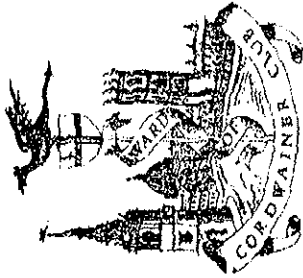


# WARD OF CORDWAINER CLUB



Members of the Club come from a variety of professional and commercial backgrounds and these include Actuaries, Barristers, Surveyors, Accountants, Bank Managers, Stock brokers, Architects, Solicitors, Insurance Brokers, Company Directors and Managers.

Members often utilise the opportunity to entertain their business contacts and friends through the Club's events.

## Events

The Club organises various functions throughout the year for its member and their guests. Recent visits have included the Tower of London for the Ceremony of the Keys and private tours of the Museum of London, House of Commons, Shakespeare at the Barbican Theatre, guided tour of the Globe Theatre, and tours of Smithfield and Billingsgate Markets, Apsley House the area made famous by Jack the Ripper and many other places of interest in and around the City of London.

The Club also organises formal and informal luncheons and members may usually bring guests to all functions unless advised otherwise. There is an annual 'members only' luncheon which is usually held at the Guildhall Club which provides an opportunity for members to meet each other and to welcome new members to the Club.

The Club's major event is The Annual Luncheon which is held at one of the Livery halls in the City of London and the Club is usually honoured and privileged to have the Lord Mayor and Sheriff as its guests.

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Applicants are also invited to visit the Club's website on the Internet. The address is:

[www.cordwainer.co.uk](http://www.cordwainer.co.uk)

## APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Name: .....  
 (in full) .....  
 Date of Birth: .....  
 Address: .....  
 (For club communications) .....

Occupation and nature  
 Of business: .....  
 Business Address .....  
 (if different from above) .....  
 Daytime Telephone No: .....  
 Email address: .....  
 Connections with .....  
 The City of London .....

Overseas Connections .....  
 Type of membership Required: Annual  Life   
 (Tick appropriate box) First year £50, thereafter £25 £400 only

**Where you either work or live in the ward or are an elector the joining fee will be £25**  
 [Please enclose a cheque made payable to "Ward of Cordwainer Club" - this will be returned to you should your application not be successful]

**Proposed by:**  
 Signature: ..... Print Name ..... Date .....

**Seconded by:**  
 Signature: ..... Print Name ..... Date .....

For Office Use Only
Date of Proposal .....
Date of Committee Meeting .....

**History and Location**

The Ward Clubs of the City of London were originally formed as Rate Payers Associations but the objects have developed over the years. The Ward of Cordwainer Club was founded in 1902 and the current objects of the Club are to provide a convenient club within the Ward of Cordwainer in the City of London; to promote and encourage interest in the affairs of the City; to generate a friendly spirit and improve the quality of life mainly within the Ward. It is also intended to give moral support to the Alderman, his Deputy and Common Councilmen in carrying out their considerable duties on behalf of the City of London and the Ward in particular.

The Ward takes its name from shoemakers and leather workers who lived and worked around the area of Bow Lane from the 13<sup>th</sup> Century.

The boundary of the Club within the City of London begins at the north-eastern end of Queen Street where on the eastern side it is joined by Pancras Lane. The boundary runs down Sise Lane which enters into Queen Victoria Street and at this point crosses over to Temple Court, where in the forecourt can be seen the relic of the Temple of Mithras. Beneath here a passage leads to Budge Row and the boundary passes through Bucksbury House into Walbrook. Turning a sharp right at this section of the Ward is Cannon Street and proceeding westward from here, past a cul-de-sac called Tower Royal, the southern boundary drops a short way down Garlick Hill to the rear of Great Trinity Lane, then turns due north past Mansion House Station to the junction of Queen Victoria and Cannon Street, where it goes over to Bow Lane and up to the churchyard of St Mary-le-Bow at the north-western end of the Ward of Cheap-side. A short distance from here the boundary leads down Bow Lane, through the narrow alleyway of Well Court opening out into Queen Street, and back to the starting point of Pancras Lane.

The Club also have informal links with the Worshipful Company of Cordwainers, the only ward club and Livery Company with the same name. This originated as the cordwainers operated in our Ward.

Over the years since its formation the Club has collected some interesting 'memorabilia', for instance the ornamental gravels in ivory engraved with the names of the Chairmen of the Club since its formation, now continued on a teak plinth. Also a special presentation gravel made an original oak timber of St Mary-le-Bow church saved when the Church was badly damaged by enemy action during the Second World War.

**Committee**

The Club is managed by a Committee consisting of President, Vice President, Chairman, Vice Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, the two immediate Past Chairmen, together with other elected members of the Club and Common Councilmen of the Ward.

Other than the President, Vice President and the Common Councilmen, the Committee is elected on a rotation basis and the Officers are elected annually.

**Membership**

Membership of the Club was initially restricted to persons working within the Ward but has subsequently been extended to those with appropriate City connections. However, the Committee has discretion as to the election of suitable candidates.