

Election of Sheriffs for the City of London

MIDSUMMER DAY, 24th JUNE 1985

Candidature of

JACK EDWARD NEARY
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My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to inform you that it is my intention to offer myself as a candidate for the High Office of Sheriff in the forthcoming election on **Monday, 24th June 1985, in Common Hall at Guildhall at 12 noon**. In so doing I wish to record my appreciation of the encouragement and support I am receiving from many friends in the Livery.

I was born in London in 1922 and educated at Sir Anthony Brown's School, Brentwood, Essex. During the War I served in the Indian Mountain Artillery – Kipling's Screw Guns – in Burma, and subsequently on the North West Frontier of India, attaining the rank of Major.

On returning home in 1947 I commenced my professional career as a Chartered Quantity Surveyor and for more than twenty years have been Senior Partner of my firm, which has seven offices in the U.K. and overseas interests. I have played an active part in the affairs of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, including service on the General Council, and was admitted to the Livery of the Chartered Surveyors' Company soon after its incorporation in 1977.

The Shipwrights' Company is my Mother Livery. I was apprenticed in 1939–43, admitted to the Freedom in 1947 and had the honour to be Prime Warden in the year 1984/85.

In 1982 I was elected a member of the Court of Common Council for Aldgate Ward and now serve on the Planning and Communications Committee and the Billingsgate & Leadenhall Markets Committee, and as a Governor of the City of London Freeman's School. I have been a member of the City Livery Club since 1955 and was President in 1983/84. I am a Past President of Bishopsgate Ward Club; a Past Master of Tower Ward Club; on the Governing Body of the United Wards Club; Assistant to the Court of the Guild of Freemen; and Council member of the City of London Branch, Royal Society of St. George.

I married Kathie in 1949 and we have a son, who is a Liveryman and a daughter who is a Freeman of the Shipwrights' Company. Kathie is Chairman of the Brentwood Branch of Save the Children Fund and represents Essex and North London on the United Kingdom Committee. I am Honorary Treasurer of the Branch.

Apart from my professional work, my main concern for many years has been to promote the interests of the City of London through my Livery Companies, the City Livery Club and on the Court of Common Council. My wife supports me wholeheartedly in our desire to serve the City and its great traditions and, if elected, I pledge myself to undertake to the best of my ability the duties and to maintain the dignity of the Ancient and High Office of Sheriff.

You have two votes. In accordance with custom, please use one in favour of the Aldermanic candidate. I hope that you will give me your second.

I am, my Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,

Shipwright and Chartered Surveyor.
May 1985

In the event of a Poll being demanded this will take place at **Guildhall on Monday, 8th July 1985, between the hours of 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m.** The result will be announced the same evening at the Adjourned Common Hall as soon as the count is complete at approximately 7.00 p.m.

DO PLEASE ATTEND TO RECORD YOUR VOTES.