post-dinner outing to HMS President, 72 St Katharine's Way, E1W 1UQ	The Social Committee
17th April	Installation Dinner, Apothecaries' Hall	The Clerk
18th April	Post-dinner outing – venue to be decided	The Social Committee
26th June	Summer Dinner, Salters' Hall	The Clerk
27th June	Post-dinner outing – venue to be decided	The Social Committee

### 11th to 14th September – The Leicester Weekend

**This is expected to follow the traditional format, but further details will appear in the next Newsletter.**

23rd October	Livery Banquet, Plaisterers' Hall	The Clerk
24th October	Post-banquet outing – venue to be decided	The Social Committee

## Brigantes Events:

For further details of Brigantes Events, please email the organisers at [livery@brigantes.org.uk](mailto:livery@brigantes.org.uk), where you can also ask to sign up for their Newsletter.

## Booking Events

Please remember that further details of most of the above events – and more – can be found in the Members' section of our website.

And more importantly, most can (and should, if possible) be booked through the website too: this not only ensures that your booking is recorded but will also give you an emailed confirmation of your booking for your records.

## And Your Events

Do you know of an event that's not shown above that you think might interest your fellow Liverymen? Or are you thinking of organising an event yourself? Perhaps there's an event that you'd like to see in the future?

If any of the above applies to you, do get in touch with the Social Committee, who are always delighted to receive suggestions for the diary.