

Queenhithe Ward Club at the Lord Mayor's Show 2024



Chairman's comments

I was delighted to lead a group of 49 Queenhithe Ward Club Members, family and friends in the Lord Mayor's Show. Our float was a gorgeous horse-drawn 1911 vintage bus, which was one of the stars of the ancient Pageant. This year's Show was especially joyful, as our President and Ward Alderman, Alastair King, DL is the new Lord Mayor. This special commemorative newsletter, includes pictures and comments from those of us who participated in the Show. We had a wonderful day! As you can see, we were dressed to impress!

We started the day in Noble Street, where we changed into our royal blue tops, collected our golden umbrellas in order to twirl and strut along the roads of the City, hailing and high-fiving the crowds along the way. It was quite incredible to see the huge numbers who braved the coolness of the day to join in the City's celebratory event. We believed that Alastair would be so proud to see all of this unfold as the day progressed. And indeed he was.... He said,

"Thank you to the Queenhithe Ward Club for the wonderful support at my Lord Mayor's Show."





“What an outing!! We will all remember it for ever.”



At the halfway point, near Temple, we were provided with a Show lunch bag, which we supplemented with some yummy fizz and wine, generously gifted by Peter, Barbara, Kim, Ken, Penny and Mike and ‘anonymous’. Thank you.

COMMENTS FROM SOME OF THE QWC SHOW PARTICIPANTS.....

"A most memorable day filled with joy and friendship." (Julie)

"It was a fantastic day, thanks to everyone who made the potentially once in a lifetime opportunity possible. It was great to be part of it with such a lovely group." (Hanna)

"It was an absolutely brilliant day with everything being fantastically organised - wonderful horses." (Ro)

"It was an immense pleasure to have the Club's magnificent float as part of this unique event. It was lovely to have the community among which I have lived since 1991 so well represented."

Alastair King DL, Lord Mayor, City of London and President of the Queenhithe Ward Club



"Really felt a part of an amazing day and could not believe the efficiency, care and friendliness behind the fabulous display." (Sue)

"It was an honour and a privilege to be part of such a special occasion." (Sandra)

"We had such fun and the concept of the crowns and yellow umbrellas and attractive sweaters was brilliant." (Ann)

"What a lovely day!
It was a pleasure to share in this ancient Pageant with such a warm group of Queenhithe members, family and friends."

"A once in a lifetime experience shared with friends and family. I didn't think at my age I could get so excited." (Janet)

"Thank you. Yesterday was a day of joy and excitement!" (Kim)

"A once in a lifetime experience to welcome OUR Lord Mayor- so proud to be on a very special Queenhithe float. (Hilary)

"It was a wonderful view from the top of the Bus, seeing all the cheering crowds, and views of the City from a completely different perspective." (Peter)

"Wonderful to see the crowd but especially the children responding to the bus with the wonderful horses. A great day. Thank you." (Sheba)

"It was just wonderful in every way and so special to be celebrating with and for Alastair.not experienced anything like it before and seeing the crowds so enjoying themselves too was wonderfuland doing our bit to make it special for them, be it twiddling an umbrella or doing a high 5 with some of the children." (Elizabeth)

"Walking in the London Lord Mayor's Show today has been such a delightfully lively, friendly and truly unique experience —a celebration like no other - wonderfully vibrant, full of energy, noise, and colour, offering something exciting for everyone to enjoy." (Valerie)



There were lots of wonderful comments made by everyone who took part in the Queenhithe Ward Club float. While not all of those comments are recorded here, I know they are being shared with friends and families. I should like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who helped to make the Lord Mayor's Show special for us. Drewitt's Carriages and Tony and Pauline Drewitt were so helpful, well before the Show Day. The vintage bus and horses, Stan and Ollie did us proud, as did Chris and Lianne Drewitt who accompanied us wearing their historical costumes. Thanks too to Tim, the driver and his escort who walked ahead of the float and to John F. Stiles for many photos of the day. Sandra Holdsworth, Ro Foley, Janet Farminer and I formed the Planning Sub-Committee. Thanks Team. Finally, I should like to thank you, the Membership for your quiet support in the background. I do hope you managed to get a glimpse of us on the BBC. I feel that we represented Lord Mayor Alastair and you, well.

