



Election of Sheriffs for the City of London
Friday 24th June 2011

Candidature of Wendy Mead CC

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to the Liverymen of the City of London

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My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Encouraged by many friends in the Livery and on Common Council, and supported by the Masters, Wardens and Courts of the Glovers' and Pattenmakers' Companies, I offer myself for the High Office of Sheriff at the election to be held in Common Hall at Guildhall on FRIDAY 24th JUNE 2011 at TWELVE NOON. Please attend and cast one of your two votes in support of myself and the other for Alderman Alan Yarrow.

My service to the City of London runs for some twenty years and has been a great honour. It commenced with my Chairmanship of The Save Bart's Campaign, which successfully halted a Government plan to close a 900-year old City institution. During that campaign, I developed relationships with many MPs and Peers, senior officials and the media, links which I still maintain today. We can now all be proud of Bart's as it is rebuilt as a world class centre for cancer and cardiac medicine. In recognition of my leadership of the campaign, I was made an Honorary Alumna of Bart's Medical School.

My involvement in City affairs developed further in 1997 when I was elected to the Common Council for the Ward of Farringdon Without. I have served for nine years on the Policy and Resources Committee and have been chairman of the Epping Forest and Commons Committee and a member of many others. I am a board member of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, the Barbican Centre, City Bridge Trust, a member of the Gresham, Port Health and Community & Children's Services Committees, and most recently was elected to the Policy and Resources 2012 Olympics Sub-Committee.

Apart from my Common Council duties, I am chairman of both Housing the Homeless and St Bartholomew the Great Heritage Trust; vice-chairman of the Bart's League of Friends; and a member of the City & Guilds of London Institute and Trustee of the City Arts Trust. In 1999, I was admitted to the Glovers' Company and elected to the Court in 2008. I am also a Liveryman of the Pattenmakers' Company; Past Master of the Aldersgate Ward Club, life Governor of the Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund; and a member of the Farringdon and Bassishaw Ward Clubs and the City Livery Club.

Professionally, I ran a successful catering business. I have travelled widely both independently and with my late husband Alan, a City banker. My hobbies include opera, gardening, theatre and ballet. I am fortunate that Robert Tipping, a family friend of forty years, has offered to accompany me on civic duties. He is a former stockbroker, adviser to HM Government, and Court Assistant of the Pattenmakers' Company.

If elected, service as Sheriff would add a further dimension to my ongoing commitment to the City where my wide experience gained from a prominent position on the City Corporation, in the Livery and in charitable causes will enable me to fully discharge the duties and responsibilities at the Old Bailey and as a member of the Civic Team, supporting the Lord Mayor as he promotes the City and the United Kingdom across the globe.

I am, my Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant

Wendy Mead
Citizen and Glover

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