



# WATERMAN HOY

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

## Volume 4 – Issue 14 A Message from the Clerk

Tony Arbour, Chairman of the London Assembly held an event at City Hall “Celebrating Users of the River Thames”. Whilst celebrating everyone who works on or around our great River, our own Past Master Randall gave a presentation as Chairman of the Great River Race. It was a good feeling to be recognised by London’s City Hall.

### Forthcoming Events

#### APRIL 2019

12th River Thames Lunch Club  
25th Freeman’s St. George’s Day Luncheon

#### MAY 2019

10th River Thames Lunch Club  
11th Apprentice’s Barge Driving Event

15th Inter Livery Shoot  
20th Examining Committee  
24th Master’s Visit to Hastings  
30th Beating the Bounds Ceremony

#### JUNE 2019

10th Court of Bindings  
13th Admiral of the Port Challenge  
14th River Thames Lunch Club  
17th Knollys Rose Ceremony & Luncheon  
26th Examining Committee

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**MARCH 2019**

## Doggett’s Emblem & Rowing Awards Dinner 29th January 2019



2018 Doggett’s Coat and Badge Wager winner Alfie Anderson is congratulated by the Master, Dr. Iain Reid, and Rowing Officer, Immediate Past Master Simon McCarthy.



2018 Doggett’s Coat and Badge Wager runner-up George McCarthy is presented with his medal by the Prime Warden of the Fishmongers’ Company, David Robertson, watched by the Rowing Officer, Immediate Past Master Simon McCarthy.

*Photos: John Adams*

Winner of the Ben Woollacott Memorial Sculls, held at the Henley Sculling Weekend last autumn, Jimmy Anderson is presented with the trophy by Journeyman Freeman Stephen Woollacott, watched by the Rowing Officer, Immediate Past Master Simon McCarthy.



This year the River and Rowing Events committee decided to hold a dinner to celebrate the achievements of the Company’s rowers during the previous year. The change of format was extremely well received and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

# FORTHCOMING EVENTS

## **River Thames Lunch Club – Fridays 12th April, 10th May and 14th June 2019**

Open to all, both Craft Owning and Journeyman Freeman, 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)

## **Freemen's St. George's Day Luncheon – Thursday, 25th April 2019**

To celebrate our Patron Saint come to the St George's Luncheon. Open to Craft Owning Freeman and their business guests. Booking information will be available nearer the time.

## **Apprentices Barge Driving Event – Saturday, 11th May 2019**

This event is to allow apprentices and trainees to try barge driving with a Freeman Lightermen aboard to steer. There will be a passenger boat for the apprentices and trainees family to watch the row with space for Freeman on a first come first served basis. Contact Honorary Court Assistant John Potter 01732 350381 or [john.r.potter1@hotmail.com](mailto:john.r.potter1@hotmail.com) for more details. The Company Barge "Apprentice Lighterman" will hopefully be under oar depending on numbers of apprentices interested in trying Barge Driving."

## **Inter Livery Shoot – Wednesday, 15th May 2019**

Court Assistant Ted Gradosielski will once again organise our Company team for the Inter Livery Shoot to be held on Wednesday 15th May 2019. The cost is £199 per person for a 100-clay shoot and lunch. Further information on the website [www.interliveryshoot.com](http://www.interliveryshoot.com). Applications to join the Watermen's team by email to: [ted.grad@thechapelbarn.com](mailto:ted.grad@thechapelbarn.com)

## **Examining Committee – Monday, 20th May and Wednesday, 26th June 2019**

Any apprentices/trainees who have, or will shortly, complete their time and have their full BML with the appropriate endorsements, are invited to apply to be examined for the Freedom of the Company. Please contact our Training Administrator, Kelly Lesurf, on 020 7929 7452 (Mon-Wed) or [training@watermenhall.org](mailto:training@watermenhall.org) to make an appointment and request the application form and other requirements.

## **Master's Visit to Hastings – Friday, 24th May 2019**

Members of the Court are invited to accompany the Master, Dr. Iain Reid, and President of the Almshouses, Past Master John Salter, on their annual spring visit to the Almshouses at Hastings. Those wishing to attend, please contact the Assistant Clerk, Carol Ratcliffe, as numbers are required for catering purposes.

## **Beating the Bounds Ceremony – (All Hallows Church, Ascension Day) Thursday, 30th May 2019**

This is the traditional medieval marking of the parish bounds to show the children of the parish the limits of where they could go by beating each boundary mark with wands and praying for crops. For All Hallows one boundary mark is the centre of the River Thames. The present-day children are from St Dunstan's College, Catford. Those attending need to gather at All Hallows by the Tower Church in Byward Street by 14.45. The Master, Clerk, Bargemaster, Beadle and Doggett's Winners all take part along with other Masters and Clerks, parishioners, guests and the public at large. There is Festal Evensong at 17.30. All are welcome to witness this unusual ceremony. You are advised to dress anticipating inclement weather as the event is mostly outdoors.

## **Court of Bindings – Monday, 10th June 2019**

Any Freeman interested in apprenticing a young person training to become a Waterman and Lighterman should contact Kelly Lesurf, Training Administrator, at Watermen's Hall.

## **Admiral of the Port Challenge – Thursday, 13th June 2019**

Starts at 19:00 from HQS Wellington.

## **Knollys Rose Ceremony & Luncheon – Monday, 17th June 2019**

The traditional ceremony of cutting of a rose by the Master takes place in Seething Lane Gardens. The cutting ceremony takes place at approximately 11:00. This is followed by the procession to the Mansion House and the ceremony to present the rose to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress. Those attending need to be at the Mansion House by 11.30. After the ceremony, Freeman and their guests are returning to Watermen's Hall for lunch. The Luncheon is at 12.30 for 13.00 open to all Freeman, partners and guests. This is likely to be a popular event so tickets will be available on a first come basis. Dress is lounge suits.

## **Tudor Pull – Saturday, 29th June 2019**

Starting with a delightful ceremony at 0900hrs at Hampton Court, the Stele (a piece of old London Water Pipe representing Crown Jewels) is handed to Her Majesty's Bargemaster to take aboard the "Gloriana" for the voyage down to the Tower of London. The procession passes Richmond at 1000hrs with a stop for refreshments and reaches the Tower around 1730hrs. If there is sufficient interest, Court Assistant Richard Turk of Turks Launches will provide a following boat, phone 020 8546 2434 to register.



## A New Vicar for All Hallows

The Bishop of London has appointed The Rev'd Katherine Hedderly as the new Vicar of All Hallows. Katherine is currently an Associate Vicar for Ministry at St Martin in the Fields and will take up her new position shortly before Easter.

## Annual Dinner – 19th February 2019



*The Master, Dr. Iain Reid, with his guard of honour at the Annual Dinner at Fishmongers' Hall.*

*Photo: Scott Collier*

The Company's Annual Dinner was held at Fishmongers' Hall on the 19th February. The Master asked Sir Peter Bazalgette, the great, great, grandson of the famous Victorian engineer, Sir Joseph Bazalgette, as his guest and principle speaker. The event was a sell out with many Freemen bringing their ladies to the event for the first time.

The Master welcomed all Freemen and their guests and offered a short 'state of the Company' address before welcoming and introducing Sir Peter Bazalgette.

Junior Warden Alderman Sir David Wootton welcomed the Company guests. After an excellent five course dinner the Master invited all those present to join him for a stirrup cup in the Court Drawing Room.

## Did you know?

The painting "The Judgement of Solomon" which hangs in the Court Room was given by subscription of the Rulers of the Company at the time (the first Master was appointed in 1827) and notated bottom right, as follows:

THE LEASE OF THIS HALL WAS BOUGHT  
IN THE YEAR OF OVR LORD GOD 1668

THE PRESENT RVLERS THEN WAS  
CHRISTOPHER HILL  
RICHARD ALLFORD  
JOHN HALLMER  
RICHARD HVDSON  
HENRY HARRICE  
OLIVER EVANS  
CHRISTOPHER KEENE  
JOHN ALEWORTH  
THO: LOWE CLERKE

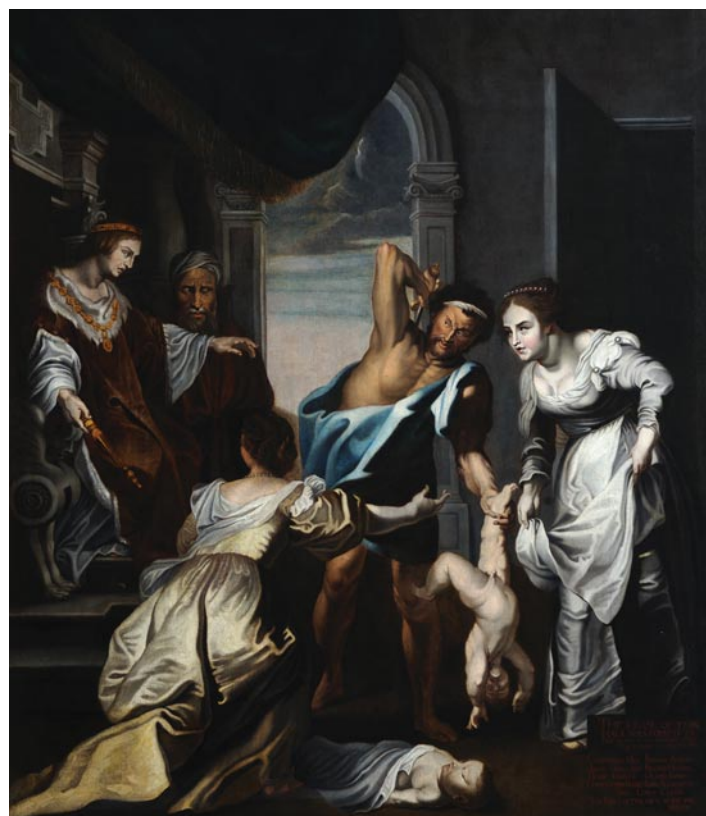
THIS PEECE IS THE GIFT OF THE SAID RVLERS

The lease referred to above was for the site of the Hall at Coldharbour, which was destroyed in the Great Fire of 1666 – the Hall there was rebuilt in 1670. The current Hall in St. Mary at Hill was built in 1780.

Barratt Wilson (Clerk 1947-1986) recalls in his memoir *The Tale of the Watermen's Clerk* "Under the carpet are still the brass fittings in which we erected the dock to try our own members".

These are no longer visible without taking up the current flooring but are believed to be located below the painting.

For more information, please read the article by Past Master Emeritus Robert Crouch on the Company website: [www.watermenscompany.com](http://www.watermenscompany.com)



*Photo: Jaap Oepkes*

## Journeymen Freemen's Dinner 22nd February 2019



*The Master, Senior Warden Tony Maynard and Freemen of the Company*

*Photography by Mrs Susan Keane*

The inaugural Journeymen Freemen's Dinner was open to all Freemen and their spouse, partner or friend at the invitation of the Master and Wardens. This not only gave Freemen the opportunity to dine in their Hall but also a chance to show their guests some of the artefacts and treasures on display. This event was well attended with guests being greeted by the Master before sitting down for a three-course meal with appropriate wines. Following a splendid evening a stirrup cup was arranged prior to departure.

## Hatches, Matches & Dispatches

*Journeyman Freeman* **Raymond Alan Dyckhoff** passed away 25th November 2018 aged 66 years. Ray was born on 22nd March 1952 in Southwark. He was bound on 11th July 1967. His master was Leonard Alfred Dyckhoff. He gained his Freedom on 11th December 1973.

*Journeyman Freeman* **David George Mee** passed away 19th December 2018 aged 89 years. Dave was born on 2nd October 1929 in West Ham. He was bound on 10th October 1944. His master was William Edward Waller. Dave gained his Freedom on 10th June 1952. He spent the latter part of his career at Felixstowe Docks, retiring in 1990.

*Journeyman Freeman* **Peter Jeremy Fagan** passed away 22nd January 2019 aged 76 years. Peter was born in Maidenhead on 15th May 1942 and bound on 10th September 1957. His master was Albert Thomas Fagan and Peter gained his Freedom on 8th October 1963.

*Past Master Emeritus* **Lionel George Barrow** passed away 16th February 2019 aged 85 years. Lionel was born in West Ham in 1933 and became a Craft Owning Freeman on 15th April 1970. Lionel joined the Court in July 1994 and was Master in 2000/2001. A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, 11th April at All Hallows by the Tower starting at 1100hrs. The service is open for everyone to attend. It will be followed by refreshments at Watermen's Hall. As there are limited numbers that the Hall can accommodate, entry to the Hall will be for those who have pre-registered their intention to attend with Martin Laws at martin@watermenshall.org



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