



# The Worshipful Company of Needlemakers

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## OUR 350th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS WE FILLED THE GUILDHALL On 16th FEBRUARY A FITTING TRIBUTE TO PAST LIVERYMEN



The Assembled Banquet at Guildhall

# 350th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Over 650 Liverymen and their guests assembled for the Annual Banquet at the Guildhall. This was the largest gathering of any City Livery Company in the Guildhall. It was held in the presence of the Lord Mayor of London Alderman David Brewer CMG and Mrs Tessa Brewer, attended by Alderman and Sheriff John Stuttard and Mrs Lesley Stuttard, Sheriff Kevin Kearney and Mrs Mary Kearney with the Duty Esquire Lt. Col. Richard Martin.

The Guest Speaker was Sir Robert Worcester KBE DL.

We welcomed the following Livery Masters of the Worshipful companies of: -

**Butchers:**

Mr John Edkins

**Framework Knitters:**

Lord Sanderson of Bowden

**Gardeners:**

Mr Rodney Petty

**Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers**

Mr Stuart Holmes

**Innholders:**

Mr Anthony Mellery Pratt

**Painters:**

Mr Nigel Lindsay-Fynn

**Tallow Chandlers:**

Mr Rodney Yates

Together with the Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment: Lt Col. Adam Edmunds.

Our Senior Past Master proposed the Toast to the Company and its Master, as he has been called upon to do many times. His Hon. Alan King-Hamilton was Master in 1969 and was in the Livery at the 300th Anniversary Celebrations.

He celebrated his 101st birthday earlier this year.



His Hon Alan King-Hamilton  
MA, QC, Senior Past Master



The Master greets The Lord Mayor



The Beadle, Senior Warden, The Master, Guest Speaker Sir Robert Worcester, Junior Warden, Clerk



The Masters Procession

Photographs available from [www.sharpphoto.co.uk](http://www.sharpphoto.co.uk)



## Report Back on the Questionnaire

The response to the Livery Questionnaire was excellent. The findings have been summarized by Assistant Pamela Goldberg and presented to the Court for further discussion. There were many salient points and suggestions mentioned which can be incorporated into our future events. Two elements which the Court wishes to address are the communications to the Livery and meeting the aspirations of the younger Liverymen.

This newsletter being the first step to keep Liverymen informed of our activities. This will be where your views can be expressed. We wish to record what has been happening and what is being planned for the future. There is still much of the Livery history to be explored, which can be made available.

The second area where progress can be made is to help establish a group of younger liverymen, involved in business, in and around the City of London.



## Commemorative Book Committee

Assistant John Barnes (Chairman)  
Past Master Graham Born  
Past Master Alan Foster  
Past Master David Hubert  
Assistant Pamela Goldberg  
Liveryman David Henshaw (Honorary Archivist)  
Liveryman Geoffrey Selwyn

The Court would like to thank the tremendous effort of the Book Committee, the Editor and the other researchers, in producing such a valuable and interesting tome. This has put together some of the history of the Company. There is still considerable material which could still be researched.

It has been suggested that a new group is formed with those Liverymen who are interested in continuing this research into the history of the Company. This research could be published in our newsletter. Anyone interested in this project should contact David Henshaw: DJHAGRO@aol.com or by phone : 01992-717663.



**The Master cleaning the silver**

## The Master Speaks

From his 350th Anniversary Banquet Speech

"If we are to continue to remain relevant in the modern world, I believe we must work hard in the coming years to:

- 1) Extend the remit of our Company to include activities associated with needles - although we can perhaps draw the line at tattoo artists and body piercers and some other uses of needles!
- 2) Continue to actively support the Lord Mayor and the City of London Corporation.
- 3) Continue to attract to the Company those who are actively involved in business in and around the City.
- 4) Attract younger people to ensure that the solid foundations we have inherited can be passed onto future generations.
- 5) Increase our charitable and educational work yet more.

Only if we are successful in achieving these aims will our great and ancient Company have an equally great future".



**Book Editor - David J. de Courcy Henshaw  
Honorary Archivist**

# Functions Committee and Remaining Events for 2006

## Functions Committee:

Assistant George Borthwick (Chairman)  
Assistant Geoffrey Lewis  
Liveryman Brian Knight  
Liveryman Keith Boon  
Liveryman Neil Loader  
Liveryman Lynette Stone  
The Master, Wardens and Clerk

### Friday 31st March

The United Guilds' Service at St. Paul's Cathedral.  
Followed by Lunch with the Worshipful Company of Innholders at their Hall.

### Wednesday 5th April

The Court Meeting will be followed by Lunch at Butchers Hall.

### Tuesday 9th May

A visit to the Mansion House and Treasury followed by a tour of the Guildhall and buffet supper with a visit to see the Roman Amphitheatre.

### Friday 30th June to Sunday 2nd July

A visit to Birmingham and Redditch.  
We will be able to visit The Needlemakers - "Entaco" as well as the Needlemaking Museum in Redditch. We will see the Black Country Museum, and Baddesley Clinton Manor before being entertained to a reception and dinner at the manor.

### Wednesday 5th July

The Court Meeting will be followed by a formal Dinner at Butchers' Hall.

### Thursday 14th September

A formal Dinner at the House of Lords.

### Wednesday 4th October

Annual Church Service at St. James Garlickhythe followed by a reception and the Installation Dinner.

## New Liverymen

Much interest has been shown in the Livery since the banquet - queries should be addressed to the Clerk.

It has been decided by the Court that spouses can be Liverymen in their own right.

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## Future Events

### Two Holidays in 2007

Henry Milward (Senior Warden) and his wife have recently returned from India, where he visited Needle Industries India in Nilgiri Hills. It is hoped that he will be able to take a party over to visit the factory after the Court Lunch in January. To make a rounded trip it is hoped to visit part of Southern India. The proposed trip will take in Bangalore, Mysore, Ootacamund (Ooty), Cochin, Trivandrum and Kovalum. This will involve considerable travel on some quite slow roads and we rise up to 8000 feet at the factory in the Nilgiri Hills. The flights to and from India are long, so it is felt that a trip of some 12 days should be envisaged.

Liveryman Brian Knight has discovered a trip exploring the River Douro in Portugal. We are looking to take over, exclusively, an elegant river boat for a cruise from Oporto up the Douro River. Visiting the Alpendurade Monastery, Regua, the Garrapatelo Dam, the Quinta Solar de Rede, Mateus Manor House, Pinhao, Barca d'Alva, Vera de Terron, Salamanca, Figueira Castelo Rodrigo and Lamego. This should include vineyards in the port wine producing areas. This is being planned for mid May and will last a week.

The number on each of these trips is limited.

In order to proceed with the planning, it would be useful to have some indication of the interest in either holiday.

If you are interested please could you contact Henry Milward (Email: [henry.milward@which.net](mailto:henry.milward@which.net)).

## The Charity Committee

Past Master Anthony Floyd (Chairman)  
Past Master David Culling (Treasurer)  
Assistant Susan Kent  
Assistant Clare Cross  
Liveryman Colin Tiffin  
Liveryman Yvonne Cannell  
Liveryman Peter Child  
The Master, Wardens and the Clerk

Following a decision of the Court, a review of donations has been undertaken and we intend to focus larger amounts on relatively fewer projects to maximize the effect of our resources.

