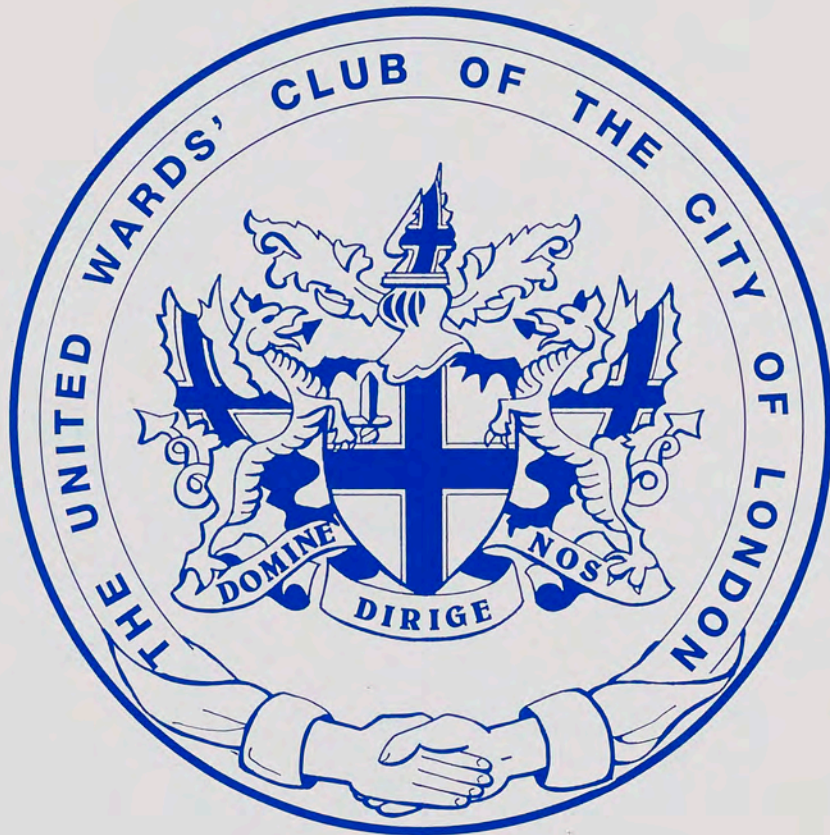


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# OUR PRESIDENT

Our President Frank Wooldridge first came to the City in 1936 and qualified as a Chartered Surveyor three years later. He joined the Inns of Court Regiment of the Territorial Army and when war was declared he was mobilised to Sandhurst. He was commissioned in the Royal Engineers and posted to India, working on the construction of airfields for the RAF and USAAF.

War over, he returned to the City and joined a firm of Quantity Surveyors. He became sole principal until joined by his son and they moved their offices to Queen Victoria Street in the Ward of Farringdon Within.

Frank is a Past President of Farringdon Ward Club and is a member of the Court of Common Council for the Ward of Farringdon Within. He has served as Honorary Assistant Secretary to the City Livery Club

and was the first Honorary Secretary of the Music Section on the retirement of the Livery Club Clerk and later Chairman. He joined the United Wards Club over twenty years ago and was Secretary for three years.

He is a liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Cutlers and so during his Presidential year we have been privileged to dine in Cutlers Hall in Sheffield during the Club weekend and to hold Founders Day Dinner in Cutlers Hall here in the City.

Throughout his many activities Frank has been ably supported by his wife Betty whom he married in New Delhi in 1941. They have a son and a daughter and currently devote a lot of time to two lovable dachshunds named Simmy and George.



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

21st March

As always on the subject of the AGM one opens the report with "it's all been said before". Last minutes approved, accounts presented, well merited thanks expressed to those who have held office and have run the Club. Then, (as always!) there are changes. The President retires from office whilst those nominated in the ensuing year are duly installed.

On this occasion there was an extra because of the retirement of the Hammond team — Secretary and Assistant Secretary being replaced by Ann Ball and Roy Collingsworth. A presentation was made to Wilfred



*The President responds to the toast to the United Wards' Club and the President proposed by Senior Past President Bunny Morgan*

and Audrey and they were thanked for their conscientious work spanning the years.

Then followed elections. First, the Senior Vice-President, Frank Wooldridge was enthroned and gowned. Next, the ever busy Wilfred Hammond received his badge of office as Senior Vice President, being replaced as Junior Vice by Christine Dyer-Simpson.

Retiring members of the Governing Body are eligible for re-election and four fell into this category, namely, Joe Byllam-Barnes, Eddie Lawrence, Mike McDowell, and Percy Sweetser. Additionally, Pat Campfield, Audrey Hammond and Peter Knight joined the Governing Body, thus filling the seven vacancies.

On to the remainder of the business — election of other officers including the new Hon. Treasurer, Gerald Morgan. Then the golf and soiree reports, the latter given by Geoffrey Ince. Finally, any other business. A comment was made on the subscription increase, raised to meet the continual rising costs. Having dealt with this the meeting closed and members retired to the bar, then for dinner in the company of friends.

MARTIN BARBER

## LITERARY LUNCHEON

12th April

The first function of President Frank's year was luncheon aboard HQS Wellington, the floating Livery Hall of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners at Temple Steps. We were blessed with a beautiful spring day and so we were able to enjoy pre-luncheon drinks on the Quarterdeck. Luncheon was served to a hundred members and guests in the magnificent panelled Court Room.

Our guest of honour was David Montgomery, the only son of Field Marshal, Viscount Montgomery of Alamein. He spoke about the book "The Lonely Leader" by Alistair Horne for which he had provided much previously unpublished material. This was of particular interest as 1995 was the 50th Anniversary of V.E. and V.J. Day.



*Rapt attention for Viscount David Montgomery*

## BLOSSOM TIME AT HEVER CASTLE

It is May 4th and Frank and Betty have decided to take us all to Hever Castle, the hunting lodge where Henry VIII met Anne Boleyn. She said "You have a Queen already, your mistress I will not be".



*Henry VIII*



*Anne Boleyn*



Coffee is served in the Moat Restaurant where the Controller Bob Pullin gives us a brief history of this small castle built in 1270 with a moat and drawbridge and flourishing in Tudor times. Bought in 1903 as a ruin by William Astor, he lavished millions of his American fortune restoring the castle and filling it with treasures, building the Tudor village and creating the gardens and lake to preserve for posterity this gem of history.

A perfect May day without a cloud, we are greeted with blossom on every tree, cherry, lilac, magnolia and clematis.

Now with expert guides we are taken around the castle, free of the general public, and introduced to the breathtaking collection of furniture, panelling, paintings, uniforms and even the headman's axe.



*Our President with Bob Pullin*

Out through the portcullis and drawbridge over the moat, we pass the Maze and the fountains and Italian statues, some 2000 years old.

Drinks in the Pavilion Restaurant and lunch with various wines, then time to relax on the terraces overlooking the great lake before we return to the Pavilion for a Kentish cream tea. What a day!



DAVID PEGRAM

*Tranquility at Hever*

## SHEFFIELD WEEKEND

*1st to 4th June 1995*

On a sun drenched afternoon we arrived at our Forte Posthouse Hotel. This modern hotel is set among trees on the hillside with views over the Derbyshire moors and the city of Sheffield. We were warmly welcomed by Ann Ball who was indefatigable throughout the weekend in arranging everything. It is always a pleasant surprise after a long journey to find when arriving familiar happy faces obviously intent of starting a jolly weekend.

In the evening we were welcomed by our President and his Lady, at a Champagne Reception. There followed an excellent four course dinner rounded off with a talk on "Old Sheffield" by the city librarian Mr Martin Olive. He took us through the history of the steel industry starting from 1736 when Sheffield had a population of 9,695. Sheffield was bombed during the war but miraculously they missed the factory that was making the crank shafts for the Spitfire.



*Lunch in the Carriage House Restaurant*

After an early breakfast on Friday we departed for Chatsworth. We passed through lovely stone villages and over beautiful moorland. On arrival at Chatsworth, the house of the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, we were told of the main happenings and of the purchases of the first to the eleventh Dukes. The sixth Duke had made immense building alterations and additions but little has been done since except for maintenance and to battle with the ever present problem of making the roofs watertight. On this vast property the views of the grounds from the windows are breathtaking.

After our tour of the house we repaired to the Carriage House Restaurant for a delicious lunch prepared by the Duchess's chef John Pierre. Inevitably there was a shop adjacent to the restaurant; this was chockful of a huge variety of merchandise and is justly famous, for the Duchess is a legendary business woman.

On the way back to Sheffield we stopped in Bakewell to wander around the quaint village and buy some Bakewell puddings; tarts they do not like to call them as these have two legs! While many of us bought the puddings Arthur Kennedy, arrived back on the coach with a 4 foot sheepskin duster and various chamois pads. Needless to say at every subsequent sighting he was asked if he had done the dusting.

At 6.30 we were off again to Cutlers Hall for dinner. What a welcome we had to this elegant Hall! We were surrounded by excellence on all sides — portraits, silver, lighting and flowers. During the introductory sips of champagne we were introduced to the Master of the Company of Cutlers in Hallamshire, Mr Christopher Jewitt. We enjoyed a magnificent meal and were entertained by a sparkling address by Mr Jewitt.

Sheffield has an immense pride in its Trademark and in Hallamshire in particular. The Cutlers are Worldclass manufacturers and made 100 million "cutlery" in 1992. Then the Mistress Cutler spoke. She is a NADFAS past chairman and catalogued 1,000 pieces of silver held by the company. With one exception they hold a piece of silver hallmarked in Sheffield for every year from 1773 to date. Before departing we were able to gaze upon the many glass cabinets lining the rooms full of silver and articles of every description. This was a memorable evening.

Misty drizzling weather greeted us on Saturday when we were due to travel to "The Last of the Summer Wine Country". Fortunately the weather improved as Mr Olive pointed out the many interesting villages and

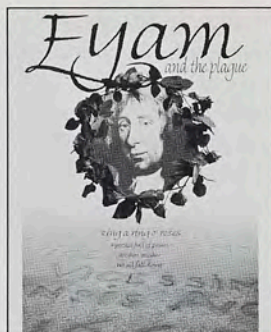


*Outside the famous cafe*

nationally famous factories based along the way, the most important being Samuel Fox's works — of umbrella fame. We drove along the Don valley and passed several beautiful reservoirs. At Dunford Bridge, noted for its three railway tunnels, we stopped at the Stanford Arms for coffee. And later at Hepworth we enjoyed seeing the typical West Yorkshire cottages with long weavers' windows on the North side to catch the light.

At Holmfirth the Town Cryer, a perky Ronnie Corbett look alike, took us on a walking tour of this charming old town where we saw the locations of scenes from "The Last of the Summer Wine" — Sid's cafe, Nora Batty's home, now the "Wrinkled Stocking Cafe", Pearl's house and the stream. A wine tasting of 5 vintages took place at Mellor's restaurant followed by an ample lunch with more wine.

On our way back to the hotel we stopped at a Mill shop where various members had success in finding bargains.



'Ring a ring o' roses  
A pocket full of posies  
Atishoo, atishoo  
We all fall down'

Conducted tour with the Town Cryer

Saturday evening was a relaxing time in the hotel. After being welcomed for drinks by Frank and Betty we enjoyed dinner and a memorable concert by the Anatolia String Quartet. No one could have provided a more accomplished and entertaining programme. After grateful thanks from our President we retired to pack.

Bright and early on Sunday we left for Eyam but on the way were taken to the Ladybower Reservoir, a beautiful place with a dam at one end. This was where Dr Barnes Wallace's bouncing bomb was tested before being used to break the Mohne Dam. Then it was a barrel shaped bomb though in the film, which was made there as well, it appeared to be like a ball.

Arriving at Eyam, known as the plague village as most of the inhabitants died of the disease in the 17th

century, we were taken around the Hall by the Wright family who have lived there for well-nigh 320 years. As well as family portraits there were many choice pieces of furniture and old books which fitted with the family's past. After feasting the eye the body was not left wanting for we repaired to the Buttery for scones, cream, jam and mouth watering cakes. Returning through the lovely villages and over moors we reached our hotel for the final lunch.

Afterwards Stanley Flintham rose to congratulate the President and his lady for the excellence of the weekend which they themselves had thoroughly researched beforehand. Betty was presented with a magnificent basket of flowers. The President wished us all well and a safe journey home.

JOAN SEWELL

## TO FRANCE FOR LUNCH WITH PRESIDENT FRANK

Friday 7th July

We had to be up early - our starting point was the Coach Station at West Kingsdown, and we had to be there at 6.45 a.m.!

Ann thoughtfully provided coffee and croissant on the journey to Dover and we were soon through the terminal and aboard the P & O ferry Pride of Kent. Places had been reserved for us in the Club Class Lounge and we enjoyed the facilities that provided - lots of space, comfortable arm chairs, newspapers and

unlimited coffee and shortbread - and time for duty free shopping.

From Calais our coach took us on a leisurely ride through the French countryside to the market town of Aire Sur La Lys. It was Market Day (no coincidence in this as our President had done his homework) so we explored the Market and the town square before travelling on to our main destination nearby. The Hostellerie Des Trois Mousquetaires is a 19th century

chateau which has been converted into a hotel and is renowned for its cuisine on both sides of the channel.



In the market square

It was a beautifully warm sunny day and we relaxed in the garden with cassis and canapé before going into the Dining Room for a superb four course gourmet lunch. This was followed by words of thanks from our Senior Vice-President, Wilfred Hammond to President Frank and Secretary Ann for making the arrangements. Some two hours later, feeling very replete and somewhat lethargic, we travelled on to the Mammoth Hypermarket where some found energy for shopping and others decided to sleep off their lunch.

We drove back to Calais and parked on the seafront for a while to enjoy the evening sunshine and a glass of wine provided by our President. We were also given Directors supper boxes to be consumed sometime on the journey home as our fancy took us. Some, carried away by the sun and the sea, decided to paddle and were amazed to see their shoes awash in the waves in a very short time.



Enjoying a paddle

Our fun was cut short as a thick sea mist rolled in obscuring the port and skyline so it was back aboard the coach and on to the ferry. We had a comfortable

crossing in spite of the mist and we all said hurrah for modern navigational aids.

We arrived back at West Kingsdown at 10.30 p.m., rather tired and weary but elated after a super day out in good company.



At lunch



A vote of thanks by Wilf



After lunch at Des Trois Mousquetaires

## VINTAGE DAY OUT

August 10th

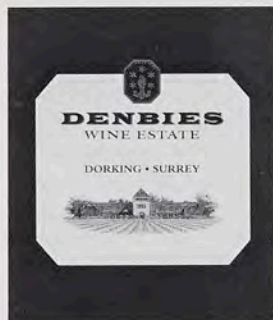
Denbies Wine Estate at Dorking is the largest vineyard in England — situated in 265 acres nestling on the Mole Valley in Surrey's North Downs.

Forty-eight members and friends gathered on a very hot sunny day (did someone say 88°F) and were glad to be in such a lovely cool building.

Following the reception by President Frank and Betty, coffee and biscuits were taken prior to a most

interesting 'voyage of discovery', an audio visual experience giving a fascinating insight into all aspects of the wine producing process through all four seasons.

Time then to board the unique 'people mover' train to be taken through every stage of the clinically clean working winery, where 21st Century technology meets the ancient art of wine making — to be followed by the tasting of three specially selected wines in the vast cellars likewise beautifully clean and modern.



Lunch in the indoor Garden Conservatory



Wine tasting in the cellar

An excellent Luncheon was provided washed down with seemingly endless replenishment of wines from the vineyard.

Bernard Petitpierre, Senior Past-President present rose to voice our thanks to Frank and Betty for the really vintage day out, inviting us all to 'take wine' with them both.

Replying, President Frank gave out a few commercials coupled with his thanks to Secretary Ann Ball and Roy and Ann Collingsworth for the efficient organisation of the day.

The formalities concluded — we were invited then to 'do our own thing'; to walk the Vineyard Trail and see the vines at close hand, to wander round the diversely stocked wine shop or find a different view of the 265 acres of vineyard and wonderful scenery from the windows of the Viewing Gallery.

EDDIE LAWRENCE

## BUCKINGHAM PALACE

"They're changing guard at Buckingham Palace, Christopher Robin went down with Alice" So quoted Past President George Todorovitch proposing the toast at the luncheon at Rubens Hotel following the Club tour of Buckingham Palace. In fact we went down to Buckingham Palace with President Frank Wooldridge and his dear wife Betty. "The Guv" as President calls our Secretary Ann Ball had made her usual immaculate arrangements. We arrived wondering if we had found the right place and would we see the other members, but Ann was there pointing us in the right direction and, of course, we all met up and in we went without delay.

Some of us had visited the Palace before and some had not, but one and all were aware of the sense of occasion. We trod the carpets usually reserved for the mighty, gazed at the paintings and statues previously only seen in photographs. We admired the chandeliers, the glass, the silver, the furniture, the flowers and the

views until we had no words left. We discovered the royal crimson was, in fact, a beautiful dark shade of pink and marvelled at the discreet and kindly manner with which we were treated.

All too soon we were in the gift shop choosing from the lovely souvenirs. Out of the shop through the garden and back to reality, we all agreed that feet permitting we could do it all again.

P.S.

Member's grandchild "Did you go to Buckingham Palace Grandma?"

Member "Yes and it was lovely".

Grandchild "I think it was very kind of the Queen to let you see inside her Palace".

Member "And so say all of us. Long may She reign".

JUNE BARNES

## HOLIDAY IN HUNGARY

1-12th September

Reported by Alex and Gudrun Pelican

On Friday July 28th 1995, in the Hungarian Embassy, the initial reception for the twenty two members joining the Club holiday in Hungary, was graciously hosted by the Ambassador, His Excellency Tade Alföldy.

### Friday 1st September

We had an excellent flight over and arrived in Budapest during a rain storm, which rapidly cleared as we made our way by coach from Budapest to Eger in North Hungary. Our two hour journey commenced with a drive through Pest (we learned that Budapest, pronounced Budapesht, consisted of the twin cities of Buda on the west side of the Danube and Pest (Pesht) on the Eastern side of that river). And on the way, our guide Klara, gave us an excellent history of Hungary.

Eger, where we were bound, is the centre of the Northern Hungarian wine growing district and is a city of friendly smiling people and flowers. We passed field after field of sunflowers, sweet corn and nearer Eger, the vines. It was on that first journey that we learned the secret of everlasting beauty, a pot of sunflower cream for £3 soon to be promoted by Zsa Zsa Gabor in

the States for \$45 a bottle. Maybe we had been given smaller bottles.

That first evening, we were treated to a welcome drink and dinner was served in the Feher Terem room of the neighbouring Park Hotel, a lovely Hungarian classical styled room which set the scene for our magnificent holiday to come. A Hungarian four piece band, responded to our applause with, amongst other 'hits', the strains of Auld Lang Syne.

But in the joy of our welcome, sinister events were about to unfold. We now can reveal that the Club had been in Eger for less than four hours and accomplished the impossible by putting both hotels lifts out of action at the same time. And modern lifts at that.

You see, dear Reader, it all stems from the fact that 85% of the tourists visiting Hungary are German and so the warning notice was in Hungarian and German. It said very clearly, "not more than nine persons at a time".

Our Club members are an exceptionally friendly group and so it would be only natural for the ten of us already

in the lift to have an urgent need to share the lift with an eleventh and surprise, surprise the lift started then stopped between floors.

Ann who was in the second batch of well dined English guests stopped at the lift shaft and said quietly "Shsh" can you hear English being spoken? It seems to be coming from the lift well.

To cut a very long story short, three quarters of an hour later Frank (the rumour has it that he was in pyjamas resplendent with Gold Chain but we are assured that this is untrue) managed to round up several strong waiters who wound up the lift manually and released our Eger eleven.

#### Saturday 2nd September

We were taken on a walking tour of Eger in the morning by our second guide Gabriella and visited the Castle with its fine views of the surrounding country. The Castle which withstood a long siege by the Turks, surrendered in 1596 and Eger became the capital of a Turkish province.

We saw the bronze mural which commemorates the bravery of the defenders in 1552 when the women of Eger helped the small Hungarian garrison repel a Turkish force six times their size. We arrived back from our walk in time to hear a wonderful organ recital in the classical styled Basilica which included Bach's 'Tocatta and Fugue in D minor' with its study of contrasts' and Franz Schubert's 'Ave Maria'.

Lunch was served in the Fehersavas Restaurant which started with wild boar soup, followed by venison and white and red wine of the district, the provenance of which we were to hear about that evening.

The afternoon was left free to explore the town, to attend the County Fair (Belépőjegy) with its many stalls and the food market with colourful peasant vendors offering over twenty different kinds of fresh mushrooms, paprika both sweet (édes) and sharp (erős), saffron and salami sausage by the metre.

The evening saw a visit to the Nice Ladies Valley and in particular the oldest wine cellar. We had five wines to taste, wine which was spurted into our glasses from afar, by the wine steward holding a glass flask which had a long glass tube at its base. By removing his finger from the end of the tube, the pressure of wine in the flask above allowed a flow of wine to be directed over a distance, at least to reach our members' glasses across the other side of the table. After the tasting, we settled down to play the game of choosing the Wine General.

Frank was the first volunteer to play and be awarded his General's Diploma, followed quickly by Arthur Kennedy who we suspect had played the game before. Desmond Yates, Arthur and Pat Cocking were reprimanded for helping the contestants in spite of being warned and were severely punished by having to drink Bulls Blood from the gushing fountain.

#### Sunday 3rd September

We visited the Thummerer Keller some twelve kilometres from Eger and situated in the wine growing area. We learned that Eger is cradled between the thickly wooded Mátra and Bükk Mountains and takes pride in its wines, Tokaj and Bulls Blood to mention but two.

We commenced our tasting with a riesling and worked through to a Bulls Blood, so named because during the Turkish occupation, the Turks could not, on religious grounds drink wine but found no problem in drinking red Bulls Blood.

When we arrived, our lunch, a delicious bean goulash was seen cooking in a great 'field' kitchen pot which was transported to the cellar for consumption. Pancakes were served in the Hotel Fenyves opposite the cellar.

#### Monday 4th September

After a morning shopping in Eger and lunch in the hotel, we departed in our coach for our return to Budapest.

The very impressive Atrium Hyatt hotel awaited us with magnificent views over the Danube. Across the river in Buda we could see the monumental length of the Royal Palace, the Sikló (funicular), Adam Clark's tunnel, the mythical bird 'turul' said to have sired the Hungarian nation but predictably a late 19th century creation, with centre piece the Széchenyi Chain bridge, the first permanent bridge linking Pest with Buda. A drink on the terrace at 4 p.m. started the second part of the holiday and the President's reception with delicious canapés in the 'Ciolkowsky' room followed by black tie dinner in the 'Wright' room with caviar stuffed eggs as a starter, set the scene for the gastronomic delights to come over the next week.

#### Tuesday 5th September

After the Atrium Hyatt's full buffet breakfast, we were taken on a three hour coach tour of Budapest. We visited the Mátyás Church in Buda, (often called the Coronation Church because Franz Liszt's 'Coronation Mass' was first played there in 1867 at the Coronation of Emperor Franz Josef) with its restored distinctly eastern decoration (whitewashed out by the Turks

during their stay), the Fisherman's Bastion with its fairy-tale pinnacles, the peculiarly Hungarian contribution to Gothic architecture, the sedilia, Buda Castle, and saw the outstanding view of the Parliament Building across the river the Pest.



*The Danube behind us*

In Pest, we saw the Parliament building at closer quarters and learned of the controversial and enormous cost of this structure which took seventeen years to complete, drove down the elegant Andrassy út with the Opera House and Postal Museum, past the seated Liszt on the facade of the Music Academy to Heroes Square with the changing of the guard, the Museum of Fine Art, Vajdahunyad Castle in the City Park and more.



*Heroes Square*

Dinner at the Forum Hotel in the 'Silhouette Restaurant' followed a free afternoon in which the delights of Budapest were gradually discovered.

#### Wednesday 6th September

The Danube, which flows almost north to south in Hungary, divides the country roughly into two. It is these two parts which set the scene of Hungarian development and history: the eastern part with its Great Plain (Puszta) was open to the raids of the horsemen from the East while the natural barrier of the river Danube and mountainous terrain on the western side, allowed West European influence to blossom behind the fortress cities of Transdanubia.

However, the Danube, in the north of Hungary, takes a sharp turn to the west at Visegrad, after its north south division of Hungary, and continues in a westerly direction making the border between Slovakia and Hungary before it arrives in Austria and Vienna. The area in the 'bend' of the Danube is known as the Danube Knee and we had the day with our coach to visit this enchanting countryside.

We left Budapest in the continuous glorious weather that we had so far experienced. On the way to Esztergom, we passed through a typical Danube village where whole families lived together (c. 1900) in houses that looked more like a succession of village halls. We then arrived in Esztergom with its glorious cathedral visible for miles around.

In the Basilica, the largest in Hungary, we visited the Treasury with its golden religious items dating back one thousand years and had a guided tour of this grand nineteenth century building on a hilltop.

Then it was on to the Castle at Visegrad, once a royal seat of medieval Hungary, with superb views of the Danube bend and not so superb views of industrialised Slovakia. Finally, we left Visegrad for the thirty minute journey to Szentendre, impeccably preserved in vivid Baroque architecture and colours. The town is so much of a visual delight, that many painters, sculptors and writers have chosen to live there.

We had lunch in the 'Korona' restaurant (with the now inevitable gypsy music) and took time there-after to visit, just across the road, the small but delightful Serbian Orthodox Church of the Annunciation (1752) with iconstasis painted in 1802. That evening, we dined at the 'Old Timers' restaurant in the Hyatt with its wonderful views of the Danube and Budapest illuminations.

#### Thursday 7th September

A free day to do what you wished. Those of our party who so chose, were guided around the Museum of Fine Arts, with its great collection of famous paintings, then were given a tour of St. Peters Cathedral now undergoing refurbishment, some of which will be ready in time for Hungary's 1100 year old celebrations next year.

We were all invited to drinks with the Cockings before departing for the evening entertainment and were later, on September 11th, to return the compliment to them both by celebrating their 41st wedding anniversary.

Dinner that evening was at the 'Panorama' restaurant which is high in the Buda hills with views overlooking

the city. Food was described as typical Hungarian but the plates were piled so high with food, that it was impossible to work through the complete menu. Wine, both red and white which had graced our tables on every meal so far, was again in abundance but this time came with Hungarian music (Roll out the Barrel on a violin) and dancers, some of whom wielded menacing whips.

We were proud that Stella Currie was chosen to dance with a member of the handsome Magyar troupe and that Arthur, blindfolded, was able to dance and circumnavigate a row of wine bottles (even after they had been removed). Jenny Porter, whose Charleston is yet to be seen, danced beautifully with Arthur in front of an admiring audience. Whips, spoons and the slapping of Magyar thighs (self administered please) ensured the evening was the best so far. The problem was that every evening had earned that epithet.

#### Friday 8th September

We reached the Herend Museum which is owned and run by the Herend factory, makers of the world famous



*In the Herend Museum*

china, after about two hours travelling and the threatened rain still holding off. The Museum has a magnificent collection of Herend china dating from its founding in 1826 and including the well known Chinese style butterfly and flower decoration of the pattern of the Queen Victoria set.

Our party arrived in good order for lunch at the 'Baricska Csarda', a restaurant which made us most welcome. Well fed, wine and still dry, we made our way to Lake Balaton. The lake, is the second largest warm water lake in Europe, (we have been meaning to enquire which is the largest). We boarded the boat at Balatonfured and tasted five wines while cruising around the peninsular but Ann, kept a vigilant eye out for stormy weather and had the boat turned around for shore, which we reached just two minutes before the heavens opened.

#### Saturday 9th September

They say something about the 'Rain in Spain occurs mainly in the Plain' but no-one mentions Hungary in this connection. We can tell you a thing or two. The rain does fall on the Great Plain of Hungary, and arriving first at Kecskemét, a lovely town with extremely interesting architecture (reminded us of Barcelona), it falls in Kecskemet too. The town which originally had free roaming goats and hence part of the name - Kecs, is well known for the paprika of the region and for the world renowned Zoltán Kodály Music Teaching Institute. But it was to the paprika shops that Klara led the umbrella charge of the ladies of United, while those of us left behind in restaurant where we had coffee, made our way cautiously back to the coach.

On arrival at the Lajosmizse for the horse show, the water on the ground had collected in a miniature lake in the spot where we surmised most of the action would normally take place. But we were led to our undercover seats, gingerly tiptoeing through water soaked sand along a narrow path left for this purpose. And the breathtaking show began, slowly first with grey oxen hauling traditional Hungarian farm wagons, then the horsemen with their magnificent horses, horses which did not flinch on the sound of a whip, horses which would lie down flat, originally so to avoid detection on the plain by enemy raiders. The weather was unimportant when it came to watching this brilliant display. After the show, we were invited to ride the horses and both Jenny and Maurice stepped out. Maurice was able to get a place in the line of volunteers and rode his horse with style, wearing his home made Admiral's hat fashioned from a shopping bag. It was rumoured that Maurice wanted to ride bareback playing a violin but desisted because our President felt it might set a precedent.

Then to the Tanya Csárda for lunch where we joined German, Italian, Finnish and French wine tour parties, having a boisterous time. The Hungarian Minister for Tourism who turned up and asked us whether we had enjoyed ourselves, was suitably impressed with our prompt reply.

Dinner at the 'Golden Lamb' (Aranybárány) restaurant that evening ended a full and very enjoyable day.

#### Sunday 10th September

The sun was bright, the sky blue when we started our morning excursion to the Monastery of Majk. The Monastery, was rebuilt from 1734 until 1761 after Turkish destruction and earlier earthquakes and, after dissolution, was owned by the Esterházy family until 1945 when it became state property.



*At the Monastery of Majk*

That evening, in Budapest, we attended the performance of 'Bánk Bán', an opera written by Hungarian composer Ferenc Erkel which was first performed in Pest in 1861. The Opera House itself (completed 1884) was a joy to behold with its great chandeliers, the central one weighing some three tons.

After the performance dinner was served at the 'Bank Club' Restaurant whose Jugendstil (Art Nouveau) decoration was most distinctive.

#### Monday 11th September

A free day and the energetic members of the group visited the famous Gellert Hotel (1911) with its even more famous Thermal Baths. The art nouveau interior, stained glass windows, intricate mosaics and sensuous statues give a cosmopolitan atmosphere more acceptable to foreigners than the more exotic feel of the Turkish baths. With stoutness of heart but not of body, Stella, Ann, Josephine and Beryl resolutely bared all amongst Gellert bathers and felt quite slim in comparison to many.



*Last Round up on the terrace at Gundels*

The Presidents' black tie reception on the Terrace of the 'Andrássy Room' of 'Gundel' restaurant with flowing wine and delicious canapés set the scene for a perfect end to our vacation in Hungary.

Franz Joseph's favourite soup ('favourite' nicely spelt on the menu with a "u" in spite of Gundel's American owner) with Tokaji Furmint was followed by Mistress Violetta's (it is rumoured that Joyce and Arthur had organised this) incomparable rendering of 'Chin Chin Chinaman' from the Mikado and 'Waiting for You'.

The Loyal Toast and the Toast to the Lord Mayor and City were followed by a stirring Vote of Thanks to the President given by the Senior member of the Governing body present, Edwin Lawrence, who covered very ably the whole programme which we had so much enjoyed. Eddie thanked the President for the gifts that we had received at the table and for the work that Frank and Betty had put in over thirty months.

The President replied and told us how much Betty and he had enjoyed being with us all and then presented some beautiful china to Ann for her outstanding achievement in organising her first full length vacation.

#### Tuesday 12th September

As so to London on British Airways with still the morning for late shopping. Truly a great and memorable United Wards holiday.

## PAST PRESIDENT BERNARD AND VALERIE PETITPIERRE

On Sunday, 23 July on a beautiful sunny day at their lovely home in the wilds of Kent, Bernard and Valerie celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary to the accompaniment of over 60 friends.

We offer our congratulations to them both and wish them continued happiness and many more years to come.



## MOUNT PLEASANT

On the 5th October we spent an enjoyable and informative evening at Mount Pleasant, the Royal Mail's Automated Processing Centre which is responsible for collecting, sorting and distributing all the letters and packets which are posted within London's EC and WC postcode areas. It is also Britain's main office of exchange for overseas mail arriving at the ports and airports in and around London. It has its own Customs section and uses sniffer dogs to check mail for drugs and explosives.

After a welcoming drink we were taken on an extensive tour of the building during which we traced the passage of letters from the point at which they enter the building after collection to the point at which they leave

again, duly sorted to reach their destination in the shortest possible time. We were fascinated by the many stages in the sorting process and the machinery in use to make it efficient. For example, on one of the sorting machines 100 letters passed in the time it took to blink an eye.

We were also shown the unique underground railway opened by King George V in 1927 which still links the sorting offices of North London, giving a speedy exchange of mail. After President Frank duly pressed the button to send one of the trains on its way to the next interchange we were entertained to a magnificent buffet supper. We left feeling that our 25p first class stamp is quite good value really.

## FOUNDERS' DAY DINNER

*31st October 1995*

For the annual Founders' Day dinner to be held at Cutlers' Hall was indeed suitable in that our President Frank Wooldridge is a Liveryman of that Company. Also, there were many Club members arriving for the evening, who had very pleasant memories of the weekend in Sheffield when all enjoyed the hospitality of the Cutlers' Hall to meet the Master Cutler.

Duly greeted by President Frank and Betty, there was then time with the pre-dinner refreshment, to admire a display of the Clubs Silver and that of the Cutlers

company together with old minute books and journals. And so into the dining room to enjoy an excellent meal with wines.

The occasion gave opportunity for the President to make a gift to Martin Barber, who after some 14 years of dedicated work as editor of the United Wards Journal, is now retiring from such responsibility, with good wishes from everyone to Beryl Snashall who is taking over. With all appreciation of his good service, Martin was warmly applauded.

Following the usual loyal toasts, the President then introduced His Honour, Robert Lymbery, Q.C., a recently retired Common Serjeant of the City of London and a Judge at Old Bailey who gave a most interesting talk, with much information about the history of — Old Bailey.

A building as such has been on the site for some 1000 years, the official name now being known as Central Criminal Court. There is certainly mention of a criminal court in Roman and Saxon times, and due mention in the Domesday Book. Certainly Henry VIII had Halls of Justice on the site, which gradually achieved much notoriety as — Newgate Prison, where for many years of its existence, both sexes and even children were held therein. The building was finally pulled down, and in 1902 the present building was established on the site.

In the centuries past, the sanitation of London was indeed dismal, and to offset the stench of the streets and the prison, a judge would seek relief in the scent of a nosegay of perfumed flowers. It has become a tradition to recall such days, in that today when judges walk in procession, it is usual to carry a nosegay, thankfully without essential need.

There are now some 14 judges attending the Courts, to include the Recorder of London, and the Common Serjeant as officers of the City of London. The Lord Mayor also attends during his year of office. Members of the general public are admitted to hear the courts, and are generally well behaved, although it has been known for disturbance to occur. Moving with the times, computers are now in use, although it is not certain that all judges have progressed with such modern equipment. His Honour concluded that as we all live in troubled times, it behoves all of us to be watchful and vigilant in all that matters in our society.

Following the address, Secretary Ann Ball read the minutes of the dinner held in 1895 (one hundred years ago) which event was also held in Cutlers' Hall. One cannot but be curious as to the individual cost of such event as compared with today.

Our President then proposed the toast to the Founders, to whom we are ever grateful for being the cause of so many enjoyable occasions.

JIM and PAT CAMPFIELD

## OUR RETIRING EDITOR

Martin Barber is a loyal and long serving member of United Wards'. He joined in the late 1960s and was President in 1985.

He has edited the Journal with distinction for the last fourteen years and now that he has decided to lay down his pen and enjoy his retirement we say 'Thank you'

Martin for giving us such an enjoyable read for so many years.

The Club has many letters of appreciation from members who find The Journal a means of keeping in touch with the activities of the Club.



*Presentation to Martin at Cutlers Hall*

## DINNER AT THE FARMERS' AND FLETCHERS' HALL

*Thursday 16th November 1995*

It was with slight trepidation that I agreed with the Catering Manager at the hall, Mark Grove that we should leave in place the special decorations which were at the Hall to celebrate the Beaujolais Nouveau earlier in the day and when I arrived at 6 p.m. I found myself knee deep in straw and hay. Each table had a table centre with a small tractor and trailer in it and the entrance hall was full of farming memorabilia.

Nevertheless the United Wards' Club members took this apparent farmyard decor with their usual aplomb and it was a really good talking point for the start of a very special evening.

Our President had invited the Commissioner of the City of London Police Mr William Taylor, QPM and his wife to be our guests and 83 members sat down to a meal of crayfish soup, Guinea Fowl and a delicious

plate of English desserts. Much to my horror when using the gavel to announce the speaker I set off the alarm on the silver cabinet of the Company, despite it being protected by a large mat; speed was of the essence to stop all Mr Taylor's officers descending on the Hall and the alarm was duly turned off.

I was most interested to learn about the Police policies in the City and in particular about the changes that have taken place. Many questions were asked by our members and the Commissioner could have stayed for at least another hour such were the number being asked. As a consequence of this dinner we were subsequently invited to view the C.C.T.V. cameras at Wood Street Police Station in February.

ANN BALL

## ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE

*Tuesday 5th December*

Once again the pews of St. Lawrence Jewry were filled with United Wards Club members gathered to celebrate the great festival of Christmas with a traditional service of Lessons and Carols.

As always the singing was magnificent, led by the Church choir. The Gospels held their magic as the Christmas story was unfolded, read by Treasurer Gerald Morgan, Secretary Ann Ball, Junior Vice-President Christine Dyer Simpson and Senior Vice-

President Wilfred Hammond and culminating in the Christmas Gospel read by our Chaplain The Reverend Canon David Burgess.

Later we repaired to the Old Library in Guildhall for drinks and a traditional Christmas lunch. Afterwards Past President Bernard Petitpierre thanked President Frank and his wife Betty for arranging everything so well and we left feeling that this was truly the beginning of Christmas.

## ANNUAL BANQUET

On the 17th January 1996 the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, Alderman and Mrs John Chalstrey, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, attended the 119th banquet held at the Mansion House. Mr Frank D. Wooldridge, President, accompanied by Mrs Wooldridge, was in the chair. Some 200 members and their guests enjoyed pre-prandial refreshments with music provided by the Equinox Brass of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama before entering the

Egyptian Hall for a feast worthy of the surroundings and occasion.

Alderman Sir Alexander Michael Graham, a past Lord Mayor, entertained us with a most witty proposal of the Civic Toast to which the Right Honourable, the Lord Mayor replied in admirable fashion, mentioning his theme of Good Health to the City and the Nation with amusing anecdotes of his early days in medicine. The

Lord Mayor proposed the Toast to the Club to which the President replied and presented the Lord Mayor with a cheque for the work of his chosen charity, the St. John Ambulance. The Lord Mayor responded with a presentation to the President of a red enamel pill box bearing the sword and mace of the city on the lid together with an exhortation to keep taking the pills.

The President then proposed the toast of our Guests to which David Welch Esq. the Chief Executive, the

Royal Parks made an eloquent and amusing reply and with great merriment brought the evening to a most satisfying conclusion. Our thanks for the evening had been expressed to our host, the Lord Mayor, for the use of the Mansion House and to Mrs Ann Ball, our secretary for her work and the success of her first major Mansion House function.

DESMOND YATES



## A TRIP TO SEE "THE BILL"

The omens were good for the start of the evening in as much as the weather had decided to be kind to us. A coffee on arrival at Wood Street Police Station set the friendly tone, followed by a cordial welcome by Chief Inspector John Notton with a most informative talk on aspects of City Police work. Sir Robert Peel introduced a Police Force in 1829 but it was not until 1839 that a City of London Force was formed replacing the Watchmen that had previously monitored the City.

The Square Mile has a force of 998 at the present time and the Inspector estimated that this small force was responsible for 750,000 persons per day. Although they work in conjunction with the Metropolitan Police, the City has its own separate fraud, C.I.D., traffic, firearms, communications departments, plus horse and dog sections. The point was made that the CCTV plus the camera watch on commercial buildings was a great boon to policing the City.

After the talk we were shown the stables and saw eight horses, each at least 16 hands high. They have no stable hands and the mounted police also act as grooms.

These Mounted police have a similar function to a foot patrol, but if they have to dismount to deal with an incident they have to remember to hold the horse. We then set off for the museum which contains memorabilia such as truncheons, handcuffs, uniforms and helmets. From there to the Communication Centre and one corner of this contained a battery of 39 screens showing traffic moving in most parts of the City. The display on these are constantly videoed as well as being watched by operators. They can focus on any car or incident with zoom lens facility to read number plates or view occupants of cars and a vehicle can be followed from screen to screen.

A short walk took us to Pinocchio's Restaurant in Burgon Street for dinner and we were not disappointed as the food and wine were excellent and service most cheerfully given. And so to home after fond farewells and remembering to try and stay out of the cameras eye.

VICTOR ADSHEAD

**THE UNITED WARDS' CLUB OF THE CITY OF LONDON**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1995**

	1995		1994	
	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
Subscriptions				
Annual	6,732		7,520	
Life Members (proportion)	622		476	
		<u>7,354</u>		<u>7,996</u>
Investment Income				
Deposit Account Interest	243		66	
Dividends and Interest	2,857		2,619	
		<u>3,100</u>		<u>2,685</u>
Profit on sale of ties, plaques and brooches		51		86
		<u>10,505</u>		<u>10,767</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Depreciation	1,596		526	
City Livery Exhibition	-		1,737	
Entertaining official guests at functions	780		799	
Secretary's remuneration and expenses	3,938		1,750	
Printing, stationery, postage and telephone	6,959		5,995	
Sundry expenses	256		516	
Journal	2,329		3,212	
Newsletter	567		1,462	
Immediate Past President's badge	112		122	
Lord Mayor's Show	304		370	
		<u>16,841</u>		<u>16,489</u>
Deficit of income over expenditure period		(6,336)		(5,722)
Social Functions -				
Income	106,302		137,382	
Expenditure	99,097		130,619	
Surplus	7,205		6,763	
Less: transfer to Benevolent Fund	1,285		1,101	
		<u>5,920</u>		<u>5,662</u>
Deficit for the year		<u>(416)</u>		<u>(60)</u>

**THE UNITED WARDS' CLUB OF THE CITY OF LONDON**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 1995**

	1995		1994	
	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Computer Equipment		3,157		3,157
Less: depreciation		<u>2,105</u>		<u>526</u>
		1,052		2,631
<b>INVESTMENTS</b>				
Cost				
(Market Value 1995: £76,235)		24,662		24,662
(Market Value 1994: £63,860)				
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
Club Banner		325		325
Stocks at Cost		1,693		1,865
Debtors & Prepayments		3,865		1,452
Cash at Bank		<u>23,461</u>		<u>20,570</u>
		<u>29,344</u>		<u>24,212</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Creditors		4,568		8,603
Functions		<u>12,984</u>		<u>7,031</u>
		<u>17,552</u>		<u>15,634</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>11,792</u>		<u>8,578</u>
		<u>37,506</u>		<u>35,871</u>
<b>Financed by Accumulated Surplus</b>				
Balance as at 1 January		26,411		26,217
Prior year net adjustment		(1,075)		94
Entrance fees		135		160
Deficit of income over expenditure		(416)		(60)
		<u>25,055</u>		<u>26,411</u>
Life Subscriptions		9,760		7,457
Benevolent Fund		<u>2,691</u>		<u>2,003</u>
		<u>37,506</u>		<u>35,871</u>

**AUDITORS REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF**  
**THE UNITED WARDS' CLUB OF THE CITY OF LONDON**

I have examined the accounts set out on pages 2 and 3, which have been prepared on the historical cost basis of accounting. In my opinion the accounts give, on the above basis, a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Club as at 31 December 1995, and of its results for the year ended on that date.

Ian D. Williams  
Chartered Accountant  
20 March 1996

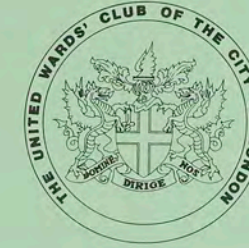
The Hon. Editor thanks all scribes and photographers who have given her valuable assistance in the production of this journal.

# Newsletter

## THE UNITED WARDS' CLUB OF THE CITY OF LONDON

Patron: The Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor  
President: Wilfred Hammond, M.B.E., J.P., FCIS, FRSA

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### Our new President Wilfred Hammond writes:

It is a great privilege and honour to serve for a year as President of the United Wards' Club of the City of London Founded in 1877, it is also humbling to know that one is following in the footsteps of many eminent men who have occupied this position. I am conscious of the need to uphold traditions and standards of our club that have been upheld so well by my predecessors, which I shall endeavour to do to the utmost of my ability and relying on my knowledge gained in my seven years that I had the privilege of being the Club's Secretary, and so ably supported then by Audrey as Assistant Secretary, who I know will give the absolute support to me and to the club during this year.

Undoubtedly it is a great asset that I have the benefit of the support also of an outstanding team, for the first time ever there are two lady Vice-Presidents, Christine Dyer-Simpson as Senior Vice-President the widow of a distinguished Past President and Sylvia Tutt Junior Vice-President who had the honour of being the first lady Master of any Livery Company which was during the year when Lady Donaldson was the first lady Lord Mayor. The team has the support of Ann Ball as Secretary, herself the widow of a very distinguished Past President and an old personal friend of Audrey and myself, the Assistant Secretary Roy Collingsworth, Treasurer Gerald Morgan, son of Past President Douglas Morgan, and Beryl Snashall the new Editor. With a team such as this it must be a successful year.

It is my intention that we shall continue to have speakers who are leaders in the City to continue giving information to all our members. We have, I believe, a jolly good programme, details of which are circulated to the members. I hope, as my predecessors have done, to have the pleasure of visiting other Ward Clubs and look forward to seeing many at the Associate Ward Clubs Meeting to be held on the evening of Monday 28th October 1996 in Saddlers Hall and will be attended by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, full details of this will be circulated. I also hope that all Ward Clubs will be represented at the Soiree which will be held on Monday, May 13.

Wilfred Hammond  
President

### 1996 WARD CLUB SOIREE

#### Making the best of Common Council

Meet the Chief Commoner  
Philip Willoughby CC  
MONDAY MAY 13  
5.30 TO 8pm  
Bishopsgate Institute, Bishopsgate  
Please be sure your Ward Club is represented

*Details with Club Secretary*

No news from your Ward Club?  
Next issue closes September 10. Direct to (see address below)

### Focus on COLEMAN STREET WARD CLUB



Coleman Street Ward Club takes its title from its former principal thoroughfare, and Saint Coleman was the saint of the Parish Church of Saint Stephen's, Coleman Street. Saint Margaret in Lothbury, rebuilt by Sir Christopher Wren after the Great Fire, is the venue for our harvest festival and carol service arranged by the Rev. Tom Farrell and his wife Elizabeth. The choir, which regularly broadcasts, is magnificent: these services are followed by supper in the Vestry Hall. The Founder's Hall moved to Walbrook in 1853 so the Armourers and Braziers Hall in Coleman Street is the only Livery Company in the Ward. The Club has been privileged to have use of this beautiful hall for some of its functions. The Club was founded in 1862 and currently has some 200 members, among whom is Dame Mary Donaldson G.B.E., the only lady Lord Mayor of London so far. She also is a past Alderman and President of the Club; her year as Lord Mayor was 1983. There are three pieces of regalia. The Chairman's Badge, a silver snuff box and Past Chairman's Badge. The Snuff Box was presented to the Club in February 1866 by Mr William Clark, the then Honorary Secretary. The Cockerel emblem is featured on the Club tie and silver brooch for the ladies.

Some of the events this year have included an illustrated talk by the Site Manager on the Roman restoration at the Guildhall. This was arranged by our President, Alderman Robert G. Finch after the A.G.M. The evening finished with refreshments at Mr Garroway's Wine bar. In May the Club had dinner at Leander, the principal rowing club of great Britain. A brief history of the Club was given by our host committee member Ted Jackson. The Annual Summer Luncheon took place aboard H.Q.S. Wellington where we welcomed the Lay Sheriff Elect, Mr Kenneth Ayers and Mrs Ayers. The Immediate Past Chairman, Mrs Judy Calderwood, a retired partner from the chiropody practice in Finsbury Circus, joined in 1989. She represented Coleman Street at the presentation of the Shrieval Chain at the Merchant Taylors Hall and at the Sheriff's Breakfast in September at the Drapers Company. Lord Mayor's Show Day was marked by a presentation of address and memento of a hallmarked silver salver to Mr Sheriff Kenneth Ayers. Those accompanying the President and Chairman on this momentous occasion at the Guildhall were Deputy Michael Cassidy, Vice Chairman Chris Garrett, Hon Sec Davide Rodrigues and Hon Entertainment Sec Ruth Drury. The Autumn Luncheon in November took place in the Crypt of the Guildhall where we entertained the Right Hon Lord Mayor Alderman John Chalstrey and the Lady Mayoress Mrs Aileen Chalstrey. It was a pleasure to have with us on this occasion Sheriff Alderman Sir Peter Levene and Lady Levene who were unable to join the Club at our Summer Luncheon in July. After an excellent meal the table flowers were taken to St. Bart's Hospital. Other events have included a successful visit to News International, and Ford Motor Works. Our new Chairman Chris Garrett is planning a varied and interesting programme for the current year.

Our civic team consists of Alderman Robert Finch, Deputy Michael Cassidy and Common Councilmen Derek Kemp (Past Chairman), Gordon Wixley, Hugh Barnes-Yallowsley (Past Chairman), Stuart Fraser, Michael Henderson-Begg (Past Chairman). They all take an active part in the Club events. The Entertainment Secretary is Mrs Ruth Drury, ably assisted by Denis. Membership enquiries should be directed to the Hon Sec Davide Rodrigues.

Judy Calderwood

## ROUND AND ABOUT

This time of year sees changes in the leadership of many Ward Clubs. BISHOPSGATE welcomed recently its first Lady President in over 200 years in Eugenie Maxwell who succeeded John Hughesdon whose year in office included many novel events including the Inter-Ward Cricket match and the successful City Auction which raised over £4,000 for Christ's Hospital. John's final event was hosting a Dinner for Past Presidents and Committee in honour of the Chief Commoner, Philip Willoughby and his wife Sue, held in Coopers Hall. Eugenie Maxwell's family packaging business was situated in the Ward in pre Cutlers Gardens days and she now leads Britains only piano manufacturers, Whelpdale, Maxwell and Todd, which received a visit from Sir Francis McWilliams during his Mayoralty. Eugenie has a most interesting programme organised, assisted by the new Vice-President, John Perring.

Roy Collingsworth, U.W.C's Assistant Secretary, a Past Senior Warden of BILLINGSGATE Ward Club was in company at the U.W.C A.G.M with the Club's current Senior Warden Derek Lloyd. Derek has had a busy year with the Civic luncheon on March 4 and a visit to the B.T. Tower. His year ends on May 29 with the incoming Senior Warden being Ian Williams, the U.W.C Auditor. Secretary David Jolly, of Billingsgate Market connection is now sharing the post with Mrs Jo Merton who is dealing with correspondence at Crouch, Chapman and Co, 62 Wilson St, EC2. We shall be having our Focus on Billingsgate Ward in the next issue.

PORTSOKEN's current Master, Arthur Chapman led a Civic Reception in the Guildhall Old Library on April 25, with Dinner and entertainment. The Ward's President, Sir Peter Levene, is currently Aldermanic Sheriff.

LANGBOURNE's Peter Main handed over office to Sidney Hill at the Installation Banquet held on March 7 at Stationers Hall. Sidney has recently led a visit to the Honourable Artillery Company and currently to the Bank of England Museum. Future events include a tour of Guildhall and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

## New Aldermen

Sir Robin Gillett's retirement as Alderman for Bassishaw marked a period of over 30 years service. Elected to Common Council in 1965 he was Lord Mayor for the year 1976/77 following his father Sir Harold Gillett who was Lord Mayor in 1958. David Brewer was elected to succeed Sir Robin earlier this year.

Sir Francis McWilliams retired recently as Alderman for Aldersgate. An election was held on April 2 with the following result:

Nicholas John Anstee 217 votes  
Paul Rippon 164 votes

This result is subject to approval by the Court of Aldermen. Michael Savory's election as Alderman for Bread St (reported in our last issue) left a vacancy on Common Council for Broad St Ward. An election held on March 26 resulted as follows:

Brian Harris 60 votes  
Tim Green 6 votes

Brian Harris is a partner with Richard Ellis whose offices are in Broad Street.

## Correspondence

Our sympathy goes to those involved in Smithfield Market and its current meat crisis. The ever ebullient Peter Martinelli keeps us posted on the current situation as well as the future of Barts Hospital.

Also putting pen to paper is that splendid servant of the City Retailers, Eddie Scilloe, World War 2 veteran and ever present at Planning Advisory and Court meetings. Eddie points out that the 'ring of steel' now being made permanent, more and more firms will return to the City such as Deutsche Morgan Grenfell who employ 3000 people and the ongoing development of Spitalfields where the first Skyscraper is underway thus causing more and more dependance on a local City hospital. Thanks, Eddie, for your compliments on this Newsletter.

## OUR NEW PRESIDENT

Wilfred Hammond was installed in Office at the Annual General Meeting on March 20 with acclaim. Readers will be aware of Wilfred's service as U.W.C Secretary for seven years up to 1994. A member of Cheap, Queenhithe, and Farringdon Ward Clubs, he is currently Junior Vice-President Elect of Farringdon. Equally well known in Livery circles, he is Clerk and Court Assistant to the Worshipful Company of Chartered Secretary and Administrators, a Basketmaker, and Hon. Assistant Secretary to the City Livery Club and heavily involved in the Club's sections particularly in the Music and Motoring Sections. Apart from these manifold City Activities, Wilfred still keeps busy with his work as Education Liaison Officer for the City Branch of the Institute of Directors and in the training of J.P.s\* He must be surely the most recognized commuter at Gravesend Railstation!

Able supported in all this by Audrey, together they look to celebrating 50 years of happy marriage next year. Audrey, who served with Wilfred as Assistant Secretary, is being called on the Livery of the Gardeners Company this month. She is also the Secretary of the City Livery Club, Music Section. Between them, so many events organised! - one must feel sympathy for their local postmen over the years! All this activity is strengthened by their family, daughter Mary married to David Cornick, Minister in the United Reformed Church and their grandchildren. \*Wilfred was honoured with the award of M.B.E in 1980 and has been a J.P since 1959

## The Lord Mayor's Appeal for St John Ambulance

The Lord Mayor's Appeal programme hastens on with a plethora of events under the inspiration of former Sheriff and Candlewick notable Jeremy Gotch.

50 runners are in the London Marathon being held on Sunday 21 April and there is a sponsored exercise bicycle ride and Sporting Dinner at Guildhall on Thursday 13 June plus Dragon Boat Races in Docklands on July 6.

May we particularly mention the Organ and Trumpets evening in Merchant Taylors Hall on Thursday, May 23. This event is being spearheaded by last year's Master of Merchant Taylors, John Perring who is the new Vice-President of Bishopsgate Ward Club and a past Sheriff.

The Appeal includes over 20 events and details may be obtained from the Mansion House.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 23rd June	Luncheon for all the family at Monkey Island followed by a River tea cruise to Windsor
Friday 23rd August	Newmarket Races in a private marquee
Monday 28th October	<b>Associated Wards Club Reception at Saddlers Hall Contact Michael Farrow for forms on 0171-352 3548</b>
Thursday October 31st	Founders Day Banquet commemoration of The Great Fire of London
Saturday 9th November	Lord Mayor's Show with seats in the Stand at St Pauls
November 14th to 30th	Club holiday to Hong Kong and New Zealand
Friday 13th December	Carols and Christmas Luncheon
Wednesday 15th January	The Lord Mayors Banquet at Mansion House

Contact Secretary Ann Ball on 01959 522307 for details

## The New Editor of the United Wards Club Journal

We are very fortunate that Miss Beryl Snashall has taken on the task of putting together the journal of the past year during the presidency of Mr Frank Wooldridge. This is a fascinating collection of articles and photographs charting the busy and hectic time that the Club has had. Holidays to Hungary and Sheffield, a Literary Luncheon, Buckingham Palace and Denbies vineyard were some of the many highlights of the year. The Governing Body decided that the Journal should go on in its past format and this should be circulated within the next two months.

