



Cripplegate Ward Club

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Dear Cripplegate Ward Club Member,

This is the November newsletter. I hope it finds you and yours well. November is an important month in the City as it represents the time when there is a changing of the guard with the installation of a new Lord Mayor. Of course, last year that did not happen because of the pandemic for the first time since 1861 when William Cubitt was re-elected. The Honorary Secretary and I were invited to attend a Service of Thanksgiving for the Lord Mayor the Rt.Hon. Alderman William Russell at St Stephen Walbrook on 8th November. The Thanksgiving was extended to all the institutions of the City including the Ward Clubs for the fellowship and networking they provide. The Service was most impressive with wonderful music led by the St Stephen Voices and an outstanding address by the Revd James Power, Chaplain to the Lord Mayor, in which he linked all the themes of the Lord Mayor's two terms of office to the broader issues of Society at large.

In the Reception afterwards Barbara and I spoke with the Lord Mayor and I had to correct him when he said no Lord Mayor had served three consecutive terms of office because the very first Lord Mayor served from 1189 to 1215! The Lord Mayor had just returned from COP26 in Glasgow, where he was able to promote the City as the world-leading hub for the green finance which will fund the global transition to a more sustainable way of life. Reflecting on these last two years, the green thread of sustainability has been the abiding pattern in the weft and warp of his mayoralty.

I also attended the Silent Ceremony at Guildhall on 12th November when William Russell handed over the office of Lord Mayor to Alderman Vincent Keaveny. It is called the Silent Ceremony because the whole ceremony is conducted in silence except for the spoken declaration of vows by the incoming Lord Mayor. There are no speeches nor applause. I have attended this for several years as it is a pivotal date in the civic calendar. I know Vincent well and am confident he will make a great Lord Mayor. His theme for the year is People & Purpose. This will champion a purpose-led and people-focused UK Financial & Professional Services Sector, growing the global competitiveness of the UK as a world leader in ESG and sustainable finance and home to the best and most diverse global talent driving social mobility at all levels.

On 13th November the new Lord Mayor went in his golden coach to the Royal Courts of Justice to pledge his allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen. This is what is meant by the Lord Mayor's Show, but it has become a splendid pageant with massive participation by Livery Companies, Charities, Commercial Companies, the Military, Local Authorities and indeed Ward Clubs as Vincent is Alderman of Farringdon and their Ward Club had a float consisting of a double decker bus. I watched the Show from Ludgate Hill but then made my way to the Guildhall where I hosted the Ward Club's table of 30 members and guests for a four-course lunch in the Private Members' Dining Room. The Club is very privileged to have this honour as only three other Ward Clubs were represented but in conversation with the Caterer Mark Grove, he assured me we would still have the invitation next year.

Our next event is the Carol Service at St Michael's, Cornhill on 15th December followed by supper at the Factory House in Leadenhall Market. The flier has gone out so please make your bookings with Assistant Adam Armsby c/o 18 Illingworth Way, Enfield, Middlesex, EN2 2PA. armsby@btinternet.com

And do you know what a Paraprosdokian is? It's a figure of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently used in a humorous situation, e.g "Where there's a will, I want to be in it," Here's some more examples:

1. Do not argue with an idiot. He will drag you down to his level and beat you with experience.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on my list.
3. Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up; we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. Evening news is where they begin with 'Good Evening,' and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
9. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
10. A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a workstation.
11. Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says, 'In case of emergency, notify: I put 'DOCTOR.'
12. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
13. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
14. Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.

15. A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.
16. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
17. Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
18. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
19. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
20. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
21. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
22. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.

Keep safe and cheerful

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