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Letter from the President.

It was a great shock to us all to hear about the fatal car accident to Howard and Shirley Crapper. They are both well known to FEW members and have attended many AGMs. Howard has represented Oxford for many years and is our Warden for the West. Over the past two weeks I have heard many stories of how Shirley befriended and helped members and their families. She will be sadly missed by many. I am glad to say Howard is being allowed home from hospital although he still has to have some surgery. Our thoughts and prayers go to Howard and their family.

This newsletter will include the application form for the 2018 AGM in Warwick. This is in a central location for many of our member Guilds and thus many will not require a lot of travel. I have been to Warwick and been through the arrangements with the representative of the Warwick Court Leet. It promises to be another good weekend for all who can attend. I would certainly recommend all who can to come to join us from 21st to 23rd September.

The interpretation of the new Data Protection regulations which come into force in May have been considered at length. Your Executive believes we have come up with modest regulations which comply with the requirements. We are grateful for CharlotteYeates for taking on the additional post of Data Protection Regulator.

Member Guilds will have received the first correspondence regarding the Archives project. I would encourage all Guilds to join in this work. Decisions about their own archives must always remain with the individual Guild, but we can join together to make more accessible the many records of the achievements of Freemen throughout the ages.

Some alterations to the Constitution of FEW were discussed by your Court at their meeting in Gloucester. These will be presented for approval at the AGM in Warwick.

Your Executive is updating the FEW Website and Facebook sites to make them more convenient for members to access information. Once this has been completed we will review other means of ensuring information reaches members. Any suggestions from members will be welcome.

We had a very enjoyable weekend in York. I attended the Court of Deans of Scotland AGM and conveyed the good wishes of FEW to our sister organisation. Several of their members expressed a wish for better relations between our two organisations and I hope we can see some of them at our own AGM in Warwick.

Just for interest Berwick had a Freedom ceremony last month when three ladies and two gentlemen were made free. This was the 131st lady to take up the Freedom since the rules of entry were altered in 2010 following the 2009 Act. Berwick have always had ladies as widows automatically took up the rights of their husbands upon their death. At some time in the future we will have a husband taking up these rights upon the death of the Freeman wife.

I wish you all have a good summer and look forward to meeting many of you in Warwick.

Jim Evans

Minutes of the Court Meeting.

held on Saturday 24th March 2018 in the Civic Suite, North Warehouse, Gloucester.

Before Court started The Mayor of Gloucester Mr. Steve Morgan welcomed everybody to the City of Gloucester.

1) Attendees: Derek Austin – Coventry, Keith Bretherton – Gloucester, Howard Crapper – Oxford, Shirley Crapper – Oxford, Andrew Croose – Gloucester, John Edwards – Stafford, Jim Evans – Berwick upon Tweed, Pat Evans – Berwick upon Tweed, Alan Fallows – Shrewsbury, Julie Hayward – Gloucester, Capt. Stephen Healy – Newcastle upon Tyne, Jacky Heath – Gloucester, Lee Hensley – Gloucester, Mike Honnoraty – Warwick, Jane Honnoraty – Warwick, Denise Laver – Altrincham, Ron Leek – Alcester, Val Pettifer – York, Anthony Piddock – Stafford, Brian Piddock – Stafford, Alan Shelley – Sudbury, Roger Sutton – Henley-in-Arden, Charlotte Yeates – Berwick upon Tweed.

a) The meeting was called to order, and the President welcomed everyone present.

2) Apologies for absence were received from Stephen White (Deputy President and Hon Treasurer), Tom Gibson (Hon Editor), Eileen Forth (Hon. Membership Secretary) Gordan Varndell (Ass. Membership Secretary) Roy Folland (Warden for Wales), Martin Hanks (Warden for the South West), Nick Johnson (Warden for the South East), Jonathan Wright (Royal Forest of Dean Freemaners), Norman Kench (Henley-in-Arden), Michael Herriot (Berwick), Ray Spurway (Stafford), Philip Kinnersley (Stafford), Stella Machin (Stafford), Alan Heath (Gloucester).

3) The minutes of the Court Meeting held on, Saturday 18th March 2017 in the Guild Hall, High Street, Henley-in-Arden, were approved as a correct record, and were signed by the President.

The President asked everyone to stand and observe a moment of silence for Mr. Mark Rae who had passed away recently.

With the agreement of all present Agenda items 15,16,17 were brought forward.

15) Alterations to the Constitution

Alan Fallows explained that the Constitution is being reviewed to clarify a couple of areas: - Variations of Membership Qualification and Qualifications required of Members to be Eligible for Office.

He went through the changes that had been proposed by the executive and the reasons why. A discussion ensued about the spelling of guild / gild as it was spelt the latter way in other documentation used by FEW. Other points raised related to the 1972 act and whether it should be mentioned specifically. It was also raised that the wording of section 5 paragraph 4 be changed as it was felt it could exclude some bodies from becoming members of FEW.

The President proposed, and it was agreed by all present except for a member from Stafford for this to be referred back to the executive to be reworded appropriately and then put forward to the AGM in September.

16) Executive Nominations for Officers

As there were no nominations for the positions of Officer without Portfolio and Hon Secretary. The president proposed on behalf of the executive for Charlotte Yeates to become Officer without Portfolio and for Lee Hensley to become Hon. Secretary this was agreed by all present. Charlotte and Lee were then robed by Alan Shelley.

Eileen Forth has resigned the position of Hon. Membership Secretary as from this meeting so it was proposed and agreed for Gordan Vardell to become Hon. Membership Secretary.

It was proposed and agreed that a note of thanks be sent to Eileen for all she has done.

17) Meeting with National Archives Officials

Alan Fallows gave a brief review of the meeting he had attended with Stephen Healy and James Evans. He went on to explain that he had drafted a letter and questionnaire that will be circulated to all guild/gild representatives, so FEW can assess the volume of information that is available for cataloguing. Alan Fallows and Stephen Healy explained all FEW wanted to do was set up a register or database of where the guilds archives were stored, this is to assist people in the future undertaking research – it was stressed that FEW did not want to take ownership or store other Guilds archives. It was noted that this is valuable activity for all guilds/gilds as precious information had gone missing in the past.

It was stated that's this would be a long-term project taking possibly 10 years. Funding is available once the initial research has been done (scoping the size of the project).

4) Matters arising not on the agenda.

GDPR- the president explained that the executive has been discussing the effects of regulations as it comes into power on May 25th this year. He explained that a form will be put together and sent to all members. Notice will be placed on website as soon as its ready, then a copy will go out in the journal. All new members will be informed by appropriate text on new membership forms and all members would be informed individually.

Warwick representatives gave a brief update on how preparations were going for this year's AGM.

5) Capt. Jim Evans presented his President's Report. A copy is appended.

6) In the absence of the Deputy President's Stephen White, the Secretary read his Report.

7) Alan Shelley presented his Vice President's Report. A copy is appended.

8) Ron Leek presented his Immediate Past President's Report. A copy is appended.

9) Wardens' Reports were presented as follows: -

Howard Crapper, Warden for the West. Copy appended.

John Edwards, Warden for the North Midlands. Copy appended.

Denise Laver, Warden for the North West. Copy appended.

Val Pettifer, Warden for the East. Copy appended.

Nick Johnson, Warden for the South East. Copy appended.

Derek Austin, Warden for the South Midlands. Copy appended.

Roger Sutton, Warden for the North. Copy appended.

Capt. Stephen Healy, Warden for the North East. Copy appended.

Roy Folland, Warden for Wales. Copy appended.

10) In Stephen White's absence, the Hon Treasurer's Report was distributed, comprising of the statement of Income and Expenditure from April 2016 to February 2017, and the statement of Movement of Designated Funds.

11) In the absence of the Membership Secretary, Eileen Forth, her Report was read out by the Secretary. A copy is appended.

12) In the absence of the Hon. Editor, Tom Gibson, his Report was read out by the Secretary. A copy is appended.

13) Alan Fallows presented his Hon. Archivist's Report. A copy is appended.

14) No report from the Officer without Portfolio.

18) Any Other Business.

Derek Austin had been approached by a member of Warwick Court Leet who had been told by a senior position in his Leet that he was not entitled to wear the FEW Robe Badge on his robe. The president replied that Court Leets that joined before the constitution was tightened up are entitled to wear the badge, any new Court Leet would not be allowed wear the badge. Derek Austin replied that the Constitution states all members are allowed to wear FEW regalia and asked that it be put in the minute's "because there is this doubt".

John Edwards asked that a note of thanks go to Pembroke for the photo DVD that was sent out to all who attended the last AGM, this sparked a discussion as it would seem not all those that attended had received the DVD. The Hon Secretary is to contact Roy Folland to clarify what was sent to who.

Denise Laver expressed concern that the membership forms were still not ready. Unfortunately, due to the Deputy Presidents ill health the forms are not available on the website. It was agreed for the Hon. Secretary to update forms then add a revision date to them, and to email them to all wardens until they are available on website.

The executive apologised to the wardens for this unfortunate situation.

Val Pettifer has had some business cards sent through the post from Gordan Varndell. Unfortunately, 50% of them were of no use, due to the ink being smeared on them. She asked the executive if she could be sent the template via E-mail, so she could print her own. The Hon. Secretary to contact Gordan and ask he emails the template asap.

Following clashes of dates with various Guilds dinners, it was raised by Denise Laver and Jane Honnoraty if the dates for the Gloucester AGM be announced as soon as possible. If possible could the dates not just the months for 2020 court and AGM be made available at the AGM in September.

Following these comments, the President reminded all that we are dependent upon host Guilds coming forward and agreeing dates with us. We do give out dates once they become available.

19) Future Court and AGM venues.

The 2018 Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 22nd September 2018 at The Ballroom, The Court House, Jury Street, Warwick, CV34 4EW.

20) Closure of Court.

There being no further business, the President closed the meeting.

President's Report.

Your Executive has been active since the last Court Meeting. We have redrafted the application forms for full and associated membership for both individuals and bodies. In conjunction with this we have redrafted some articles of the Constitution. This will be placed before the Court before being submitted to the AGM for approval. We have started on an update of the Directory.

I have attended the Court of Deans of Scotland Autumn meeting, Durham and Berwick dinners and visited Warwick to discuss their arrangements for the 2018 AGM. Durham has confirmed they will host the Spring Court Meeting next year.

At last year's AGM I stated that we would consider how we could make more of the information regarding the Freedom more accessible. One of the primary articles of our Constitution is education of the public with regard to the Freedom. We sent a delegation to the National Archives in London to open discussions. We received a very positive response and advice upon their recommendation on cataloguing such archives. As a first step our Archivist, Alan Fallows, will be contacting our member Guilds to see how many wish to be involved. We realise some Guilds may not wish to be involved and others will not have the resources. We hope to put together a package drawing grants to overcome the resources problem.

Deputy President's Report.

It has come as little surprise to me, having heard previous DP's reports, that I have had little to do specifically in the role of Deputy President having not been requested to deputise for the President on a single occasion since last September.

However, I continue to work on The Website with various recent additions such as the Journals and Membership Application Forms. Other items have been added or corrected as requested.

I mentioned in my report at the AGM that the website was perhaps showing its' age with newer platforms now being available in the 9 years that have elapsed since we set ours up. I have also had members comment that our site does not display as well as others on portable tablets and iPads etc.

Coincidentally, I was approached by our web host who had a newer solution to offer to us, both FEW and the Freemen of Grimsby. We have held a number of meetings discussing the merits and establishing a "dummy site" for evaluation.

One of the major benefits is that it will integrate our facebook page into the website, (and You Tube should we need it).

Following a discussion at the February Executive Meeting it was agreed to move to the new platform and this work is now in hand.

In the event that the new site is not live by the time of the Court Meeting this is the link to the test page <http://freemenfew.users60.interdns.co.uk/> (The new website is now live).

Our Facebook page continues to receive regular posts and an increasing number of items from our member Guilds and so provides a steady stream of fresh information. The number of "likes" now stands at 269, up from 247 last September.

Immediate Past President's Report.

As previously, my report is brief. For the Immediate Past President there is usually little to do formally, other than promoting FEW wherever possible.

In my soon to be concluded role as Acting Hon Secretary, I have received several web site enquiries from web site providers presumably touting for business, all of which I have forwarded to Stephen for information. In addition, there have also been a couple of, to my mind, bizarre Associate Membership enquiries, which I have also forwarded. One of these from the President of the Freemen of the Bunyoro-Kitara Kingdom seems to infer that an application sent to the Hon Membership Secretary has not been acknowledged. The other refers to an application apparently sent to us from Canada with the fee, and which as far as I am aware has never materialised.

Vice President's Report.

Mr President, fellow officers, freemen and guilds,
It has been a relatively short time since the last AGM when I changed my executive roles. A delightful element of which was to re-join with the elite and pleasant company of our Wardens. It is 23 years since I was last in this capacity and it is nice to be back again. So far, we have been making good headway, clarifying roles and activities before setting a few goals. We have already instituted a monthly 'Update' circulated among the Wardens to keep them closely informed of FEW policy and executive actions.

Fortunately, we are at present 'up to strength' with a full and healthy contingency of ten Area Wardens. Any changes within FEW circumstances are being democratically discussed and considered before any joint actions are to be undertaken. At present we, the Wardens, are considering the 'Representation of FEW', methods of Reporting, Recruitment and Promotion. These subjects and others are under constant review and discussion and may be dictated by any changes in FEW policies. We must also pay heed to statutory limitations such as the edicts of the national data regulations (GDPR) coming in May.

Of course, I should take this opportunity to applaud their valiant efforts. We, on the Executive fully recognise the importance of the 'front line' function of the Wardens and rely very much on their tireless actions.

Wardens Reports.

Warden for the West:

I am truly excited the FEW Court meeting has been invited and accepted in Gloucester . All to frequently our members in the West say that the our organisation holds most meetings in the North . say , welcome to the great Cathedral City of Gloucester and well done to President Lee Hensley and Secretary Andrew Croose The Chartered Freemen and Women of Gloucester held their successful annual Dinner last November and an Admission Ceremony soon after Christmas.

In Oxford , their Annual Dinner was held in December. The dinner includes an Oxford Quiz, so I was quite surprised to see the guests from Gloucester answering a question of "Which Politician opened the Donnington Road bridge in 1962 ", that was ,until I saw they were consulting their mobile. Gloucester you see always use their initiative. (The answer was Lord Hailsham , formerly known as Quentin Hogg) .

In March , Oxford Freemen held a combined Admission Ceremony and an Apprentice of the Year Award . There were eight wonderful finalists in the Apprentice competition but it was a young Electrical Engineer who was awarded the winners Shield and cheque .Every finalist was presented with a Certificate by the City Sheriff.

The Freemen of Oxford look forward to the unveiling of the WW1 Memorial to seventeen

pilots killed in training , which took place on the grass strip runway upon the historic Port Meadow exactly one hundred years ago . This will be on Wednesday 23d May and will include a static vintage aircraft display. There will be in excess of 60 invited guests but a crowd of much larger numbers is expected. Prey for dry weather.

I have been in contact with all the Guilds in the West but nothing else to report at this stage of the year. My apologies for several periods of absence during the early part of this year but believe it or not, I was answering freemen affairs even when I was thousands of miles away.

Warden for the North Midlands:

Derby Guild now seems to be getting well organised thanks to a small, but enthusiastic group led by Ann DaSilva. They have revised their membership criteria, as permitted in the 2010 Act and a number of new freemen have been enrolled. As FEW Warden, I have been asked to attend and speak at their AGM in September, which will be good, because for several years I have had to report no activity from this guild.

Shrewsbury, as usual, has a full programme and their web site gives details of the events, even including a facility to say whether members wish to attend. They have the usual civic events like Mayor's Sunday and Remembrance, together with a social programme including a Ghost Tour, a Rooftop visit to the Market Halls and some events in conjunction with the Shropshire Society in London. Their Web site is an example of what can be done with the modern methods of compiling such sites. These are less daunting than for those of us who struggled many years ago with html code. I advise any guild thinking of setting up a website to have a look at Shrewsbury's.

Regrettably, I still have not had any replies from Newcastle under Lyme, but will try again soon as their annual pay-out day will be coming up soon, when lots of freemen come out of the woodwork to collect their money. Once again the success of a guild is dependent on such a small number of people to keep things going, while the majority just sit back and let them get on with it.

Bridgnorth is thriving and increasing their membership. They send regular reports to the journal, so shall not repeat them here. Once again, I had to decline their invitation to their annual dinner as I was abroad. Maybe next year! I noticed when reading an internet article on the Freemen of Bridgnorth that the town was fortified against the Danes in 912 by Æthelflæd, daughter of Alfred the Great. She must have been a busy girl in the early 10th century, as she also did the same in Stafford and elsewhere. In June 918 she died at Tamworth, where she also set up defences. I have been invited to an event there in June 2018 to commemorate her life, possibly including the origins of two of my Guilds.

Stafford's long running saga about the installation on our land of Severn Trent infrastructure. It has lasted some four years with many complex issues to resolve, not least knowing exactly what our rights were as far as the land is concerned. Thankfully, it was eventually resolved and we now have funds to help develop the site, currently consisting of 150 allotment plots. I decided to write a report on the project, which may help such

utility companies in dealing with ancient trusts, or even guilds that may be in a similar situation. I have lodged a copy with the FEW Archivist should anyone be interested.

Happily the site now has a new shop to benefit the gardeners and we have been able to clear the edge of the site from a century of brambles and fly tipping. Of course, that did not please everyone, as the excavator was about three times bigger than we expected so we were reported for disturbing badgers. Fortunately, a local conservation group vindicated us, but it does show the trouble you can get into managing Freeman's lands.

Stafford has its usual social and civic programme, including the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church, where some 90 groups displayed their wares. The Guild and Trust seized the opportunity to tell the 2,000 visitors who we are. We were happy to welcome our IPP, standing in for the President, to our annual dinner, together with the Mayor and our MP who has been very helpful to us this year.

I still have made no progress with Lichfield, where there should be a Guild, but I have been invited to take part in their 'Greenhill Bower', where I may see the appropriate people, so watch this space.

Warden For the North West:

Reporting on activities since the FEW AGM from Altrincham, Chester and Hale.

Chester:

The annual banquet was held at Chester Town Hall last October with the Lord Mayor of Chester, Cllr Razia Daniels in attendance. Razia spoke of her heritage having been born in Dodoma, Tanzania, East Africa and has lived in Chester since her marriage in 1985 and the joy of working with the community. One of Razia's passions is equality and diversity. After the banquet Razi opened up the Mayors parlour which was most interesting for visitors to see. On 27th April there is to be the Prentice Court whereby 22 people will be made Freeman. Cheshire West & Chester Council decide on the Freeman. The Ceremony is held at the Town Hall with the Lord Mayor presiding over the Court. After which the Guilds will walk in a procession through the city. The Freeman can later apply to join a Guild. The Midsummer Watch Parade will take place 23/24 June and the AGM will be on the 23rd June. At the AGM David Starbuck Edwards will step down as President & Vice President Ian Dutton will be made President. This year the Chester Mystery Plays will take place 27th June —14th July in Chester Cathedral. The Freeman of Chester have always been on hand to assist with these. Recently a long standing member of the Chester Freeman & Past President, Ken Carsley died, who was a well-respected member of the Weavers Company & took a great interest in the Chester Guilds.

Hale:

On Thursday 19th October 2017, Freeman James Ross became the Lord Mayor of the Ancient and Honorable Corporation of Hale. He was installed by his predecessor, Alderman Paul Turton, during the Freeman of Hale business meeting at the Wellington Hotel in Hale One of his first engagements was to attend the Altrincham Court Leet Carol Service where he was very warmly received. The Freeman of Hale held their Annual Court & Dinner, in January. The Mayor of Halton, Cllr Alan Lowe and his wife the Mayoress, Cllr Joan Lowe plus Alderman Alan Laver of Altrincham Court Leet &

Alderman Denise Laver the FEW Warden for the North West. During the ceremonial court proceedings 4 Freeman were sworn in. Later in the proceedings Freeman Simon Griffiths walked into the gathering with a large stick which he enthusiastically declared that the stick was the walking stick which had belonged to the legendary Childe Of Hale has returned to the village. Simon Griffiths has lived in Hale Village for a decade with his wife Julie and their home overlooks John Middleton's cottage birthplace. The Childe — who was 9ft 3ins tall and lived from 1578 to 1623 — was a farm labourer. Simon gave the story how he had tracked it down. As the dinner fell on Burns Night a piper arrived to pipe in some haggis — a bonus for the annual dinner. The Freeman recently held a fundraising Valentines Social.

Altrincham:

Last September at the Michaelmas Assize, a new Provost was sworn in as Mayor of Altrincham, -Burgess Peter Garde. For Peter it was rather a role reversal as for 22 years he had worked as a Mayoral. Officer for Trafford Borough Council. He has been a Freeman since 1999. At the Assize four new Freeman were sworn in. During the market lookers report there was refection of the buzzing destination place of Altrincham to the 2010 ghost town reports. Matters appertaining to the town are regularly discussed. The first appointment Peter carried out was a trading award to Greenwoods — men's Outfitters for their loyal service to Altrincham. The ale & wine tasters seek out places for recognition & the town enjoys the ceremony attached to these. The Deputy Barons Steward Alderman Mark Rae & the Court Leet Clerk, Alderman Alan Laver have met regularly with other members to seek out archives and to start the chronicle documents. This is of great importance after the loss of documentation after the death of Bryan Massey the Lord Barons Steward of Dunham Massey. Members of the Court attended the Manchester Festival of Remembrance under Concorde at Manchester Airport & assisted with other Remembrance activities. The Court Leet Carol Service took place at St Margarets Church. Just before Christmas The Provost, Bellman & memberstoo part in the Cries of Christmas to the people & businesses of Altrincham. At the Hilary Assize in January two more Freeman were installed, one of whom was the wife of the first Provost of the newly reformed Court in 1977 and the first By appointment to ... was given to a small printing company- MouseHouse in recognition for their superb services. For many years one of the Aldermen has housed a bell which had been saved from destroyed, the bell was reportedly the old Butter Market Bell. Now we have a party of Freeman assessing the bell which is made of cast iron & seems to date to 1624. It is hoped that by the summer the bell will be moved to a destination whereby the people of Altrincham can see it. We have three Freeman who are doing sterling work with their fundraising- 2 members who have a busking group raise monies for Cancer ResearchUK & todate have raised £460000. Another Member who has steadfastly worked to help improve Altrincham & ran marathons for a local charity was diagnosed with terminal Prostate Cancer last June will running in the London Marathon & to date has raised £5000 for ProstateCancerUK. We are planning St Georges Day activities and helping with the Altrincham Festival. The Altrincham Charter Dinner & Weekend is to be 13-15 July and we hope to build on the success. of lasts year's proceedings. All Courts & Guilds are invited to it. Ten days later we received a terrible shock when we heard that Alderman Mark Rae had been found dead outside his flat early in the morning of 14th March. The

circumstances are not suspicious & we are awaiting the results of a post mortem. Mark touched the hearts of many & seemed to know the whole of Altrincham.

14/3/18 - Such sad and shocking news this morning - Alderman Mark Rae, the Deputy Lord Baron Steward of Dunham Massey & a member of Altrincham Court Leet was found dead outside his flat in Altrincham early this morning.

Mark epitomised Altrincham in so many ways. He was loved by in and had time for all, a truly lovely person with a big heart who loved Altrincham passionate/v. So proud of his roots & that he'd been Mayor of Altrincham twice. He was involved with so many organisations past & present.

RIP Mark - you leave quite a legacy- so many wonderful memories- Brian Mark Rae - may you rest in peace, but boy how you will be missed.

Alderman Mark Rea, the Deputy Lord Baron Steward of Dunham Massey was found dead outside his Altrincham flat early on Wednesday March 14, aged 57.

The much-loved man who formed his own catering company after leaving British Gas in 1998, was, for many years the popular Chef at Altrincham conservative club.

Following his successful Chairmanship and Presidency of Altrincham Festival committee, he was made a Freeman of Altrincham in 1986 and was twice its Provost.

In 2017, he successfully recreated the Guild of Freeman, a working group of officers.

In 2003 he became Bailiff to the Barony of Dunham and, in 2012, became Deputy Baron's Steward to the Barony of Dunham Massey.

In 2016 the descendants of the Earl of Stamford invited him to take on the role of Lord Baron's Steward, the Lord of the Manor.

Mark was the National Secretary of the Freeman of England and Wales for nine years from 1990.

As a Knight's Templar, Mark formed the Preceptor' of St John, England in 2013. On the weekend before his death he had attended a special Templars' event in Paris

In 1986 Mark became a freemason and rose to the rank of worshipful Master of Marsland Lodge. Mark's community work began when he was eleven and joined the Church Lads and Girls Brigade at St Catherine's Church, Park Road, Timperley.

His commanding Officer at the time, Colin Yates BEM remembers how he rose through the ranks to become Company Warrant Officer and later Battalion Warrant Officer and how he helped form their national marching band.

Mark assisted with Hale Civic Society and supported Altrincham Rotary Club. He helped St Margaret's Church and The Children's Society fundraise.

Mark, the youngest of three children, grew up on the Grange Estate, Timperley and attended Heyes Lane Primary and Wellington Boys Secondary School.

The funeral has yet to be arranged.

Warden for the East:

Sudbury

From my perspective it has been very quiet of late, but i do hope to be repeating my visit to Sudbury this july to represent the few on their 'Guided Walk over the Meadows' and AGM in my capacity of few warden for the east.

Lincoln

Once again i can report that my relationship with the Lincoln freemen is blossoming, and

in October it was my honour to be present at the investiture of 4 young men in Lincoln guild hall. I was made extremely welcome by Stuart Bristow, the president of the city of Lincoln freemen's gild, and by Angela Priestley-Gibbins, the master. I wore my few robe and was also invited to speak to the gathering about my role as their few warden, and my general impressions of Lincoln The only down side (if there is one) is that the investiture date clashed with the Chester banquet, so I had to make my apologies and not go.

In January my husband and I were invited to attend the city of Lincoln Freemans gild annual dinner, held in the Bishop Grosseteste university. ° we were surprised to find ourselves seated on the head table and made to feel very welcome and special, although it was soon apparent that I was the only york freemen at the event. The evening concluded with entertainment and a grand raffle, so all in all it was a very good evening, and extremely well organised. The following day we attended a service in the splendid Lincoln cathedral, followed by a good lunch in the city.

My next trip to Lincoln is to attend their AGM and investitures on the 14th April, which once again clashes with the freemen of York annual banquet weekend. However, this year I won't have just flown in from New York the day before, so we will be leaving home early to attend the event which takes place at 11am, before continuing our journey to York.

Colchester

It has been very quiet on the Colchester front since sandy French stepped down as honorary secretary last year, and although I've sent a couple of emails to herself and David Bacon, there has been no response. So as my time is extremely limited, I have not chased this up.

Warden for the South East:

Rochester Oyster And Floating Fishery

In the Civic Room of Medway Council's Chatham offices in Gun Wharf on October 30th 2017, five apprentices of the Rochester Oyster and Floating Fishery who, having completed their seven year term of apprenticeship, were given the Freedom and were duly appointed as Freemen of the River. They are: Jeremy Lance Mills, Martyn Terry, Martin Leslie Bushell, Allan Wadhams, and Thomas Edward Brewer. The new Freemen were presented with their Deeds of Apprenticeship by the Admiral of the River Medway, the Worshipful the Mayor of Medway, Councillor David Wildey.

Guildable Manor Of Southwark

One of the oldest surviving annual British rent-paying ceremonies, dating back to 1327 in the reign of Edward III, took place on Wednesday 14th March 2018. At the church of St George the Martyr on Borough High Street, the Guildable Manor of Southwark paid its annual £11 to the Queen's Remembrancer, the Senior Master of the Superior Court of England & Wales of the Royal Courts of Justice,

In 1327 the £11 was 11 pounds-weight in silver, but 690 years of inflation have rather deflated the value to the payment. In that year, the City of London acquired the interests for a fee farm of £II per annum from Edward III. The original Charter, approved by Parliament, is still in the Guildhall Record Office. The formal reason for the City wanting control was because of the difficulties of judicial process and arrest of miscreants who

could make-off to the Surrey bank out of the City's jurisdiction; no doubt the potential of Southwark becoming a competitive alternative for the City markets also exercised the Corporation. This payment is still made, by the Foreman and officers of the Manor, usually in March, when the Jurors are summoned to an Exchequer Court, held in Southwark, by the Queen's Remembrancer, the Senior Master of the Superior Court of England & Wales of the Royal Courts of Justice, as a 'Quit Rent' on behalf of the City. This is a specific requirement of the Charter of 1327.

Warden for the South Midlands:

As detailed reports of most South Midlands Guilds and Courts Leet activities since the Pembroke AGM to the year end are contained in last month's FEW Journal, I shall just highlight a few items:

Coventry Freemen's Guild

Coventry banquet weekend events this year are on May 4th -6th, with a welcoming supper on the Friday, the formal banquet on the Saturday, and the annual church service on the Sunday. Contact for booking details is PM George Wilkinson on 024-7646-3203. At our banquet we hope to install Carole Wilson as our first ever lady Deputy Master. The annual Apprentice of the Year Competition awards dinner in January again saw the SME and Large company category winners awarded £1000 each, courtesy of our sponsors.

Leicester Gild of Freemen

The welcome influx of lady Freemen over the last few years has now resulted in ladies taking up Court positions as: Clerk; 'Gildhall News' editor; and Regalia Warden; joining existing lady PM Lynn Roffee – who also continues as Chairman of the Deputies. The 2018 Leicester banquet weekend events are on 1st – 3rd June, at the usual venues of Freemen's Holt, Devonshire Place, and Leicester Cathedral . Further details from Jeff Lewitt on 0116-2834357 or jeffrey618@btinternet.com

Northampton Guild of Freemen

As mentioned in the FEW Journal the Charity weekend events this year have been cancelled as the dates clash with another Freemen's Gild similar event. This does rather highlight that advance notice of significant Guild events in the FEW Journal is in all our interests. After some 40+ years, the Freemen's Roll Book held at the County Records Office has now been brought up to date.

Alcester Court Leet & Court Baron.

Regular calendar of events coming up include Ale Tasting – Care Home visits – and an Easter Fayre and coffee morning in the Town Hall.

Henley-in-Arden Court Leet & Court Baron.

Freemen may recall that last years' FEW Court meeting was held in the Henley medieval Guildhall. This continues to be the hub of Court Leet activities, with the annual Court Leet and Court Baron meeting taking place on 8th November after formal opening by the Town Crier and Chaplain. A surprise video presentation by the rarely seen American Lord of the Manor Robin Hardy-Freed, reviewed progress since her father Joe Hardy bought

the Lordship at a 1990 London auction, and concluded by passing the title onto the resident Court Leet Steward David Lodder. Officers reports were presented, and High Bailiff Norman Kench reviewed some of the highlights of his two year term of office. The Jurors then retired and elected the new Low Bailiff Tom Mangan, and two replacement Jurors from four candidates. The new High Bailiff Graham Smith was then sworn into office, and chains and robes of office presented. The Chaplain then invited the Burgesses to divine service on 26th November at St John's church, adjacent to the Guildhall.

Warwick Court Leet

Reports on Court Leet activities now regularly feature in the local newspaper, all helping to raise the profile of the Leet within Warwick. Most recent event was a beer festival to raise funds for the Lord Leicester Hospital for retired service personnel. 7th April will see a Town Criers Competition in Pageant Gardens – appropriate name for the colourful and ornate costumes.

Warden for the North:

The Freemen of Beverley

Annual meeting held at beginning of March to elect the 12 Pasture Masters for 2018

The Enrolled Freemen of Grimsby

Charter Day Hog Roast held on 10th March at which a tableau was unveiled depicting the moment King John sealed the Charter Document.

The Guild of Freemen of the City of York.

Alan Banks elected Master of the Guild for 2017/18. The Master has attended many local events -- Civic Assize of Ale to Remembrance and Carol Services - but importantly the Annual York Apprenticeship Graduation and Awards Ceremony. He has also attended guild banquets held at Durham, Chester, Richmond and London. The Guild held the annual 'Harry Ward Memorial Lecture' on the 19th January 2018. The topic of the lecture was 'The History of Printing in York', which was an appropriate topic for the Master as he was himself a skilled and qualified printer during his working life. A forthcoming event will be The Guild's Banquet Weekend on 13th/14th April 2018.

Warden for the North East:

Alnwick:

The Chamberlain's Common Council and Freemen of the Borough of Alnwick report 'business as usual' over the Winter months.

On February 13th, several Alnwick Freemen attended the Annual Shrove Tuesday Football match between the parishes of St Michael and St. Paul. The game, originally played on the streets of the Town, was first recorded in 1762 and later moved to the Pastures below Alnwick Castle. For the record, this year's game was won by the Parish of St. Michael by two 'hales' (goals) to nil.

Berwick-upon-Tweed:

I had the pleasure of again attending the Freemen's annual Winter Buffet and Dance in the Guildhall in December — a fun event, as always.

The Berwick Barracks Heritage Hub, in which the Freemen are involved, is progressing. Stage 1 (the feasibility study, market research and drawings) has been done and stage 2 (funding application) is underway.

The archiving project, again previously reported, is on hold pending grant funding. I previously indicated that Berwick-upon-Tweed had become a member of the 'new Hanseatic League' but seemingly this was 'jumping the gun' somewhat. It appears that the application has to be submitted by the Town Council and matters are a little 'delayed', despite the encouragement of the Freemen.

Berwick have 5 lined up for swearing-in at their next Freedom Ceremony, in April.

Durham:

In January, the Durham Freemen lost an old stalwart, John Atkinson. Although he had originally been admitted to the Company of Drapers, John agreed to become Warden of the Masons' Company in 1999, a post he held until retiring in 2013. An enthusiastic photographer, he built up an invaluable archive of pictures and films of Freemen activities in the City — a classic example of material as defined under our Association's archiving initiative.

Two city craftsmen, who struck up entirely separate friendships with two leaders of Durham's ancient craft guilds, were sworn-in as Freemen at the Candlemas ceremony on February 5th. Surveyor Stuart Trow kept a promise to the late John Heslop, former Chairman of the Wardens, to apply for the Freedom and became a 'Joiner', while plumber Alan Oliver's application was the direct result of a chat in a pub with current Chairman Eric Bulmer.

Continuing their charitable support, patients in all areas of the University Hospital of North Durham can now enjoy hospital radio, thanks to a grant from the Freemen. Finally, I commend the Durham Freemen on their excellent 'year book', a copy of which was forwarded to me. Full of important information, it complements their fine website. This Guild is really good at promoting their work and activities, as well as communicating with their membership and others.

Newcastle upon Tyne:

Nothing to report.

Warden for Wales.

The Gild of Freemen of Pembroke

Following on from the FEW AGM hosted by the Gild of Freemen of Pembroke, which was held at the Cleddau Bridge Hotel, Pembroke Dock, and has been stated to have been a most successful weekend. Because some of the organisations had charged something less than that what was agreed we were in a position to return a cheque to the FEW of £100.40p. Apart from the preparing of the DVDs of the photographs which were produced by our Chaplain Canon. Roger Jones and posting them off to all those who were present at the AGM. Representing the FEW at the Haverfordwest Gild of Freemen AGM weekend, during which I passed on the good wishes from our President Capt. Jim Evans for a successful weekend. Also representing our Gild at the Civic Celebrations of the town, we have had a quiet time.

At our AGM the existing officers, Master. Roy Folland, Dept. Master Robin Folland,

Clerk. Graham Phillips and Chaplain to the Gild Canon Roger Jones were re-elected and following the resignation of our Treasurer John Rowlands and Press Officer Melanie Phillips. The new Treasurer elected was Mr Keith Nicholas and Press Officer Mr. George Lewis. The next Court meeting will be held in the chamber of the town hall on Thursday 22nd March.

We were all concerned to learn that the Cleddau Bridge Hotel had ceased trading in December. The management and staff of which has served our Gild for many years. We will now have to find a new home for future celebrations.

The Haverfordwest Gild of Freemen

It's a quiet time of year for the Haverfordwest Gild of Freemen, but the Gild's court of Wardens is far from idle.

Plans have to be made for the forthcoming traditional events in the Freemen's calendar such as the appointment of new Burgesses, once suitable new candidates have been found among those local citizens whose community service to the county town are considered worthy of recognition. Those chosen will be installed and sworn in by Gild Master Charles Davies at the annual Summer Buffet usually held at the town Cricket club in July.

Arrangements will then have to be made for the highlight of the year, the Annual General Meeting, Banquet and Founder's Service in St. Martin's Church in September. These entail the organisation of speakers for the various toast, entertainment for the banquet and the luncheon arrangements ably carried out by the Clerk, Mr. Paul Lucas and his wife Mrs. Eirwen Lucas. As the oldest church in the town St. Martin's has long been the Gild's spiritual HQ and the Gild Trustees have acceded to the request from the church for a contribution towards a new central heating boiler costing £4,500, recommending a donation of £1,000. The Gild is also considering awarding a music bursary for the town's new secondary school.

Membership Secretary's Report.

Guilds

We have 38 Guilds on the books with currently 4 Guilds are still to pay subscription for April and September 2017.

Individual Membership

The current membership stands at 332

Since September 2017

- 2 Member notified Deceased
- 3 New full individual Members
- 5 New Associate members
- 3 Members have resigned
- 9 Members deleted under rule 9 of the Constitution

Current Payments

Late payments. Reminders are being sent out but responses are very slow.

Arrears

At Present to March 2018 there are 25 some of these are ready for deletion before the September AGM

The full break down will be given at the September Court Meeting

Editors Report.

Issue 188 was 4 pages larger than usual due to the need to include all the reports from the AGM however Issue 189 was 4 pages thinner, so they have balanced each other out.

Issue 189 was late being distributed due to the Exec meeting having to be held later than usual.

Please could all note that the next issue 190 will contain AGM notice and booking information, as well as reports from the court meeting as the priority items.

I remind everyone that the closing date for items for the following edition is published on the last page of each journal, please make a note of it, there has been some confusion over it in the last year or so.

Archivists Report.

In the period since my last report I have received for the archives from Pembroke a DVD with a picture record of the 2017 AGM and from Stafford a report on the difficulties in dealing with the utility company (Severn Trent) regarding works required over freemens' land.

In addition I have been engaged in preparatory work for the long-term investigations into Freemens Guilds and Guild Companies archives with a view to securing these for the future. This initially entails locating all such archive material (and my thanks to those members who have provided sample details) and then formulating an agreed method for recording that material under the advice of the National Archives.

As a first step I am re-listing the FEW archives in a format suitable for listing online and will be contacting all wardens, officers and Guild representatives with a short questionnaire to help establish some basic facts regarding their own Guild and Guild Company materials held. Both of these exercises I hope to have completed in time for the September AGM. NB Hope, not promise!!

That concludes the record of the March 2018 court meeting.

News From Gild.

Chester

Chester freemen were deeply saddened by the death, at the age of ninety four, in March, of Ken Carsley, OBE. Ken served as President of the City of Chester Freemen and Guilds, and was a distinguished editor of the Deva Pentice for many years. Ken was a loyal supporter of freemen affairs, and was a member of the Weavers Company, one of Chester's ancient craft guilds. He was a former highly esteemed headmaster, and a staunch supporter of the Royal British Legion. He was a great-grandfather. Our thoughts are with his family, especially his children Jennifer, Judith, and Paul.

Two gowned, veteran freemen, Cyril Chesters and Geoff Tilston, provided a Guard of Honour at the making of the new Lord Mayor of Chester, Councillor Alex Black, in the Council Chamber of the Town Hall.

Freemen, in their distinctive blue gowns, attended the Civic Service at Chester Cathedral, and furnished a colourful and dignified formation at the Cathedral's west door.

The Midsummer Watch, a wonderful, noisy and colourful procession through the streets of Chester, recreating the celebrations of old, will be held on the weekend 23rd. and 24th. June. The procession, which will include freemen, is led by the Lord Mayor, and the President of the Freemen and Guilds, who are drawn along in a chariot. There will be giants, imps, fire-eaters, and a latter-day squad of the Roman XX Legion.

Freemen will be present as meeters and greeters at the 2018 performances of the historic Chester Mystery Plays, which run 27th. June to 14th. July.

Twenty two new freemen were admitted at the Lord Mayor's Pentice Court, held in the magnificent Council Chamber at Chester Town Hall, on Friday 27th. April. The ceremony is always held on the Friday nearest St. George's Day. Each candidate receives a letter with the details of FEW. The Court was presided over by the Lord Mayor, Councillor Razia Daniels, with the President of the Freemen and Guilds, David Starbuck Edwards, and the Chief Executive of Cheshire West and Chester Council. Honorary Freemen and councillors were also present. New freemen, and the Freemen and Guilds, owe a great dept of gratitude to our Membership Secretary Jay Naylor, whose diligent research over many months made this occasion such a success.

Eleven members of the Dutton family were made free on the night, and later were admitted to the Company of Joiners, Carvers and Turners. The family were fine art dealers in Chester for many years. It was a delight for Senior Alderman Sue Thompson, and Hon. Alderman Howard Pate, to admit them as members of the Company. The occasion was only enhanced by the superb Committee Room No. One, in which it took place.

The Joiners, Carvers and Turners Company is now the largest of the Chester freemen guilds.

Coventry

The 2018 Guild year started with interviews for the annual Apprentice of the Year competition, the judging panel as usual faced with talented candidates from a range of companies and organisations. The Apprentice Awards Dinner was held in the Guildhall on 23rd January, with the winners gaining £1000 each from the two categories of Small/Medium and Large companies/organisations respectively. They were also invited to a VIP day on Coventry's affiliated Destroyer HMS Diamond.

The visits programme started with a January trip to the WW2 Code breakers haunt of Bletchley Park, followed in February by a trip to the Cotswold Distillery.

Ladies Night Dinner on 13th February had a change of format this year, as our Master, Tony Archer organised musical entertainment and dancing in lieu of the usual talk.

The annual visit to Leicester Gild's skittles evening in February again saw the highest score won by Coventry, return match to be on 10th August at Barnacle Village Hall.

The Charity Awards Dinner on 20th March in the Guildhall saw representatives from ten worthy local organisations receiving cheques from the Guild's fundraising activities through 2017. The Master's main charity this year was Alzheimer's UK. As our President and Lord Mayor Cllr Tony Skipper was hosting a civic delegation from our twinned city

of Dresden, the Guild invited the Party to the Dinner, presenting a Guild plaque to the Dresden Mayor to mark the occasion.

On 25th March Coventry Guild's Past Masters, their partners and widows had their annual luncheon at the Coventry & North Warwickshire Cricket Club, A time to reminisce and enjoy the usual carvery meal.

The Guild AGM was held in the Council Chamber on 18th April, with Clerk John Wilkinson reviewing the years events, and with the Finance Report presented by Renter Warden David Hearn.

The Coventry banquet weekend of 4th – 6th May followed the usual format, with a Friday welcoming dinner and discounted accommodation at the Day's Hotel, with a Guildhall banquet on the Saturday. Novel occasion this year was New Master Brian Jackson swearing in the first ever lady Deputy Master Carole Wilson. Sunday saw the annual robed procession to the Guild church of Holt Trinity, to reappoint the vicar as Guild Chaplain for the year. We were all shocked to hear of the serious accident to Howard & Shirley Crapper later on the Sunday. Howard has been the public face of the Oxford Freemen for many years, and we were always very happy to welcome him and Shirley to Coventry events.

Gloucester:

The civic events have started in Gloucester with the Chartered Freemen and Women of Gloucester invited to the St Georges Society's service in the cathedral which had the Princess Royal in attendance, the following week they attended the mayor's civic service where the Lord Lieutenant of Gloucester Dame Janet Trotter ,D.B.E., C.V.O was recognised for here service to Gloucester by being made an Honorary Freewoman of Gloucester by the council.

Oxford

The Freemen of the City of Oxford are struggling with containing their Cattle on Port Meadow . The 400 acre Meadow has river frontage on to the River Thames (known as Isis through the City) The Freemen's cattle can see green grazing on the other side of the river and frequently take advantage of a new sandbank to wade across to neighbouring farm pasture . It annoys pretty much everyone .

I did say a new sandbank in the river and this is a result of the Environment Agency realigning an existing weir . The very people charged with looking after the river bed have made a situation so bad that we have asked repeatedly for dredging . The EA say they have no money and that dredging would disturb the fish . Well , it is certainly disturbing our Cattle - who are, may I say, vital to the good health of the historic Port Meadow and the unique and rare wild flowers on this site of Special Scientific Interest.

Any Freemen with relevant previous experience of the EA or any aspect of cattle grazing on river frontage, then please let me know .

Hon. Secretary's Notices.

Pembroke AGM 2017 Photographs.

Any member that attended the AGM in Pembroke, that has not received the complimentary CD of photography (posted out after the event) could they please contact Roy Folland by email jarfolland@hotmail.com to obtain a copy.

Executive officer Nominations

At the closing date of 18th May 2018, One nomination had been received for each executive post (except that of President and IPP who are not due for election this year), therefore no election will be required and the serving nominees will be returned to office unopposed.

FEW Executive Officers for the period 2018-2019

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52nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 22nd September 2018 at 11am

The Ballroom, The Court House, Jury Street, Warwick, CV34 4EW.

AGENDA

- 1) Attendees to sign Register and be seated
- 2) Call to Order, and President's Procession into the AGM
- 3) Opening of AGM at 11am, and Welcome
- 4) Apologies for absence
- 5) Minutes of the 51st AGM held on Saturday 16th September 2017 at the Cleddau Bridge Hotel, Essex Road, Pembroke Dock, Wales, and circulated in the Annual Record and Gazette, Journal No. 188, Autumn 2017
 - a) Approval of Minutes
 - b) Matters Arising, not forming any other part of this Agenda
- 6) Alterations to the Constitution
- 7) Data Protection (GDPR)
- 8) Communication
- 9) Freeman Archives
- 10) President's Report
- 11) Deputy President's Report
- 12) Vice President's Report
- 13) Hon. Treasurer's Report
- 14) Hon. Membership Secretary's Report
- 15) Hon. Archivist's Report
- 16) Hon. Editor's Report
- 17) Officer Without Portfolio's Report
- 18) Wardens' Reports
- 19) Executive Officers 2018-2019
- 20) Wardens 2018-2019
- 21) Future Court and AGM Venues
- 22) Any Other Business
- 23) Closure of Proceedings, and President's Withdrawal Procession

Programme for AGM weekend 2018

Friday 21st September

Registration at reception of hotel/Court House	4.30pm
Executive Meeting - Council Chamber Court House	5pm
Welcome Dinner – Lord Leycester Hospital (lounge suit)	8.00pm- 9.30pm
	Bar from 7pm
History of the Lord Leycester Hospital	9.00pm - 9.15pm

Saturday 22nd September

Breakfast	7.30 – 8.30am
Registration Council Chamber Court House (Robes)	9.00am
Group Photograph	9.30am
Open Forum & Coffee Council Chamber	10.00am
AGM of the Freemen of England and Wales in Ballroom Court House	11.15am
Finger Buffet Ante room Court House	1.00pm
Free time – Tour of Warwick Starting at the Court House	2.00pm
Grand Banquet – Undercroft Warwick Castle (Black Tie - preferred)	7.00 for 7.30pm

Sunday 23rd September

Breakfast	7.30– 8.30am
Check out of hotel	10.00am
Meet at the Court House	10.10am
Process to St Mary’s Church	10.20am
Church service	10.30am
Return procession to the Court House	11.30am
Coffee & Speeches	11.45am
Sunday Roast	12.30pm
Depart	

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Friday welcome dinner – 2 courses plus wine and coffee	£25 per person	
Saturday open forum refreshments	£2.50 per person	
Saturday mid-Day finger buffet	£10 per person	
Saturday Grand Banquet includes 3 courses wine, canapes and entertainment	£48 per person	
Saturday afternoon Tour of Warwick	£5 per person	
Sunday Roast 2 course & coffee (cash bar)	£21 per person	
Coach -transport from and back to the hotel on the Friday evening/ Saturday morning and evening.	£16 per person THIS IS AN ADDITIONAL COST	

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