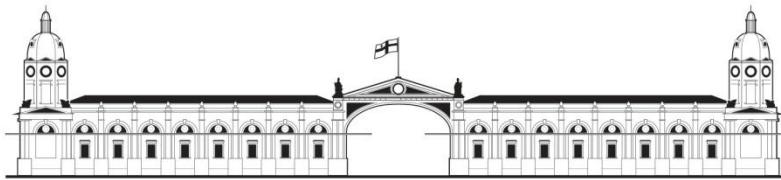


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FARRINGDON WITHOUT RESULTS

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John Absalom	T&FT	400 (E)	Paul Martinelli	T&FT	410 (E)
Caroline Addy	T&FT	440 (E)	Wendy Mead	T&FT	425 (E)
Nicholas Bennett		149	Sophia Morrell	Ind	190
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(E) denotes those elected

T&FT – Temple and Farringdon Together

Ind - Independent

In an unprecedented election on 23rd March where twenty-two candidates stood to become Common Council members of the City of London, all ten members of the Temple and Farringdon Together team swept to victory by a huge margin and now represent 10% of the elected Common Council. The coalition of some of the UK's finest barristers and lawyers with Smithfield traders and two serving colleagues proved far too powerful for the other hopefults.

Overall, 24% of the new Common Council will be made up of new members. The full results can be seen at
<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/about-the-city/Pages/Results.aspx>

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Guildhall, City of London
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THE SMITHFIELD GAZETTE **COMMENT**

With forward thinking, great skill in planning strategy, and even greater restraint, four current SMTA Common Councilmen together with two Common Council colleagues formed a coalition with four of the UK's finest barristers and formed Temple and Farringdon Together.

All ten Temple and Farringdon Together candidates were returned successfully at the City of London's Farringdon Without Council election last Thursday. The new team is committed to actively represent all Farringdon Without voters, with a fresh will to ensure residents, employers, workers and businesses continue to thrive in the great City of London.

Just as the elections were with us, terrorism struck at Westminster. The Gazette offers its sympathy to the families and friends of those killed or injured.

IN MY OPINION **MORE THAN JUST PASSING BY**

It's a great honour to have been elected Alderman for the ward of Farringdon Without - a ward where I have worked for a quarter of a century. I am most grateful to all of you who voted for me. A particular pleasure of my four years as a common councilman has been getting to learn more about other parts of the ward outside of the Temple and meeting my fellow constituents and common councilmen; particularly those from Smithfield who had already put in a full day's work before 9am! On my Aldermanic election day this February, I stood at the entrance of the Temple meeting people as they entered. Of those arriving between 8am - 9am I would say 95% were not barristers or workers in the Temple – this may say something about the time barristers get up when not in court! The people were just passing through on the way to their own jobs elsewhere in the City.

This caused me to reflect upon the way in which those of us within the City interact with one another. Famously, following the Great Fire of London, Sir Christopher Wren submitted plans for its rebuilding to Charles II. The narrow streets that had helped the fire spread were to be replaced by wide avenues. Wren was influenced by the classical buildings and grand formal street plans of Paris. His plans were not taken up, mainly due to lack of finances. As a result, the City retains an essentially medieval street foot print. It seems a person could spend a lifetime in the square mile and still come upon yet another unfamiliar turning or back street. Whilst this makes for a fascinating city it also contributes to a 'hub' like existence for most of us. We go to our particular place of work each day. We may pop into a shop or a café but we rarely get to mix with our fellow workers who may be toiling away for years' sometimes only yards away from us in different places of work.

One privilege of being an elected representative of the City is that it gives you licence to cold call on people. To take one example; for many years I have walked past the offices of publishers D.C.Thomson where the side of its wall has in large white paint the titles of various eclectic titles, such as "The Dundee Courier" and "The People's Friend". Its ground floor window display now houses a life size replica of the bedroom of Denis the Menace. This year I got in. I gave a presentation about the City at their staff monthly bacon breakfast session. I met the documentary makers, graphic design artists and publicists of this amazing publishing company. Many told me that they walked daily through the Temple and wondered what goes on inside.

On the macro level the City Corporation does a great job of bringing different groups together. As Alderman, I would like to do something similar on a ward scale. I'm hoping that we can achieve something on two levels. First, on an individual social level, and there I hope the Farringdon Ward Club can play a part – it's very keen to get new and younger members. And secondly also on a wider institutional and company basis, whereby various ward bodies and their staff can meet together both socially but also in order to discuss issues and publish papers on matters relevant to the City, their work and the ward. Smithfield Market is an institution as well as being home to a collection of businesses and workers. It has a key role to play. I am currently working on plans which I hope to announce in due course but if you are interested please do not hesitate to contact me.

Alderman Gregory Jones QC

FARRINGDON WITHOUT **ALDERMANIC ELECTION**

Following Julian Malins' resignation as Alderman, a by-election was held on 8th February. There were three candidates and the votes cast were as follows

Gregory Jones	443
Robert Hughes-Penney	98
Dr Helen Carr	26

This was a resounding victory for Greg Jones, previously an elected member for the ward.

"SMITHFIELD will become one of the best connected areas in London when Crossrail opens next year, with a third of the population of England suddenly within a 45 minute journey of this historic north-west corner of the City. Bursting with bars, restaurants and tourists, parts of Smithfield have nevertheless retained a quiet residential feel. However, the "culture club effect" is about to change all that."

David Taylor, *London Evening Standard*

THOUGHTS FOLLOWING THE WESTMINSTER ATTACK

The pain now being experienced by each person who loved or cared about one of the four innocent people who were murdered on Wednesday is something few of us can even bear to imagine. Processing the senselessness of those deaths will be a long and complex journey. We can only hope that the public expression of solidarity with them helps in some small way to ease this terrible burden.

For all the focus on Parliament and the assault on our democracy, it must not be forgotten that it was ordinary people visiting, enjoying and living in London who bore the brunt of this attack. And while the attacker was able briefly to penetrate the parliamentary estate, PC Palmer gave his own life in a way that mercifully ensured that the bloodshed was not greater. His heart-breaking sacrifice is a tribute to the sense of duty and service that binds our nation together.

The attacker's impact, in contrast, is pitiful. There has naturally been enormous media interest in this assault, but that should not be taken by his ideological backers as any sort of triumph.

This has been the second high profile attack that my central London constituency has withstood from terrorists since I have been its MP. But 12 long years separate these incidents. In light of the complex, detailed and difficult work undertaken each day to prevent such outrages, I see those 12 years as a remarkable achievement and testament to the work of our police, security services and policymakers.

It is also a mark of the level-headedness of Londoners. For all the talk of isolated and divided communities, for all the panic about radicalisation, this most dynamic, diverse and cosmopolitan of cities – now over 8m strong – remains remarkably harmonious. Terrorism preys on communities that practice openness and tolerance. Indeed it is these beliefs rather than our ethnic origins, race or religion which makes us what we are, and which threaten radicals who understand that their rigid, simplistic world view is undermined by such principles.

One is rightly nervous about tempting fate on this subject. There is never cause to be complacent, of course. Yet neither should we be alarmist. The truth is that this latest attack was blunt and clumsy rather than sophisticated. As such, it is notable how few calls there have been for a marked change of policy in the aftermath of Wednesday's events.

During the five years of the last Parliament, I sat on the Intelligence and Security Committee, scrutinising the work of our security services. We have come a long way in our expertise since the 7 July attacks. We

have learned to be fluid, changing our approach as the terrorists change theirs. We have become more sophisticated at profiling and targeting. Agencies and local government work much more effectively with one another.

While it is easy to feel vulnerable on the capital's streets as a pedestrian, look a little closer and you will notice the work that has been done in recent years to the streetscape in order to mitigate the risk of car attacks and the like – narrowing junctions, tighter bends to make it harder to gain speed and so on. There are even systems in place in the TfL control rooms to change traffic flow and block particular vehicles. Our defence is now multidimensional.

The security services prefer to use the term "self-starter" to define what the media tend to label "lone wolf" attacks. Identifying which of the 3,000 people to put under full surveillance is one of their most difficult judgement calls, and becomes even harder when person-to-person contact is replaced with internet radicalisation. Insofar as there needs to be policy change after Wednesday, it is to ensure that we allow our security services to keep up to speed with the latest terror tactics and to learn whatever lessons come from the detailed profiling exercise which will now be taking place over Khalid Masood when it comes to the networks and internet sites with which he has come into contact.

We should not even entertain the idea that the actions of this murderer will have any broader impact on our powerful ideals of democracy, liberty and respect for human life. It goes without saying that his mark on the world, in inflicting only pain on others, is pathetically insignificant when contrasted to the dignity of those whose lives he stole.

Rt Hon Mark Field MP
MP for the Cities of London and Westminster

2017 ANNIVERSARIES

50 years since the Six Day War (June 1967)
100 years since the Russian Revolution
100 years since the US entered WWI (6th April)
100 years since the Battle of Passchendaele (31st July)
100 years since the Balfour Declaration
150 years since the publication of Marx's Das Kapital
200 years since the death of Jane Austen
500 years since the start of the Reformation – Martin Luther's 95 Theses, 31st October 1517

DEER IN THE NEW FOREST

Deer are instantly recognisable, even if you have never seen a wild deer. The handsome antlers of a mature stag or buck are unique in the animal world. Pictures of deer are everywhere in the New Forest - on road signs, pub signs, postcards and calendars. They embrace a spirit of freedom of the wild.

They are beautiful creatures and an important part of our natural heritage and an integral part of the landscape. The New Forest has always been renowned for its deer, particularly when royalty used it as a hunting ground. There are only two truly native species of deer within Britain, the Roe deer (*Capreolus capreolus*) and Red deer (*Cervus elaphus*). The other three species found within the New Forest are Fallow deer (*Dama dama*) that are the most common, Sika (*Cervus nippon*) and Muntjac (*Muntiacus reevesi*). These have all been introduced, released or escaped into the environment.

Deer, especially the native species, are an important and valued component of the woodland ecosystem. It is recognised that too many deer can have a damaging effect on certain sensitive habitats and can restrict tree establishment, on both restock sites and areas identified for natural regeneration. It is equally recognised that some habitats are improved and maintained by deer activity. Ensuring that deer stay healthy, have appropriate habitat and are well managed is key to a sustainable future. They are herbivores and graze a wide variety of plants from grasses and heather to shrubs and trees. They do not have a top set of front incisors but instead have a hard pad that acts to tear vegetation rather than cut it. They are active throughout the day and night but are most likely to be active at dawn and dusk.

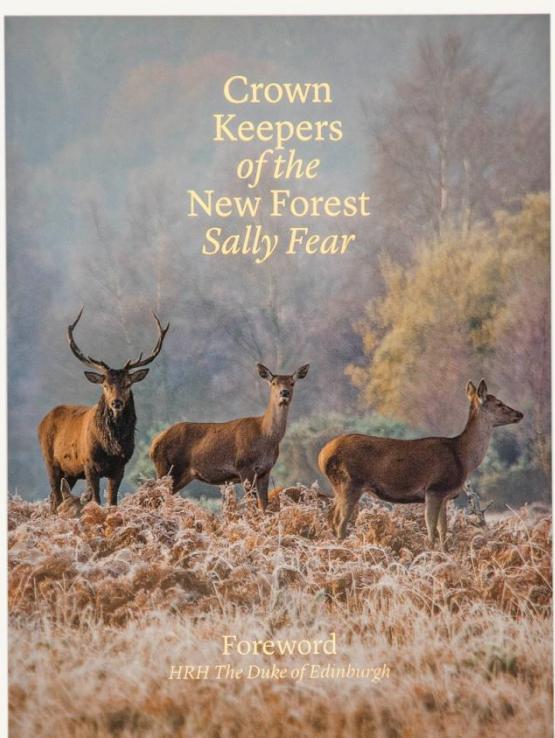
Natural predators, such as bears, lynx and wolves are now extinct in Britain. When numbers of deer become too great for their habitat to support them, they can have a detrimental impact on plant species diversity and can cause damage to agriculture and forestry. They can also suffer from sickness and disease. Today, under the supervision of Head Keeper, Andy Page, the New Forest Keepers are managing deer populations sensitively and humanely. They work closely with neighbouring landowners and partners including the British Deer Society and the Deer Initiative.

It is usually quite difficult for the public to see deer. However Red and Fallow can often be viewed from the fence line of Queens Meadow. People and dogs are forbidden to go into Queens Meadow so the deer feel safe to graze in the open. In addition Keeper Andy Shore feeds a herd of fallow deer regularly in the summer at Bolderwood where there is a purpose built viewing platform. There is also a private herd of Red deer at Burley Park and a regular tractor and trailer safari for visitors.

As a basis for managing deer, the most important requirement is knowledge of the population size. The New Forest Keepers all do a count on their beat and report back to Head Keeper Andy Page. Whilst annual cull targets are used as a tool to manage deer consistently, towards a target population, it is recognised that these targets are less important than the resultant condition of the habitat and the deer themselves. A range of information is taken into account when setting cull targets. These may include: computer modelling of the population, field observations, stakeholder feedback, damage assessments, the health of the deer. The cull is undertaken by the Keepers who use high velocity rifles from high seats. Each keeper is a marksman and trained with the firearm.

The by-product of deer culling is high quality venison. Deer are galloched within an hour of shooting. The green waste (stomach, small and large intestines and the chain of glands) is checked for disease and put behind a tree for foxes. Once the carcass is loaded into the back of the Keeper's vehicle it doesn't touch the ground again. It goes to the Forestry Commission's modern automated larder and is stored at not less than 4 degrees C. Carcasses go to a game dealer for final processing and to be made ready for the consumer. Wild venison is healthy and low in cholesterol.

Crown Keepers of the New Forest by Sally Fear
£35, includes 190 pages of glorious photographs
Available from New Forest branches of Waterstones
or sallyfear.com



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LONDON's AIR AMBULANCE

Today, we are used to the sight of the red helicopters of London's Air Ambulance attending accidents in London. It is a fairly recent innovation, however, dating back to 1989. It was formed as a charity in response to a report by the Royal College of Surgeons which recognised that lives could be saved if appropriate medical care could be delivered more quickly at the scene of an accident. The charity was the first in the UK to carry a doctor as well as a paramedic and it is thought that this system reduced the death rate in severe trauma by 30-40%.

Serving a population of 10 million people in one of the world's busiest cities and with probably the most complicated airspace, the average flight time is six minutes. This is achieved due to the priority given the helicopters over all other air traffic when on an emergency call. The pilots have the right to land anywhere they deem safe and look for a space of 80 square feet, equivalent to a tennis court, as close to the scene of the emergency as possible. Many of us will have seen the helicopters landing in what looked like impossible spaces.

The two helicopters (MD902 Explorer Twin Engines) have been chosen for their safety features which include having no tail rotor, an important consideration in an urban environment. They have been specially adapted for their purpose, to enable patients to be treated to the standard of an intensive care unit in flight. Although the helicopters are equipped to take a patient to the hospital, this is not always the case. Often, the patient will travel by London Ambulance Service accompanied by a trauma team. To date, 36,031 patients have been treated.

London's Air Ambulance relies entirely on charitable donations. There are many ways to contribute including a weekly lottery. For more information go to the website at londonsairambulance.co.uk

BUTCHERS OF THE NEW FOREST

William the Conqueror, the Duke of Normandy, was crowned King of England on Christmas day 1066. Starting in the north, William set about changing England forever. His reforms were brutal and he created the Doomsday Book to assist him in tax collection which is still recognised as an outstanding achievement.

In the south, William took over a vast area of land as his hunting forest and protected it from all outsiders. The forest is still protected a thousand years later and we know it as the New Forest. No butcher should fail to visit this superb place with its free roaming creatures of all kinds. There are deer, pigs, horses, donkeys, rabbits and birds of many types all around to give joy and pleasure to the visitor.

The New Forest also has a herd of free grazing cows, owned by Commoners, numbering as many as 3,000 in the summer but less during autumn and winter when grazing becomes difficult and some cows return to their owners. The deer are so numerous that a cull is carried out from time to time. Some four trained marksmen sit on tall metal stools using high velocity rifles with magnifying sights.

These marksmen are also the butchers of the forest, each man gutting out his dead deer on site leaving the offal intact in the woods to be consumed by other forest creatures. After washing out his vehicle the rifleman/butcher drives his carcase back to the New Forest's chilled room for storage, awaiting the traders who, once sufficient quantity is stored buy the venison meat to sell on to butchers. We're told there is currently a vacancy for a rifleman/butcher if you fancy the job!



ENGLISH LAMB

For well over a hundred years Smithfield Market has supplied meat from all over the world to both nourish and feed the people of London, from the former British Empire and Commonwealth to South America and more. But now the month of April is the time to celebrate that most English of meats; new season's English lamb with that famous delicate flavour and served with the first new potatoes and fresh peas.

Peter Allen

NEWS IN BRIEF

Several long standing members of the Court of Common Council were not re-elected on 23rd March including - Ann Pembroke, John Barker, Alex Bain-Stewart, Stanley Ginsburg, Virginia Rounding, Julian Malins and William Fraser.

OBITUARIES

Peter Andrade

Peter Andrade, father of Stephen and Paul Andrade, died on 26th January. He had spent his entire working life at Smithfield Market and took great pride in being the fourth generation at the Market and in leaving a legacy for future generations. His Smithfield career started in 1954 when he joined his brother David and father Philip and this continued until his retirement. Peter introduced mutton into the business and it still remains a commodity that David Andrade & Sons sells today. He was proud to be a Freeman of the City of London.

The Smithfield Gazette invites tenants, staff and others to forward items for inclusion in the Gazette. These could be personal or company news and events or anything else you might care to write about. Your stories are of great interest to your colleagues and will go unnoticed without your input. Who's getting married? Is there a new baby? Are you looking for sponsorship for a charity event?

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TAIL PIECE

This year I haven't yet had a chance to wish you well at the start of 2017, so goodbye 2016 with all its memories. Leave all the disappointments of the old year behind, they're history. Focus every thought on the freshness and possibilities a new year gives. Thrust aside the temptation to re-live past failures to try to change them into successes – you can't.

How do we use this fascinating annual invitation to grow, grasp and enjoy life at the full? Firstly, remind yourself you are special, with gifts in every pore like a radio making weird sounds until you twist the knob that focuses them into a single clear signal. You are indeed so special no-one can match your prints nor anyone stop you taking control over every action you choose to take.

Secondly, get rid of last year's baggage and make your own priority resolution. Decide right now exactly what you want to achieve because you surely can. YOU CAN DO IT! We are always saying that we will learn more about computers, iPads, smart phones and wifi. Fine; today we will ask friends with skills to guide us to where we find the lessons we need and we MUST do it now! Go on, pick up the phone, speak to a friend and ask; the friend will love to do it and love being asked.

Third, write down the source of these recommended lessons and make a commitment to organise the time of day you WILL religiously attend to them, as you would to any other course. Every time you speak to others over the next few days, tell them what you are doing. There will be NO excuses about too old or not well or too busy. YOU CAN DO IT and you will. The pleasure of success will thrill you.

As each self-taught lesson takes effect you will become more and more relaxed and able. Keep asking questions, don't be shy or afraid. Keep advertising your commitment to strengthen your resolve and to avoid the 'I told you so' sneers of those who live to put down others. You're on a roller coaster now and you can't get off unless you are to allow yourself to be the butt of the non-believers. Your progress will be a constant reward and the means to ensure you continue.

Like all such projects, the key must be enthusiasm, which means you have to choose a resolution you really care about. Go to it for 2017! YOU CAN DO IT. HAVE A HAPPY EASTER.

I would be pleased if you could remember that.

Yours as ever,

Fred