

The Lord Mayor's show

The formal transfer of power from the outgoing to the incoming Lord Mayor is done silently and symbolically in Guildhall on the day preceding the show. There could not be a greater contrast between the wordless handing-over of the sword, mace, purse and other tokens of authority, and the flamboyance of the following day's parade.

(Note, Liverymen are entitled to take part in the 'Silent ceremony', though there is some competition for places)

The Master, Thames, Fleet and Walbrook wardens all took part in this year's Lord Mayor's parade.

The picture shows the Master fetchingly modelling the new Water Conservator's corporate umbrella with our logo tastefully emblazoned on the side panels. (Available from our Clerk at £30 each which includes a small donation to our charity).

The umbrella's were successfully tested in what turned out to be one of the wettest parades for several years.

However this did not dampen the enthusiasm of the modern companies, with whom we paraded in an open-topped bus, together with a Jazz Band.

We were , preceded by a Horse-drawn Steam Fire Engine, courtesy of the Fire-fighters and followed by a huge Pea-Harvester, provided courtesy of the Farmers Company.

