

## Election Court and Luncheon 19 April 2018

On the hottest April day for 70 years (29.1°C), both the Election Court and Luncheon were held in the City's only Georgian Livery Hall, the lovely Watermen's Hall.



Members of the Court were stunned to see the Master, Mike Williamson, sitting in the newly refurbished Master Waterman's chair – an enormous and highly decorated chair substantially covered in gold leaf!



At this meeting the officers for the coming year are elected and the new team for 2018/19 will be:

Master	Simon Catford
Thames Warden	Mark Lane
Fleet Warden	Rob Casey
Walbrook Warden	Malcolm Butchers

The Court congratulated them all as well as confirming newly elected Court Assistants, Christine Duthie, Graham Howells, Christine Jarvis and Guy Titman.

Following a drinks reception in the Court Room, Members and their guests enjoyed an excellent lunch prepared and served by the Cook and the Butler, in the intimate and welcoming Livery Hall.



The Master's Bailiff, Christine Jarvis, welcomed the guests with an amusing speech and proposed the toast to The Guests, which is always taken in water. Our principal guest was Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley, together with the Master Waterman, Master Fueller, Master Hackney Carriage Drivers and the Master Elect of the Engineers Company. Sir Andrew Parmley (Lord Mayor 2016/17) responded with a very entertaining speech giving some of the amusing details of his year as Lord Mayor and then proposed the toast to the Company, Root & Branch, may it flourish forever.

On our exit to the Court Room for a traditional Stirrup Cup, Court Assistant Nigel Cartwright was responsible for a collection which raised a magnificent £740 in aid of the Lord Mayor's charity for the three armed services.

A very enjoyable day and one where the Master reminded it us that this was his last opportunity to address the Company, before he hands over the role of Master at the Installation Luncheon on 9<sup>th</sup> July.

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