



# WATERMAN HOY

The Newsletter of The Company of Watermen and Lightermen of The River Thames

## Volume 4 – Issue 10 A Message from The Clerk

Dr Iain Reid, Master Elect, has named his wardens for his year in office, commencing on 11th July, 2018. They will be Tony Maynard, Senior Warden, and Mrs Gina Blair, Sean Collins and Alderman Sir David Wootton, Junior Wardens.

## Forthcoming Events

### JULY 2018

3rd Quarterly Court  
4-8th Henley Royal Regatta  
9th Court of Admissions  
9th Port of London Challenge  
11th Installation Court  
11th Annual Service  
13th River Thames Lunch Club

### AUGUST 2018

Traditionally, no Company Events are held in August to allow for maintenance work to be carried out to the Hall. This year repair work will be undertaken on the Freeman's Room floor.

### SEPTEMBER 2018

1st-30th Mayor's Thames Festival  
4th Doggett's Coat & Badge Wager  
8th Great River Race  
14th River Thames Lunch Club  
16th David Pope and Steve Faldo  
Memorial Barge Driving Events  
22nd Open House at Watermen's  
Hall  
29th-30th Apprentices Sculling  
Weekend at Henley

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## Portrait of Dr Philip S Henman Benefactor to the Company Donated 25th May 2018



From time to time the Company is gifted items of historical interest but few have aroused as much excitement as this portrait of our benefactor Dr Philip S Henman, painted by Sir William Hutchison, which was presented to Dr Henman on the occasion of his retirement from Transport Development Group in 1969, and recently gifted to the Company by his family.

A short biography of Philip S Henman can be found on Page 3.

## Tudor Pull – 13th May 2018



The Bargemaster, Robbie Coleman, coxed a crew of apprentices who rowed the Master & Mistress, Simon & Sally McCarthy and Pam Coleman, from Hampton Court to the Tower of London in the Company’s shallop “Lady Mayoress”. The crew comprised of apprentices Max Carter-Miller, Patrick Marr Johnson and Lucas Ansbro-Bennett, ably assisted by Glen Hayes, and were given an extra push by Tony Mason, who came aboard to help when the going got tough.

*Photo: John Adams*

## Apprentices Trip on TT Morgenster – 16th May 2018

Leanne Kendall-Corps and Lucas Britton were the winners of this year’s Paul Baker Sail Training Prize, funded by the Lighterage Committee. They sailed from Belgium on TT Morgenster to Greenwich. A further group of apprentices joined in Greenwich for the passage up to the Pool of London. Leanne and Lucas then sailed back across the Channel to France.

*Photo: Dr. Iain Reid*



## Master’s Visit to Hastings 18th May 2018



The Master and the President of the Almshouses, along with members of the Court, visited the Company’s Almshouses at Hastings on the 18th May. After walking round the grounds, which were looking extremely good thanks to the hard work of the Warden and his team of gardeners, a very splendid luncheon with some of the residents took place at the Community Centre. This was a very jolly and lively event with much good-natured banter, as would be expected of watermen and lightermen. This was last official visit by the President Paul Ludwig who was retiring from office. The Warden presented Paul with some gifts from the residents as thank you for all his guidance and help during the last three years.

*Photo: Martin Hackett*



## Inter Livery Clay Shoot – 16th May 2018



*Watermen's Team A: Ted Gradosielski, John Rylands, Richard D Turk, John Toll – equal 44th place*

*Watermen's Team B: Louis Pettipher, Mark Gradosielski, Reuben Pettipher, Paul Coxon – equal 70th place*



## Philip Sydney Henman (1899-1986)

### Transport Entrepreneur and philanthropist

Born in Kent, one of seven children of a church minister. Following a bout of rheumatic fever which truncated his education, he briefly joined a firm of Lloyds Marine Insurance brokers, before signing up for four years' service with the King's Royal Rifles in 1917. On release, and after months without finding employment, he secured a position with a company initially operating two war-surplus dumb barges that had been brought over from the Rhine for use in London. Henman's natural flair for business soon led to his promotion to Lighterage Manager. In 1929 the company, having survived and prospered despite the economic challenges of the twenties, Henman became Managing Director and main share-holder.

The General Lighterage Co. continued its steady expansion under his direction in tandem with other later acquisitions in warehousing and road transport. In 1957 all activities were managed by a new Holding Company, Transport Development Group. At its peak the lighterage interests consisted of over 800 barges and 21 tugs. Henman retired at age 70 in 1969, by which time the Group consisted of 80 operating companies in the UK and 9 others overseas, with road transport activities to the fore.

Philip Henman's philanthropy was focused on providing opportunities for the young. He endowed the Watermen's Company with Charitable funds to be used to encourage, support and provide educational opportunities for apprentices. He had been granted a "Special" Freedom of the Company in 1943, in recognition of his generosity. The Philip Henman Foundation Trust continues today under the umbrella of the Company Charities. There are many similar Trusts that he created to provide funds for Charities and causes that reflected his wide interests and connections. He was a Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Surrey and in 1971 he served as High Sheriff of the county. He was also an honorary fellow of the Chartered Institute of Transport and an active member of the Confederation of British Industry.

*Past Master Andrew H Howard - 18th June 2018*

## Queen's Birthday Honours List

Past Master Paul Ludwig MVO  
Court Assistant Ted Gradosielski BEM

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### Quarterly Court & Luncheon – 3rd July 2018 & 3rd October 2018

Once Court members and their guests are accommodated, there are usually a few places available for Craft Owning Freemen who would like to attend a Court Luncheon. Please let Martin know if you would like to apply for a place on a first come, first served basis. Lunch is £75.00 per person, including VAT.

### Henley Royal Regatta – 4th - 8th July 2018

Freemen are invited to spend Wednesday, 4th July at the Regatta. By special arrangement tickets are available at £25 per person to be a Guest Member for the day at Remenham Club. Lunch can be booked with the Club and there may be some car parking, all subject to availability. There is a blue booking form to complete and send back to Remenham. Please ask Susan Fenwick at [admin@watermenshall.org](mailto:admin@watermenshall.org) if you would like a form.

### River Thames Lunch Club – 13th July 2018, 14th September 2018 and 12th October 2018

Open to all, both Craft Owning and Journeyman Freemen, Apprentices/Trainees, their guests and the general public. A five-course tasting menu with matching wines for £57.50 per person, including VAT. Book with our inhouse caterers, Cook and Butler on 020 7620 1818 or [cookandbutler@btconnect.com](mailto:cookandbutler@btconnect.com)

### Totally Thames 2018 (Mayor's Thames Festival) – 1st ~ 30th September 2018

This year Doggett's Coat and Badge Wager will become part of the Totally Thames Festival on a trial basis for three years, though it remains independently organised jointly by the Company and the Fishmongers' Company with its own day - Tuesday, 4th September. It will be listed on the Totally Thames website, included in their press and social media campaign and feature in their e-newsletter. The Wager will feature as part of a Riverside Exhibition outside Tate Modern between 18th August and 30th September and the Wager will have its own Exhibition in the Guildhall Yard between 7th and 25th September. Oral histories and photographs are being recorded of previous Doggett's contestants and a film produced about Doggett's Wager.

### Doggett's Coat and Badge Wager – 4th September 2018

For a trial period Doggett's Coat and Badge Wager will be run in conjunction with Totally Thames (the Mayor's Thames Festival) to try to raise the profile of this event beyond the Watermen's and Fishmongers' Companies. This year the wager will be run in the early evening to suit the tide. The Company will have a following boat and more information will follow in due course.

### Great River Race – 8th September 2018

Always a spectacle, view from anywhere along the River between Millwall Slipway, opposite Docklands Sailing Centre, Westferry Road, London E14 3QS (first boats away 10am) and the finish at Ham, Richmond.

### David Pope and Steve Faldo Memorial Barge Driving Events – 16th September 2018

The Steve Faldo Memorial Barge Driving Event starts at Tower Bridge at 16:30, finishing at Westminster Bridge at 17:30 (approx) The Thames Watermen's way of commemorating the anniversary of the Marchioness disaster, the race takes its name from Steve Faldo, who was the Captain on board on that fateful evening. The event commemorates the skills of the traditional Thames Watermen and Lightermen who used to move freight around on the River Thames by barge under the power of oars or 'sweeps' and riding the strong tidal currents of the River Thames alone. The barges used today can weigh up to 30 tonnes and no more than three crew members can row at any one time, using 20-foot oars to row along the river. The annual Steve Faldo Memorial Barge Driving Race is a great Thames spectacle, and tests of the barge crews' navigational skills. There will be a following boat – more information in due course.

### Open House at Watermen's Hall – 22nd September 2018

Entrance is by timed ticket only. Check the Open House London website [www.open-city.org.uk](http://www.open-city.org.uk) for booking information.

### Apprentices Sculling Weekend at Henley – 29th ~ 30th September 2018

The Company's charities will again sponsor a weekend of sculling training and practice for apprentices and trainees. This weekend is particularly aimed at preparing apprentices and trainees to participate in sculling events and, eventually, Doggett's Coat and Badge Wager. Freemen and families of the participants are welcome to attend. More information to come in due course. Initial enquiries and expressions of interest to Kelly Lesurf, Training Administrator, by telephone or [training@watermenshall.org](mailto:training@watermenshall.org)

### Thomas Martyn Foundation Annual Service – 14th October 2018

Today this Foundation makes financial grants to children of Licensed Watermen and Lightermen. In 1718 Thomas Martyn established a Watermen's School at Putney for the children of Putney Watermen. The School continued until 1911 when it was closed. This Annual service commemorates Thomas Martyn's gift. Its Annual Service of Thanksgiving takes place at 16:00 hours at St. Mary's Church, Putney Bridge. All Freemen are welcome.

### Freemen's Luncheon – 16th October 2018

This luncheon is open to all Freemen and their business guests. Dress is lounge suits. Lunch is £79 per person, including VAT.

### Apprentices Thames Barge Driving Event – 27th October 2018

Apprentices will drive Barges, including the *Apprentice Lighterman*, from Greenwich for the John Potter Cup.



## Court of Bindings – 22nd June 2018



The following Apprentices and Trainees were bound on 22nd June 2018: Reiss Ballard, Noah Barker, Scarlett Barnett-Smith, Ben Brookes, Niall Carroll, Orlando Clarke, Connor Colclough, Thomas Costin, Jowita Dec, Michael Hammond, Andrew Heath, Emily Hickman, Charlie Irwin, Coleman Maassen, Paul Metcalf, Samuel Miles, Jared O'Grady, Charlene Peck, Cameron Prentice, Dylan Whatmore. We wish them all much luck in their future careers on the River.

## Knollys Rose Ceremony – 20th June 2018

Members of the Company, representatives of All Hallows by the Tower and the Knollys family witnessed the Master, Simon McCarthy, cut the rose, to be processed to Mansion House and presented to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress in this ancient tradition, beginning 1381, whereby Sir Robert and Lady Constance Knollys and their heirs were obliged to pay to the City annually the fine of one red rose.



*Photo: Matt Crossick*

## Ladies Floral Lunch – 21st May 2018

Another very successful fund-raising event, the floral theme being embraced by the ladies of the Company and their guests, who had an excellent three course meal prepared by Cook and Butler. The tables in the Freeman's Room were dressed with wonderful floral arrangements which just added to the overall effect. The raffle and auction prizes were very well received and over £2,000 was raised for the Company's charity. If you wish to know more about the Ladies' Committee's events, please contact [carol@watermenshall.org](mailto:carol@watermenshall.org)

## Hatches, Matches & Dispatches

To *Journeyman Freeman* and Assistant Training Officer **Jamie Locke** and his wife Meg, a son, Fred Richard Locke, born on 8th June 2018.



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