

Sheep Drive 2013

Freemen of the City are traditionally said to be granted an ancient right of driving sheep across London Bridge. Although rarely exercised, on Sunday 29th September one of our Liverymen, Peter Chave, was fortunate enough to secure a place on a sheep drive arranged for charity by the Worshipful Company of Woolmen.

Travelling up from Exeter that morning, he made his way to London Bridge with his London-based son, Ben. One pavement and carriageway of the Bridge had been turned into a well-organised sheep run, complete with sheep pens, for a flock of twenty sheep. At just after 3pm, his party was joined by ten sheep to shepherd across the centre of the bridge. The sheep were very well behaved. It was a truly memorable experience and great fun!

Sitting on the train back to Devon that same evening Peter did think it seemed long way to go to meet some sheep, particularly as he has only to walk a short distance from home to see fields full of them. But it was a great day out and as one of the participants remarked “ It’s a thing you just have to do!”

