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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 28th MARCH, 1979

MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting of the club held at Bishopsgate Institute,
230 Bishopsgate, London, E.C.2, on Wednesday, 28th March, 1979, at 5.30 p.m.

Present

P. F. Allday, *President* (in the Chair), B. E. Petitpierre, *Vice-President*. *Past Presidents*: L. B. Prince, A. P. Greenaway, H. J. Dicketts, W. H. Hodkinson, Sir Edward Howard, A. L. Luke, C. R. Coward, S. V. C. Flintham. *Members of Governing Body*: S. Rust (*Hon. Treasurer*); D. Munro, Harry Anderson, H. Olson, H. W. S. Horlock, D. E. Kemp, E. G. Barnikel, R. S. Findlay, R. W. Nichols, H. G. Packford, F. C. Hughes (*Hon. Solicitor*). *Other Members*: P. D. Northall-Laurie, A. T. Allaway, J. Davis, R. L. W. Wilson, Ann Wilson, R. J. Wharton, T. G. Miller, G. W. Bond, G. F. Tacon, A. Hamilton Hopkins, T. W. Hollister, Silvia Tutt, L. Robinson, E. J. Black, L. Brown, Kay Allday, Valerie Petitpierre, W. Home, J. L. Watson, Ellen Watson, Pat Queckett, F. R. Bird, B. J. Brown, S. M. Dawes, M. Baker, R. Mercer, K. V. Douglass, G. D. Hannant, F. D. Wooldridge, P. Haring, J. S. Marston, W. Goldsmith, Ada Flintham, C. E. Hopkins, and 2 Members whose signatures are illegible.

Apologies for absence

The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor. *Past Presidents*: F. E. Cleary, B. L. Morgan, A. H. Ley, P. L. Hogg, N. Rayner. *Other Members*: Alderman A. Jolliffe, R. Grey, A. G. Brighton, J. Bloxham, B. H. Anderson, Alderman and Sheriff Gardner Thorpe, C. Frappell, L. E. Walwin, Niels White, J. B. Wharrier, P. de Wett, V. A. Ercolani, F. J. Brand, G. Jones, Alderman Peter Gadsden, R. F. T. Edwards, W. Hoadley, W. Fordham.

Minutes

The Secretary read the headings of the Minutes of the last General Meeting held on 30th March, 1978, and the President was authorised to sign them. The President reported that the Governing Body had investigated the question of nominations to the Governing Body and had ruled that all those nominated had been duly elected.

Report of Governing Body

The report of the Governing Body (copy attached to these Minutes) was approved.

Accounts

The Hon. Treasurer presented the accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1978 (copy attached to these Minutes), and these were adopted with a hearty vote of thanks to the Hon. Treasurer.

Elections

(a) *President*: The President reported that there had only been one nomination for the office of President for the ensuing year, Mr. Bernard Petitpierre. He thereupon declared Mr. Petitpierre duly elected, invested him with the gown and chain and invited him to take the Chair for the remainder of the Meeting. The new President returned thanks for his election and, as his first official duty, invested Philip Allday with his Past President's badge and congratulated him on a most successful year.

- (b) *Vice-President*: The newly installed President announced that only one nomination had been received for the office of Vice-President, namely Deputy H. W. S. Horlock, whom he declared duly elected, and invested him with his badge of office. The new Vice-President expressed his gratitude to the Meeting for the confidence shown in electing him.
- (c) *Governing Body*. The Secretary apologised for an error in the Agenda. There were in fact only 5 Members retiring by rotation (only 16 Elected Members holding office at present and $\frac{1}{3}$ of 16 equalled 5, not 6) and the name of R. S. Findley had been included in the Agenda as a retiring Member in error. All the retiring Members (Messrs. Barnikel, Jones, Packford, Ercolani and Edwards) having been duly nominated, were declared re-elected. Martin Barber, having been duly nominated, was declared elected to fill one of the vacancies. The question of whether, if an elected Member were elected to another office, a vacancy was thereby created on the Governing Body was referred to the Governing Body.
- (d) *Other Officers*: The following were duly elected on a show of hands:—
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| (A) Hon. Treasurer | - - - | S. A. R. Rust |
| (B) Hon. Solicitor | - - - | F. C. Hughes |
| (C) Hon. Auditor | - - - | Guy Thomas |
| (D) Hon. Chaplain | - - - | Rev. J. F. D. Trimmingham |

The meeting passed an enthusiastic vote of thanks to all the above-named Officers and to H. J. Dicketts, the Hon. Editor.

Golf Section

The Secretary, in the absence of G. F. Gilbert, read his report (copy attached to these Minutes).

Other Business

- (i) Criticism was expressed of the acoustic quality of the Hall, and the Governing Body was asked to consider a change of venue.
- (ii) The President referred briefly to his programme for the year and to recent meetings of the Associated Ward Clubs.

At the close of the meeting the members walked to St. Botolph's Church Hall for dinner, and 58 members, of whom 7 were ladies, sat down to an excellent meal.

After the Loyal and Civic Toasts had been proposed by the President, Past President Deputy Leslie Prince rose and said how pleased and privileged he was to propose the toast to the New President, Bernard Petitpierre, but how sorry he was to see that only one Past President was wearing his badge—whereupon another was produced and exhibited! A new year and a new President were exciting he said, but Valerie must not be forgotten, for the more involved the ladies become, the better for the Club. Everyone was looking forward to 1979/80, and he was sure Bernard and Valerie would receive all the support they deserved. But how difficult it is to explore and try new events, as every Past President appreciates. As a matter of interest he related how he first met Valerie in Paris while on her honeymoon.

The new President, Bernard Petitpierre, replied and thanked Leslie for his kind words and said how much it depends on the members for the success of the Presidential year. He hoped to organize visits to Westminster Abbey and Leeds Castle, as well as the traditional events. The Church Service would again be on a Sunday, which he had fixed for the 28th October.

He closed by thanking Philip and Kay for all the help and leadership they had given Valerie and himself during the past year.

Immediate Past President, Philip Allday, rose and said "Fellow Past Presidents 'welcome', I am now one of the 'has beens'". He apologized for the fact that only about 50% attending the A.G.M. could hear the proceedings, and that it was now appreciated the Bishopsgate Institute Examinations Hall was not the place in which to hold the meeting. Turning to Bernard, he told him not to worry, for if he put thought into his programme, he would get the members support and will realize what a happy Club it is. People are interested and they do support the President. Even with small numbers, if all work together it becomes a very happy party.

Bernard proposed a toast to the Vice-President, Mr. Deputy Horlock, and gave thanks to the various Officers who are working so hard for the Club and lastly thanked the Staff for serving everyone so well during the evening and creating such a pleasant atmosphere.

Vice-President, Deputy Horlock, briefly replied thanking the President for his kind remarks.



IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT MR. PHILIP ALLDAY
WELCOMING THE NEW PRESIDENT MR. BERNARD PETITPIERRE

(H. J. Dicketts)

BERNARD E. PETITPIERRE was born in Ealing in 1909 and educated at Westminster School. Bernard was married in 1939 and has one son and two daughters now domiciled in various parts of the world. He was a widower for nine years before marrying Valerie in 1970. Valerie is not only a member of the Club in her own right but a Freeman of the City.

The whole of Bernard's working life, with the exception of the war years has been centred on the City and his offices in Monument Street were on the site of some interesting archeological finds which have recently been made.

Bernard's main business activities have been in Export particularly in engineering and associated products and he is Chairman of the family (holding) Company and Director of subsidiaries. His business has taken him abroad to East Africa on numerous occasions and for a few weeks to Pakistan. For over 20 years he has been a member of the Council of the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry and for a period Chairman of the East African section. He is still active on the Educational side of the London Chamber with special interest in Secretarial skills. His educational interests were further recognised when he was nominated a Governor of the City of London School until it became a Polytechnic.

He has always had considerable interest in Civic affairs being a Freeman of the City, a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Farmers, Past Master of both Billingsgate and Lime Street Ward Clubs and a member of the City Livery Club.

Our Club which he joined in 1965 has benefited in many ways from his knowledge and experience. As President he has been outward looking and endeavoured to generate interest and the participation in the City among the many thousands of Commuters whose business brings them to the City each day. Although they spend a third of their lives within the boundaries, so few have any knowledge of the historic interest and civic amenities which are offered, as Bernard has often remarked, it seems tragic to think that so many know nothing of the City beyond the street in which they work. This ideal aim which he has sponsored is at least a beginning, but will need the earnest endeavours of many Presidents to produce tangible results.

Our President has always been anxious to acquaint himself with the comments and opinions of the members, which has helped him to serve the Club and its members in the most appropriate manner. Bernard and Valerie have maintained the informal atmosphere of our Club which with their sincerity and honest endeavour to promote its interest has been appreciated by the members who have loyally supported them throughout the year.

OUR PRESIDENT



Visit to Westminster Abbey

THURSDAY, APRIL 18th, 1979

A PARTY of 80 was received and welcomed by the President and his lady in the Jerusalem Chamber. Bernard expressed his regret that the Dean was unable to attend due to an unexpected engagement but hoped everyone would have a pleasant evening.

The President introduced Mr. Foster—Surveyor of the Fabric—who gave a short talk on the Abbey. The origin of the name Jerusalem Chamber is uncertain. The room is panelled in oak and hung with 15th and early 16th Century tapestries. The ceiling is a Victorian restoration and blends with the panelling below. It has many historical associations; it was here that King James I officially ordered the translation of the Bible into English.

In this room, Henry 4th suffered a stroke and died while attending a meeting of the Crusaders. He had always wished to die in Jerusalem, and it was said he died happy in the thought of "Jerusalem" Chamber. At the present day it is used as the Monarch's Coronation Robing Room.

Mr. Foster continued with a brief history of the Abbey. The Cloister is all that remains of the first Abbey built by the Normans in Saxon times. In 1245, Henry started the construction of a new Abbey built to a French plan which in general form remains today, but he did not live to see its completion. The last addition to the building was the twin West Towers in 1745. The two types stone used in the early building were Caen and Rygate, but owing to the deterioration of the stone, much of the structure was refaced by Wren.

The party was divided into two groups for an inspection of the Abbey; Mr. Foster conducted one group and Mr. Nixon—Librarian—the other. It was a privilege and a great pleasure to be granted a private tour without the presence of the general public. The atmosphere of peace and serenity was most impressive. It is unnecessary for this report to be a guide book to the Abbey; suffice that we could have had no better guides to the wonderful monuments and explain the history, from the Coronation Throne with the Scone Stone, to the superb modern glass chandeliers presented by Waterfords.

The party duly arrived at the College Hall, which was the original Abbot's dining room, owned by the Abbey and now used by the Westminster School. Here a sumptuous buffet was awaiting the party's attention.

The walls of the dining room are lined with the portraits of past Headmasters, one of particular interest being that of Dr. Busby in the time of Charles I. This gentleman never removed his hat, either indoors or out, not even in the presence of the Monarch, the doctrine being that his scholars would lose respect for him if they saw him remove this hat to a superior. The doctor's name is perpetuated to this day in the Busby hat, a design based on the one worn by him.

After proposing the Loyal Toast, the President thanked the Dean—through Mr. Pullen, the General Receiver and Administrator who was present—and also Mr. Foster and Mr. Nixon for the time they had so kindly given. Bernard said he had a special nostalgic interest in the visit as he had spent a number of years in the school and many memories had been recalled. Mr. Pullen replied and apologised for the Dean's unavoidable absence and extended a warm welcome to all. He explained that the College Hall

in which they were dining is, in school time, the property of the Headmaster but during the holidays belongs to the Dean and Chapter. The Abbey, he said, is known as a "Royal Peculiar", the Dean and Chapter being responsible to no-one but the Queen, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Archbishop of Canterbury or Bishop of the Diocese. With such rights conferred upon them they can hold ceremonies with the participation of representatives of other Faiths. Mr. Pullen called attention to the extensive restoration work being carried out which has been in progress for years and will take another 10 years to complete, for which funds are badly needed.

He explained what a busy place the Abbey is, with three services every day and five on Sundays, plus special services for anniversaries, weddings, etc. There is a permanent staff of 150 craftsmen; 7 clerics; 12 professional singers and lay singers; 22 choir boys and a choir school; 40 sidesmen; part time bellringers and innumerable voluntary helpers making a grand total of about 500 all working as a very happy family.

The annual cost for upkeep, outgoings, etc. is in the region of £750,000 and the Abbey has to be self supporting as there is no State aid. About 30% comes from old endowments and the other 70% comes from tourists.

Each year about four to five million visitors come to the Abbey, but unfortunately the numbers are not evenly spaced, and, due to the periodic surge of people—one being prior to the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace!—a new force of Marshals has had to be created to cope with the numbers of people at peak periods.

Mr. Pullen ended by saying how delighted he was to have had the United Wards Club members and hoped to see us all again.

The President closed the visit with an expression of sincere thanks to Mr. Pullen.



THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. PETITPIERRE WITH THE CATHEDRAL GUIDES

(H. J. Dicketts)

Visit to Leeds Castle

THURSDAY, 14th JUNE, 1979

ON 14th June, 1979, 57 Club members travelled from far and wide to see "the loveliest castle in the world". It also inspired the quotation "It is a vision worth a long journey"—a sentiment with which all who saw it must wholeheartedly agree.

But we must begin at the beginning. The party assembled at the Shant Hotel, situated in the heart of rural Kent although easily accessible by road or main line train. Welcomed by President Bernard E. Petitpierre and Valerie in the timber vaulted Cucumber Hall, we sat down to a well balanced lunch finishing with what were to many the first (locally grown) strawberries of the season. Thus refreshed and in good spirits we set out in United convoy for Leeds Castle—a journey of a few miles. Bernard—good host that he was—had the forethought to announce that filling stations were open and queue free en route for those with petrol-thirsty cars—a piece of information worth the visit for its own sake these days!

Cars are parked a short distance from the castle but tractor-drawn passenger trailers are available. Many, however, preferred to walk through the grounds, viewing the various species of ducks and peacocks on the way. The latter, in spite of entreaties from Club members, looked disdainful and stubbornly refused to display their tails—entailing too much effort perhaps. Even with retracted feathers however, the all white peacock was a specie not often seen.

What are the first impressions of Leeds Castle? Beautiful—romantic—tranquil—nothing quite like it elsewhere. All those things, it is a marriage of the mellow Kentish ragstone with the surrounding blue water, set in undulating fresh green Kentish countryside.

The castle has a long history. It all began in the 9th century when Ledian (Leed for short!), the Chief Minister of Etherlbert IV, King of Kent, noticed that at a particular point, the river Len widened into a small lake surrounding two islands. Obviously a man with an eye for a good site (probably the forerunner to the modern property tycoon), he built a wooden castle protected by a drawbridge. Development—often without planning permission—proceeded over the years and in 1119 Robert de Crèvecoeur constructed a stone castle. It remained in the ownership of that family for over 200 years, then passed to Edward I who reinforced the defences, and much of the castle dates from this period. It also became by tradition the dower house of the queen when widowed, and a ladies' castle.

Henry VIII made additions and after his death Leeds passed from royal ownership. After this many noteworthy families resided there and the last personal owner, Lady Baillie carried out major renovations, importing French medieval furnishings which exactly fit the style of the rooms.

Lack of space precludes a detailed description; mention of a few highlights must suffice. First, the housekeeping accounts kept by Joan of Navarre for 136 days in 1422. Unintelligible, and soon abandoned—in fact similar to those maintained by our own ladies!

Then, in the Queen's dining room, the banqueting table dating from 1581, having a top 75 feet long and carved from one plank. There was evidence of use and misuse, but damaged parts were skilfully patched. Mention must also be made of a unique folding table brought from Durham Cathedral and said to have travelled with Queen Elizabeth I.

It could hardly be said that she travelled light since one of the two leaves would adequately fill an average modern dining room.

All rooms look out upon the moat with pleasant vistas of the surrounding parkland but some, including the corridors, also face Fountain Court, a restful stone paved courtyard which is the heart of this part of the fortress known as the Gloriette.

The layout is such that all sense of direction can be lost and the fact that one has traversed a bridge linking the two islands passes unnoticed. Far too soon the main hall is reached, in which were noted various objects—Crusader swords, an Armada chest and a dog's drinking bowl circa 1979. Displayed on the wall is a most unusual tapestry depicting a husband-to-be—a lion's body, but muzzled, manacled and surrounded by pallasades, a condition in which many husbands fondly, but erroneously, believe themselves!

There was hardly time before leaving for more than a fleeting inspection of the well restored Jacobean tithe barn where tea was served, or the aviaries containing many exotic oriental birds. Truly those who were unable to come missed a rare treat, and grateful thanks are due to our President for bringing us to "this beautiful palace in Kent called Leeds Castle".

Report by MARTIN BARBER



THE PARTY AT LEEDS CASTLE

(Sydney Rust)

Holiday in Madeira

14th/25th SEPTEMBER, 1979

ON a fine September day, 36 members bound for Madeira were welcomed by President Bernard Petitpierre and Valerie at Heathrow. Secretary Frank Steiner at once relieved us of all the tedious check-in procedures so that we were immediately able to concentrate upon chatting with friends, and apply our minds to the important subject of duty-free purchases. Air travel is rather like war—long periods of utter boredom (sitting around in airport lounges), followed by bursts of hectic activity (passport control, bomb searches, and so forth) but after a fairly short delay the party was en route for Funchal.

On arrival our half Swedish, half Madeiran guide, Eva Sardinha (who therefore combined Swedish efficiency with Madeiran charm) smoothed our progress to Reid's Hotel.

First impressions of Funchal were gained on the following day. The bad points are that it is noisy and smelly, with diesel fumes predominant. On the credit side it has considerable charm. The mosaic pavements are works of art and are in fact a feature of the island. Furthermore, Funchal is set in a beautiful bay surrounded by tree clad mountains, about which the writer was apt to wax euphoric when viewing the setting sun thereon from his bedroom window—especially when fortified by a generous libation of Scotch.



REIDS HOTEL

(Alan Jones)

Traffic in Funchal can be dangerous. Not from the ox-drawn sledges that ply from the Avenida do Mar for the benefit of tourists, but from the taxi drivers. The writer, newly arrived in Funchal, narrowly avoided a premature meeting with his ancestors. It proved to be a near miss and the totally unconcerned taxi driver went on to hunt for another expendable tourist. If you do not wish to live dangerously there is the simple expedient of beating by joining them, and hiring a taxi to take you there and back at astonishingly low cost.

The Trips

A number of trips were taken in the course of the holiday and, surprisingly for a small island, they contained many interesting features, all lucidly described by our excellent guide. The need for economy of space allows only a brief reference to the highlights and here are a few.

Seen during the introductory tour of Funchal, the cedar roof of the cathedral, the indigenous wood of the island, inlaid with ivory. Also admired were the misericords—decorative but giving welcome support in times when protracted choral devotions were normal.



THE CLUB PARTY AT PICO DO BARCELOS

(Hugh Olson)

Our first long trip was one with breathtaking—and hair-raising—coastal vistas. This included lunch at Porto Moniz on the north-western tip, at a restaurant which appeared to be set in the lava rock face (lava since Madeira is formed by volcanic eruption), and which was surrounded by rock bathing pools. Particularly on this trip, one rapidly gained respect for the coach driver who skilfully coped with all the twists and turns, including through narrow tunnels blasted in the rock. It should be noted that the main roads are generally no wider than an English farm track and it was both amusing and disturbing to note a 'road narrows' sign after several precarious miles with barely sufficient space for passing traffic. En route we stopped to view the sheer drop of the cliff at Cabo Girao—the second highest sea cliff in the world. Readers may wonder (as did the writer) where the highest is located but reference to a well known brewers publication did not provide enlightenment.

On this trip particularly we passed many lorries full to overflowing with newly harvested black grapes on their way to the wine factories. The harvest was early and whole families were to be seen busying themselves with the grape picking, using the wide brimmed baskets to transport the crop.

Further magnificent views of the rocky coast were seen in the course of a sea trip to the extreme eastern point of the island at Ponta de St. Lourenco. Highlights of this event were the perfect weather, a fish lunch cooked by the two-man crew who, either in ignorance or defiance of such trade union rules as exist, doubled up as waiters and bartenders. A further remarkable point was the iron constitution of the several Club members and their wives in refusing to succumb to mal-de-mer in spite of the considerable Atlantic swell experienced during the voyage.



LUNCH AT PORTO MONIZ

(Alan Jones)

The visit to Camacha was noteworthy on two counts. It is the centre of the wicker-work industry and the basketmakers had really let themselves go. There were small, medium and large baskets of all shapes, some with lids—others without, hanging baskets, fruit baskets, wine baskets, bread baskets and a multitude of baskets of doubtful utility. There were wicker animals, tables, lampshades, trays, loungers, stools and chairs—truly a Whicker's World.

There was also the second stage of the trip. Our party travelled on to the restaurant A Nossa Aldeira—roughly translated as 'an ideal nosher' by one of us. There we enjoyed espetada—meat on a skewer to the uninitiated, except that the 'skewer' is something like a four foot wrought iron poker hung vertically on stands, from which the lunch party removed the meat which had been cooked over a wood barbecue. 'Meat with a hole in it' in fact, washed down by the local vin ordinaire which improved with the volume consumed.

On the following day the party was regally entertained by the Madeira Wine Association at the best known wine lodge on the island. There in a veritable Aladdin's cave of casks, butts and wine making impedimenta, we sampled the local vintages from dry Sercial to sweet Malmsey. In English minds the latter will always be associated with the third Duke of Clarence, said to have drowned in a butt of Malmsey wine.

It was interesting to note that the building was originally a monastery built alongside a convent. We viewed with interest the slanted windows—so shaped to prevent the monks seeing the nuns, thus avoiding the intrusion of impious thoughts!

The lunch that followed at the Jardim do Sol restaurant, a short coach ride from Funchal, more than lived up to its first class rating. The hors d'oeuvre—a meal in itself—consisted of a massive selection of local fish, vegetable and meat dishes. Tiring of this



AFTER THE SERVICE AT THE ENGLISH CHURCH

(Alan Jones)



ON THE TOBOGGAN RUN AT MONTE

abundance in due course we then feasted on espetada (see above), followed by fruit, including the excellent island grown strawberries. Our warmest thanks were expressed by President Bernard for all the trouble taken by our hosts, among whom were Richard Blandy, head of the Madeira Wine Association, Anthony Miles of Rutherford & Miles, wine shippers, and Jeremy Zino who conducted us round the wine lodge. Those who know these regions will recognise Blandy as the foremost business name on the island.

The final trip was a most exciting and unusual one. The coach ascended the mountains above Funchal to Terreira da Luta, at which we embarked on sledges and descended, Cresta style, to Monte. Our two 'drivers', wearing the local straw hats, alternately braking and riding with us, steered us through pine forests into Monte where we dismounted. Due to friction—wooden runners on stone—there was a pleasant smell of burning pine as the sledge gathered speed and it was an unforgettable experience, all too soon over.

The Church Service

The journey to church had its humorous side. Quite reasonably we had assumed that the driver knew the way and when it was apparent that he didn't, our numerous back seat drivers proffered advice, all of which went unheeded. However, the driver showed considerable skill in reversing uphill, and this was perhaps the best way of coming to terms with a one-way system recently introduced in Funchal to combat the menace of the motor car so well known here.

The sermon was preached by the Revd. Streeting, an ex-RAF man, as was the honorary Consul who also attended—appropriately as the previous Saturday was Battle of Britain Day. It gave us a feeling of being at home although in a totally different environment. It may be noted here that one of the nice things about Madeira is its Englishness, stemming from the heyday of the Empire when it was a convenient port of call for those travelling to and from the east.

The Social occasions

At the President's cocktail party Bernard read greetings from Past President Philip Allday and Kay, and told us that Vice-President Wimburn Horlock had telephoned his good wishes. The President also referred to the high proportion of wedding anniversaries celebrated at this time of the year, to wit, Geoffrey and Vivian Baker on the day of our arrival, Past President Stan and Ada Flintham on 15th September, Past Sheriff Joe and Vera Brown and Secretary Frank and Joyce Steiner following up in October.

On this happy note we were all received by Stan and Ada the next evening. The hotel had thoughtfully provided for them a large balcony on which we all assembled to enjoy each others company and the view of Funchal Bay in perfect weather.

On another evening we were all guests of Reid's Hotel when we were received by the Swiss manager, M. Georges Hangartner, and his charming wife. The local champagne, served in abundance, proved to be an excellent aperitif.

The final social event was a gala dinner in the candlelit grill room, a most attractive setting—at which the Club entertained the Revd. Streeting, M. Georges Hangartner, Mr. Jeremy Zino, and wives. In a witty speech Past President Philip Hogg paid tribute to Bernard, referring to his enthusiasm for the Club, and to the conscientious way in which he undertook his duties. Warming to the subject he made play with the name *Petitpierre* which he had observed as a town in France called *Petitepierre*—the feminine in French parlance—which he passed through when returning from a goodwill tour of eastern Europe. Past President Philip concluded with a toast to Bernard and Valerie, and the sentiments expressed were enthusiastically acclaimed by the assembled company. Bernard briefly responded by thanking our guests and others who had contributed to the success of the holiday, including the Secretary, our courier Miss Jane Greenwood, and of course Valerie who in her own inimitable fashion, had unobtrusively but capably provided support.

Sports Column

A table tennis tournament organised by Past President Stan Flintham was won by Diana Pegram and Stan respectively in the ladies' and gentlemen's section, the runners-up being the President's wife, Valerie, and Len Harman.

Who held the record time for sun lounging—a favourite sport around the pool—was not established, though many tried hard. Perhaps it was a dead heat.

Last—and lasting—impressions

Of Madeira:

- * The brightly painted houses—a paradise for the makers of Robbialac and other well-known brands.
- * Twisting roads on which, because of the terrain, vast mileage is covered without getting anywhere.

- * The airport runway leading straight into the sea.
- * Affinity with our livery companies of old—coopers, basket makers and vintners. For example, in a Funchal side street one could watch production of a barrel, elsewhere the basket making, and even grape treading.
- * The abundance of flowers harmonising with the Portuguese architecture—man complementing nature indeed.
- * The ingenuity used in constructing the levadas, gently sloping irrigation channels, alongside which there are now many pleasant country walks.
- * The beautiful embroidery work, which incidentally was introduced to the island by an Englishwoman.
- * The sights and sounds of the Funchal fish market—notable for the freshness of the fish and the consequent absence of offensive smells. The gruesome looking black espada can be bought there and notwithstanding an off-putting appearance, it is an appetising fish.

Of Reid's:

- * Its elegance, and in particular the Victorian sofa and card tables, on which were displayed magnificent flower arrangements.
- * Its spaciousness, with adequate lounges and acres of gardens.
- * The superb swimming facilities. Reid's has two pools—a large one at upper level and lower down, filled directly from the sea, a smaller one nicknamed the Polar Bear Pool. There was also a third pool—the Atlantic Ocean—and it was noted that this was frequented by Past Sheriffs Hugh Olson and Joe Brown—evidently the shrievalty makes for toughness!
- * Afternoon tea on the terrace—an exceedingly good brew, served of course with Madeira cake and other delights.
- * The view of Funchal at night from the grill room terrace—glow-worm hillside lights reflected in the wide sweep of the bay below.

Of our party:

- * A good humoured group who, without exception, seemed to mix together extremely well.

All good things must end and we are left with our memories. A brief stop in Lisbon enabled farewells to be said, then the final journey to Heathrow and home.

The holiday party is indebted to the President for his choice of Madeira and for selecting Reid's which was exactly right for our Club holiday.

Report by— MARTIN BARBER.

GOLF SECTION

THE annual match between the United Wards Club and The City Livery Club on Friday, 20th July, 1979, at Kingswood Golf Club.

The singles were played in the morning and at lunch the score was City Livery—6 matches and United Wards'—2 matches.

Foursomes followed in the afternoon and at the end of the day the scoreline read:—

City Livery	9
United Wards'	3

Next year's fixture will take place on 18th July, 1980, at Kingswood. Interested golfers are invited to contact. G. F. GILBERT, 19, Deepfield Way, Coulsdon, Surrey.

Annual Church Service

SUNDAY, 28th OCTOBER, 1979

THE annual church service held in St. Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall by kind permission of the Rev. B. A. Watson, O.B.E., M.A., R.N., was conducted by the Hon. Chaplain to the Club, the Rev. J. F. D. Trimmingham, M.A.

The lessons read by the Vice-President and the President respectively, were taken from Isaiah 35, Verses 6-13 and St. Luke 8, Verses 4-15. The singing of the jubilate and hymns was led by the church choir.

The Chaplain took as his text for the address a verse from Psalm 122—"I was glad when they said unto me we will go into the house of the Lord." Thanksgiving, he said, should show a sense of joy when coming to worship in the house of God, yet Christians, in the minority in the world, sometimes found little to give cause for thanksgiving. Success can bring rejoicing, but what of failure? The standards of the church are different from those of the world and it is not possible to judge success or failure by buildings. The task of the Christian church is to bring people to God. This is not achieved just by an annual church service. We were sitting a Church of England, but this church is part of a world church which must show people the meaning of life as a whole, setting a standard to follow. We should come to church not as to another institution, but as something which relates people to Christ. The church proclaims the Good News of the Gospel, which we should receive with thanksgiving and follow the dictate of Our Lord, "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God".

The venue for lunch was changed this year to the Dickens' Inn by the Tower at St. Katherine's Way. It was attended by 85 members and friends some of whom found the climb to the restaurant rather a task.

The usual toasts were drunk to the Queen and the Lord Mayor and Corporation of London. As some members had to leave early to attend a further service at St. Lawrence Jewry, the customary speeches were dispensed with and a very brief vote of thanks, with special reference to the highly successful holiday, was extended to the President by Bunny Morgan. In reply, the President first expressed his good wishes to Frank and Joyce who had celebrated their Ruby Wedding the previous day, and then, thanking Bunny for his kind remarks, said much of the success was due to the able help given him by Valerie.

Before dispersing, the party was reminded of the next meeting of the Club, which the President hoped would be well supported.



AT THE DICKENS INN

Left to right—THE REV. TRIMMINGHAM: MRS. TRIMMINGHAM: MRS. HORLOCK: MRS. PETITPIERRE: THE PRESIDENT: VICE-PRESIDENT MR. DEPUTY HORLOCK

(H. J. Dicketts)

LORD MAYOR'S PROCESSION

SATURDAY, 10th NOVEMBER, 1979

THE President, Mr. Bernard Petitpierre, represented the Club in the Lord Mayor's Show, accompanied by the Vice-President, Mr. Wimburn Horlock; the Treasurer, Mr. Sydney Rust; and the Secretary, Mr. Frank Steiner. They travelled in an open Landau, bearing the Club's Coat of Arms.



(Alan L. Luke)

PRESENTATION OF ADDRESSES

SATURDAY, 10th NOVEMBER, 1980

ON the morning of Lord Mayor's Day Addresses were presented to the Lord Mayor and a Sheriff.

TO
**THE RIGHT HONOURABLE
 THE LORD MAYOR**
SIR PETER DRURY HAGGERSTON GADSDEN, G.B.E., M.A.

The President and Governing Body of the United Wards' Club of the City of London take pleasure in offering you sincerest congratulations on attaining the highest office in the City.

Your fellow members of this Club, of which you are a Life Member, are fully assured that you will throughout the busy and exciting year which starts today uphold and enhance the City's traditions and prestige, which it is this Club's principle object to maintain.

May you and Lady Gadsden enjoy good health to carry out the many duties of your respective offices with satisfaction to yourselves and credit to our City.

BERNARD E. PETITPIERRE	WIMBURN HORLOCK	SYDNEY RUST	FRANK N. STEINER
<i>President</i>	<i>Vice-President</i>	<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>	<i>Secretary</i>

The Lord Mayor's reply was in the following terms:—

THE PRESIDENT AND GOVERNING BODY OF THE UNITED WARDS' CLUB

Thank you so much for the Illuminated Addresses which you have presented to me today.

They all bring messages of goodwill, support and encouragement which my wife and I greatly appreciate receiving.

We know that we could not carry out our duties in the year ahead without your support and we shall always treasure not only these beautiful Illuminated Addresses but also the sentiments expressed in them.

PETER GADSDEN *Lord Mayor*

TO
MR. SHERIFF JOHN HART

The President and Governing Body, on behalf of all your fellow members of the UNITED WARDS' CLUB of the CITY OF LONDON, extend to you congratulations and good wishes on your election to the ancient and high office of SHERIFF of the CITY OF LONDON.

They hope that you and MRS. HART will be granted good health to carry out and enjoy to the full the important and interesting duties which will occupy you in the days ahead, well knowing that you will perform them in such manner as will reflect credit on yourselves and on this great City.

BERNARD E. PETITPIERRE	WIMBURN HORLOCK	SYDNEY RUST	FRANK N. STEINER
<i>President</i>	<i>Vice-President</i>	<i>Hon. Treasurer</i>	<i>Secretary</i>

Mr. Sheriff Hart's reply was in the following terms:—

THE PRESIDENT AND GOVERNING BODY OF THE UNITED WARDS' CLUB

I am deeply grateful to you for your Addresses of congratulations and good wishes. I am very conscious of the honour done to me by the Liverymen of the City of London in electing me Sheriff of the City, the most ancient elective office in England.

It would be impossible for me to perform the duties of this high and dignified Office if I did not have the fullest support of my wife, Ann. We are both greatly encouraged by the warmth of the friendship you have shown us.

We look forward to doing all we can to ensure the success and happiness of the Civic Team in the year ensuing.

JOHN HART *Sheriff*

The Christmas Luncheon

FRIDAY, 7th DECEMBER, 1979

THE annual Christmas Luncheon was held in the Crypt of the Guildhall on Friday, 7th December, when 149 members and friends met for this most enjoyable gathering of the year.

The menu of soup and the traditional turkey was followed by a light sweet, crème brûlée, in place of the usual Christmas pudding, an innovation appreciated by many. White wine accompanied the meal which ended with coffee and port for those who wished.

The usual toasts to the Queen and the Lord Mayor and the Corporation of London were drunk, followed by the toast to the President and his Lady, proposed by Past President Fred Cleary. Tribute was paid to Bernard's successful year of office, ably and graciously assisted by Valerie.

In reply, the President thanked Fred for his kind remarks and said what a happy occasion the Christmas Luncheon always proved to be. It had an air of informality that was very pleasing, and he was glad to see so many people present. Thanks were due to Frank Steiner for the success of the arrangements, and the President closed by wishing that all might have a very happy Christmas.

Then followed the traditional singing of carols, once again ably led by Mr. Anthony Bramall. After some urging and encouragement, voices grew in strength and a very creditable 'performance' was achieved.

Before leaving, the President reminded the members of the forthcoming banquet, when he hoped to see many present.



AT THE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

(H. J. Dicketts)

THE 103rd BANQUET

WEDNESDAY, 16th JANUARY, 1980

THE Annual Banquet was held in the Mansion House by kind permission of the Lord Mayor and all members and guests were received by The President and Mrs. Petitpierre, and the Vice-President and Mrs. Horlock. The music throughout the evening was provided by The Walbrook Orchestra under the direction of Herbert Lovick.

The Loyal Toast was proposed by the President and the Civic Toast to the Lord Mayor, the Corporation of London, and the Sheriffs was proposed by Past President Harry Dicketts.

Harry expressed his pleasure in proposing the toast as the Lord Mayor was a Sheriff when he was serving as President of the Club. He thanked the Lord Mayor for the great privilege of holding the Banquet in his home, a privilege the Club had not enjoyed until 1967, and then largely as the result of the efforts of Frank Steiner, and it was only 9 years since ladies were first invited to add their grace and charm to this annual function. He referred to the Lord Mayor's great interest in the youth of the country and the projects he had sponsored "The City" he said "is a proud City" and enumerated how this is demonstrated in so many ways; the display of trees and flowers—for which thanks should be given to Past President Fred Cleary, sponsor of the "Flowers in the City Campaign"—; the retention and maintenance of the ancient and colourful traditions and ceremonies associated with the City unrivalled by any other country, The Lord Mayor's Show being the best known example.



Left to right:—ALDERMAN AND SHERIFF CHRISTOPHER LEAVER; MRS. LEAVER; MR. FRANK STEINER (SECRETARY); DEAN OF WESTMINSTER; MRS. ELLISON; BISHOP OF LONDON; MRS. PETITPIERRE; THE LORD MAYOR; THE PRESIDENT; THE LADY MAYORESS; VICE-PRESIDENT MR. DEPUTY WIMBURN HORLOCK; MRS. HORLOCK; LT. COL. COLIN COLE; MRS. COLE; MRS. HART; MR. SHERIFF JOHN HART

Harry complimented the Lord Mayor on this year's procession with the theme "The City and Natural Resources" a colourful and exciting ceremony which costs the ratepayer nothing. "The successful administration of the City" he continued "in a non-political atmosphere is the envy of many great cities of the world, an administration directed by men who have made a success of their lives before directing the lives of others. The City has had its misfortunes, difficulties and problems and will undoubtedly have others in the future, a factor which is inherent of every great organisation, but these unfortunate incidents are red-hot news for the media, but the reporters overlook the continuous effort needed in administration, ranging from the everyday running of the City to great projects carried out by the Corporation such as the Barbican complex which is reintroducing residential accommodation, housing the world famous Guildhall Library, the London Museum, the Arts Centre and probably a new home for the Shakespeare Theatre Company. This City is a living City and exciting things are always happening worthy of far more news space than it ever receives".

The success of every Society, Club or the Corporation of London depends on the support and enthusiasm of every member and it is the responsibility of everyone to spread the news and promote the City's interests in every possible way. "The City is a complex business centre with links throughout the world, but it does not live by commerce alone and it is not a collectoin of money-making institutions, it constitutes an humane, resilient, understanding and often charitable combination of interests; which is why so many wish to establish a stake within the City walls. Amidst the business activity, there is a commodity which should have an ever increasing export market "trust and confidence" and this, my Lord Mayor, you are achieving in full measure in your extensive business activities abroad, and now your Civic visits overseas will give added strength to the promotion of this objective."

Harry closed by wishing the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress every success during their term of office, and made kind references to the two Sheriffs Christopher Leaver and John Hart, and to their patient wives who so loyally support them.

The Lord Mayor replied and proposed the toast of the United Wards' Club and the President. He thanked Harry Dicketts for his kind remarks and his reference to the Sheriffs "They are indeed a splendid pair" he said "on my right Alderman and Sheriff Christopher Leaver the youngest of the team. On my left Sheriff John Hart, the oldest—and I come in the middle, not I hasten to add middle-aged, because that as Denis Norden says is when wherever you go on holiday you always take a warm sweater. I don't think I do that though I must admit that the policeman are getting younger and the print is getting smaller."

He said how delighted he was to welcome the Club to the Mansion House—in his tied cottage for the year—and the novel experience of being entertained in one's own home by somebody else. He expressed his joy at giving parties for the children and referred to the Christmas Party where a small boy came up and whispered confidentially "Are you the Lord Mayor?" I replied that I was, but he enquired further "Are you the real thing?" I replied "Of course, but why do you ask?" "Well", he said (looking at Father Christmas), "There are some fakes around here".

The Lord Mayor thanked the Club for the Illuminated Address presented to him on Lord Mayor's Day, and said he was glad the Club was represented in the Procession. "It is all too easy to utter fine words and achieve nothing. That is why a Club like this is so important. So many of our problems in this country today seem to lie in some kind of breakdown in communication and understanding. Therefore, an organisation which fosters friendship and co-operation between a variety of people, who work for many different firms and at many different levels, can make an invaluable contribution to the well being of this City and this nation. Of the three City Clubs, the City Livery, the Guild of Freemen and the United Wards' Club, this Club, founded in 1877, is the oldest—and it is appropriate that this should be so. Many of the Livery Companies can trace their origin back to the Middle Ages, but the democratic government of this City derives its origins from before the Norman Conquest. The Ward boundaries were probably decided by the streams which used to run through the City. In a sense parliamentary government at Westminster has developed from that of the City. The essence of democracy is participation and this Club offers to its members the opportunity to take a wider interest in citizenship and so to play a part in the City Government. Through Ward Clubs they can meet each other and their elected representatives."

The Lord Mayor referred to some people's criticism of City democracy on the grounds that the franchise is too narrow and the desirability of extending the electorate, but the problem is how it should be done "it is true" he explained "that a great many people who work in the City are not entitled and that the Limited Companies, who pay a great proportion of the rates had their entitlement to vote abolished in 1894. But it is not practical to attempt to enfranchise them at the moment. In any case the question of who, in the Company, should actually have the vote would be very complicated. Some say that workers in the City should have a vote, but that is not to be recommended because they do not pay rates, and there is a danger of politics being introduced into the City. It would seem to me that the only way to increase the number of voters in the City is to work within the present franchise and ensure that more and more companies make arrangements for their staff to rent an area and so qualify for the franchise. I should certainly like to see many more people voting and so playing an active part in the life of the City."

He commended the President for his active interest in the life of the City and for the various offices in which he has served, being a Past Master of both Billingsgate and Lime Street Wards' Clubs and a Liveryman of the Farmers' Company. "This has been a very enjoyable occasion. I should like to thank you most warmly on behalf of the Sheriffs and our ladies, and Colonel Thacker, for your splendid hospitality this evening, and to wish the Club continued success. I ask you all to rise and drink with me the Toast of "The United Wards' Club of the City of London coupled with the name of the President, Mr. Bernard Petitpierre."

The President replied and thanked the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress for lending their home for the Club's use and for the kind words about himself and the Club. The fact of their presence was a great honour in view of the many functions they had to attend and speeches that have to be made, but it enabled the Club to show its sincere gratitude.

He also expressed his appreciation and thanks to the many people who had given help and various kindnesses during the course of the year. Then a special family "thank you" to Valerie "for all the help and support she has given me this year, and last year as well when I was Vice President. The planning, the background thinking, the consoling when things seem troublesome, the support on the day, the many ways that the wife helps, guides and sometimes contradicts; all I can say, Valerie, is thank you for your multi hundred percent assistance and support."

The President gave a report on the year's activities, all of which are fully reported in the Club Journal.

One aspect of the Club's activities, he felt, should be more fully reported, was the Associate Ward Club's Sub-Committee. "The United Wards' Club" he said "believing that in some aspects of support of the City, maximum strength can only be generated by unity, has opened the door to individual Ward Clubs to associate with us, so as to facilitate the organising of certain events. The most notable one has for several years been the Cocktail Party at the Mansion House, which is usually held in October; last October a record number were present. Then last November we arranged a meeting in Guildhall at which some 160 people heard a delightful talk by the Keeper, Mr. Alan Marshall, on the history of Guildhall, its background and purpose from its beginnings up to the present day. It was followed by a very good and inexpensive buffet in the Crypt. It is intended that further meetings of a similar sort should be arranged, the basic objective being to develop interest in and knowledge of the City.

I am not claiming that this is the ideal way of operating, but it is at least a start, and time will allow improvements. For me, and I know for many others, the tragedy is that so many thousands come into the City in the morning, go home at night, claim the benefits of the City and also status—but give nothing in return. Too many have no idea of what the City is all about, its history, its functions, its responsibilities. It is our hope that meetings and talks, such as we have in mind, whoever organises them will generate more knowledge, interest, and genuine participation by those of all ages who work in the City."

The President concluded with thanks to the members and guests, the Vice-President and Mrs. Horlock and the Governing Body for all their help and support, and for the able administration by the worthy Secretary, Frank Steiner and Joyce, and for all their hard work during the year.

The toast to the Guests was proposed by Past President Arthur Hodkinson. He endorsed the welcome already given to all the Guests by the President, and related

the story of the Housekeeper who was called upon to take the place of the Butler who was ill, and on asking the Mistress her duties was told "now then Ethel, all you have to do is to stand at the door and to call the Guests names" at which Ethel's face lit up as she replied "Madam, that is what I have been waiting to do for years".

He expressed the honour and privilege conferred by the presence of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, together with the Sheriffs and their ladies, but he explained that ladies were not always guests, as they could now become members in their own right and bring their husbands. Which brought Arthur to another story of the Notice from the Mothers' Union News Sheet of the Diocese of Truro which read "Sale of unwanted items. Please bring your husbands".

Arthur welcomed the presence of three very distinguished Churchmen in the Bishop of London accompanied by Mrs. Ellison, the Dean of Westminster and Mrs. Carpenter, and the Dean of St. Paul's and Mrs. Webster.

The President being a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Farmers it was appropriate that the Master and Mrs. Harrison should be honoured guests as were the City Marshal Colonel Thacker; Tony Grant, Master of the Guild of Freeman; Tony Jolliffe President of the City Livery Club, and their charming wives. Also welcome was Mr. Moore of Windsor, accompanied by his wife who has for some years provided the United Wards' Club coach in the Lord Mayor's Show.

"Now to he who must sing for his dinner" said Arthur "silence is golden, so it is said, and the Garter King of Arms, Lt. Col. Colin Cole, must know of more skeletons in cupboards of City people than anyone else, but those who have had their pedigrees researched for a grant of arms know the sanctity of his office. This evening, however, I trust that he will not be silent, otherwise there will be no relpy to this toast."

Lt. Col. Colin Cole, the Garter King of Arms, thanked Arthur for the warm welcome extended to all the guests and then got away to a cracking start getting everyone entangled in references to his Ward Club, Farringdon, of which the Lord Mayor is Patron. In the 14th Cent. the Ward appeared to have derived its name from the ruling family, and Colin proposed it should be re-named Gadsden Ward.

He gave a brief history of the origins of the Ward boundaries and the Ward representatives saying "The Mayoralty of the Alderman of Farringdon Without, has begun splendidly and none of us in that Ward and its Ward Club have any doubt that it will continue as it has begun and in that conviction we are all united.

United also are all the guests this evening in their support of the Mayoralty and in their regard for the manner in which the Corporation of the City of London an unique and ancient Institution carries out its modern functions and responsibilities."

"Arthur Hodkinson" he said "has indicated to you something of my responsibility as Garter King of Arms. He has suggested I know more about you all or at least those of you who are legitimate, i.e. legitimately on record at the College of Arms, than you do yourselves.

I am not sure he is right, but as Garter I am supposed to know something about precedence; I am puzzled to know, however, in what order or precedence I ought to place your grateful guests so as to speak adequately for all of them in their differing capacities."

After endeavouring to sort out some of the complexities and anomalies of the order of precedence, he concluded "I extend the gratitude of a guest and ask for it to be recorded that we are much obliged to you Mr. President, for the bounteous hospitality and the good fellowship that you and the Club has given every one of your guests tonight."

So ended the 103rd Annual Banquet.



THE PRESIDENT AND HIS LADY

(Gerald J. Sharp)

PRESIDENT'S COCKTAIL PARTY

TUESDAY, 18th MARCH, 1980

THE venue for the President's Cocktail Party was the magnificent modern Hall of the Worshipful Company of Bakers. This Hall, opened in 1963, is the fourth on the site, the three preceding ones had all been destroyed by fire, one in 1666, the second in 1715 and the third in 1940.

The President and his lady received 39 Members of the Governing Body, their wives and personal guests, a very informal gathering of friends who enjoyed the lavish hospitality of wine and light refreshments provided. This is the occasion for the presentation of a gift from the Governing Body to the President's lady.

Senior Past President, Fred Cleary, on behalf of the Governing Body, thanked Bernard for the generous hospitality he had provided and for arranging the meeting to be held in such a pleasant and interesting building.

Turning to Valerie he expressed the great pleasure it gave him to hand to her the Governing Body's gift, a token of their sincere appreciation for the loyal service and support she had given Bernard and the Club and for adding her grace and charm to every function. He pointed out that the President's lady has responsibilities and duties and Valerie had carried them out in a most able and efficient manner, although so often they pass unnoticed. He then handed her an original etching by E. W. Groom of St. Paul's Cathedral viewed from the South-East with the area of war devastation in the foreground.



THE PRESENTATION

(H. J. Dicketts)

Valerie replied and gave sincere thanks to the Governing Body for the picture and said she had had the pleasure of choosing it herself, and it would be a splendid reminder of a very happy year. She said the devastated area typified what London had suffered during the war, but was now a beautiful flowering garden thanks to the combined efforts of the Corporation and the Gardeners' Company. The picture was also a reminder of her school days, as the statue of Queen Anne at the West front of St. Paul's is a reproduction of the original which now stands in the grounds of St. Mary's Anglican Convent in Hastings where she was educated. The owner of the house, before it became a Convent, had surreptitiously transported the original statue from London to Hastings by horse and cart.

Valerie thanked the Club Members for their loyal support, and Joy and Frank Steiner for their help and advice. She wished Wimburn and Robin a very happy and successful Presidential year and thanked them for their valuable help. To Bernard a special thanks for his personal gift of a diamond and ruby brooch-cum-pendant.

The President then asked Frank to thank the Master and Wardens of the Bakers' Company for their kind permission for the use of their magnificent Hall.

So ended another Presidential year.

"I'LL DO IT YESTERDAY" AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY

BY FREDERICK E. CLEARY, C.B.E., F.R.I.C.S.

The Hon. Editor is sure it is appropriate the attention of all Club Members should be called to the illustrated Autobiography "I'll do it yesterday" written by our Senior Past President Fred Cleary. The book is priced at £4.95 in hardback and the profits from the sale is to go to The Metropolitan Public Gardens Association Centenary Appeal.

A quote from part of the "Handout" will indicate the scope of the book and its varied interests.

"In his eminently readable autobiography Frederick Cleary, the well-known environmentalist and a man of many interests, looks back with an observant eye at a life full of incident and activity. He reveals how his passion for the environment earned him the nickname of "Amenity Cleary".....

(Our Fred is now more affectionately known as "Flowering Fred!")

Not only is this personal story worth reading for its useful information about town and country life, readers will also enjoy the author's comments, sometimes serious, sometimes humorous but always shrewd and penetrating, as he extends his experience of the human scene."

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**LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LORD MAYOR
OF PERTH, WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

Our Past President Charles Coward visited Australia at the end of last year and presented a letter of congratulations from the President of the United Wards Club to the Lord Mayor of Perth on the 150th Anniversary of the City's Foundation.

The letter was as follows:—

The Rt. Hon. F. C. Chaney, C.B.E., Town Hall Perth, W. Australia

The President and Governing Body of the The United Wards' Club of the City of London, through our Past President Charles Coward, J.P., F.C.I.S. offer warm congratulations to the Lord Mayor and the City of Perth in the State of Western Australia on the 150th anniversary of the City's foundation.

We are sure that your City during its splendid history has created the strength and will to seize the opportunities that undoubtedly lie in the future. We wish you success and prosperity in all that opens up before you.

signed BERNARD E. PETITPIERRE,
President.

FRANK STEINER,
Secretary.
25th October, 1979.

BALANCE SHEET & ACCOUNTS as at 31st December, 1979

	Notes	Year ended 31st December, 1979		Year ended 31st December, 1978	
		£	£	£	£
Employment of Accumulated Surplus:					
Investments at Cost	2.		8,112		8,112
Market Value 1979 £9,562					
1978 £9,703					
Current Assets:					
Stocks at Cost		447		451	
Debtors and Prepayments		439		288	
Cash at Bank and in Hand		891		1,490	
		<u>£1,777</u>		<u>£2,229</u>	
Deduct:					
Current Liabilities:					
Creditors		251		576	
Charity Fund Account	3.	173		182	
		<u>£424</u>		<u>£758</u>	
Excess of Current Assets over Current Liabilities			1,353		1,471
TOTAL Accumulated Surplus employed			<u>£9,465</u>		<u>£9,583</u>
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS					
Balance at beginning of year		7,540		8,311	
Deduct:					
Transfer to Charity Fund Account		100		100	
Net Loss on Investment Changes		—		199	
Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year		342		472	
BALANCE at end of year			7,098		7,540
Life Subscriptions	5.		2,367		2,043
TOTAL ACCUMULATED SURPLUS			<u>£9,465</u>		<u>£9,583</u>

AUDITOR GUY D. THOMAS, *Chartered Accountant.*

24th March, 1980.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

	Notes	Year ended 31st December, 1979		Year ended 31st December, 1978	
		£	£	£	£
Entrance			91		73
Subscriptions:					
Annual	4	1,771		1,785	
Life Members (Proportion)	5	417		361	
Associate Ward Clubs		125		69	
			<u>2,313</u>		<u>2,215</u>
Investment Income (excluding tax credit or less)					
Income Tax as appropriate		638		506	
Interest on Deposit Account		142		146	
			780		652
Social Functions: Income		24,747		19,200	
Expenditure		24,901		19,088	
			(154)		112
Profit on Sales: Ties		13		5	
Plaques		—		1	
			13		6
			<u>£3,043</u>		<u>£3,058</u>
Deduct:					
Office and Administration Expenses:					
Secretary's Remuneration and Emoluments		1,487		1,340	
Printing, Stationery, Postage and Telephone		566		508	
Church Services		50		120	
Lord Mayor's Show		73		100	
Sundry Expenses		130		435	
Journal		934		882	
Immediate Past President's Badge		85		84	
Corporation Tax on Deposit Interest		60		61	
			<u>3,385</u>		<u>3,530</u>
Excess of Expenditure over Income for the Year			<u>£342</u>		<u>£472</u>

NOTES to be READ in CONJUNCTION with the ACCOUNTS

1. Accounting Policies:

The credit in the Accounts for Annual Subscriptions represents the amount received during the year irrespective of the financial year to which they relate. No provision is made for arrears. Life Subscriptions are credited to Income and Expenditure Account at the rate of 15% of the reducing balance each year.

2. Investments:

Summary	Market Value		Cost	
	1979 £	1978 £	1979 £	1978 £
Fixed Interest	4,260	4,631	5,518	5,518
Equities	5,302	5,072	2,594	2,594
	<u>£9,562</u>	<u>£9,703</u>	<u>£8,112</u>	<u>£8,112</u>

3. Charity Fund Account:

	1979 £	1978 £
Balance at beginning of year	181	91
Add: Deposit Account Interest	12	6
Transfer from General Fund	100	100
	<u>293</u>	<u>197</u>
Less: Donations granted	120	15
BALANCE at year end	<u>£173</u>	<u>£182</u>

4. Annual Subscriptions include £78 in respect of year ending 31st December, 1980.

5. Life Subscriptions:

	1979 £	1978 £
Balance unappropriated at beginning of year	2,043	2,218
Additions during year	741	186
	<u>£2,784</u>	<u>£2,404</u>
Less: Amount transferred to Income and Expenditure Account	417	361
Balance unappropriated at year end	<u>£2,367</u>	<u>£2,043</u>

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NEW MEMBERS UP TO 30th JANUARY, 1980

G. R. Redcliffe; B. N. Angus; L. L. Beardman; W. R. Linton; D. C. Cox; A. S. K. Colman; G. K. Todorovitch; Deputy Edwina O. Coven; J. J. Wells; Mrs. C. Hipkins; A. B. Murray; G. G. Lunn; B. Ross; J. E. Cullis; H. D. Thomas; T. J. Higgins; R. Harding; K. Rhead; A. G. Shaw.

RESIGNATIONS UP TO 30th JANUARY, 1980

J. D. Doyle; C. H. Burge; E. Upton-Kemp; W. Lambert Lee.

DEATHS UP TO 30th JANUARY, 1980

N. Tremellen; J. R. Whitfield; H. R. Waller; J. D. K. Beardmore; L. C. Roberts; W. E. Laxton; H. W. Couchman; Charles Mazillius.

