

Knowledge Miles:

The 695th Lord Mayor's Lectures



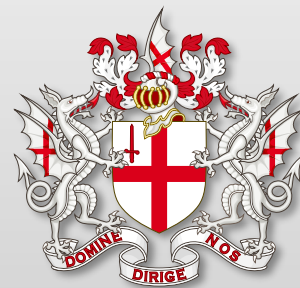
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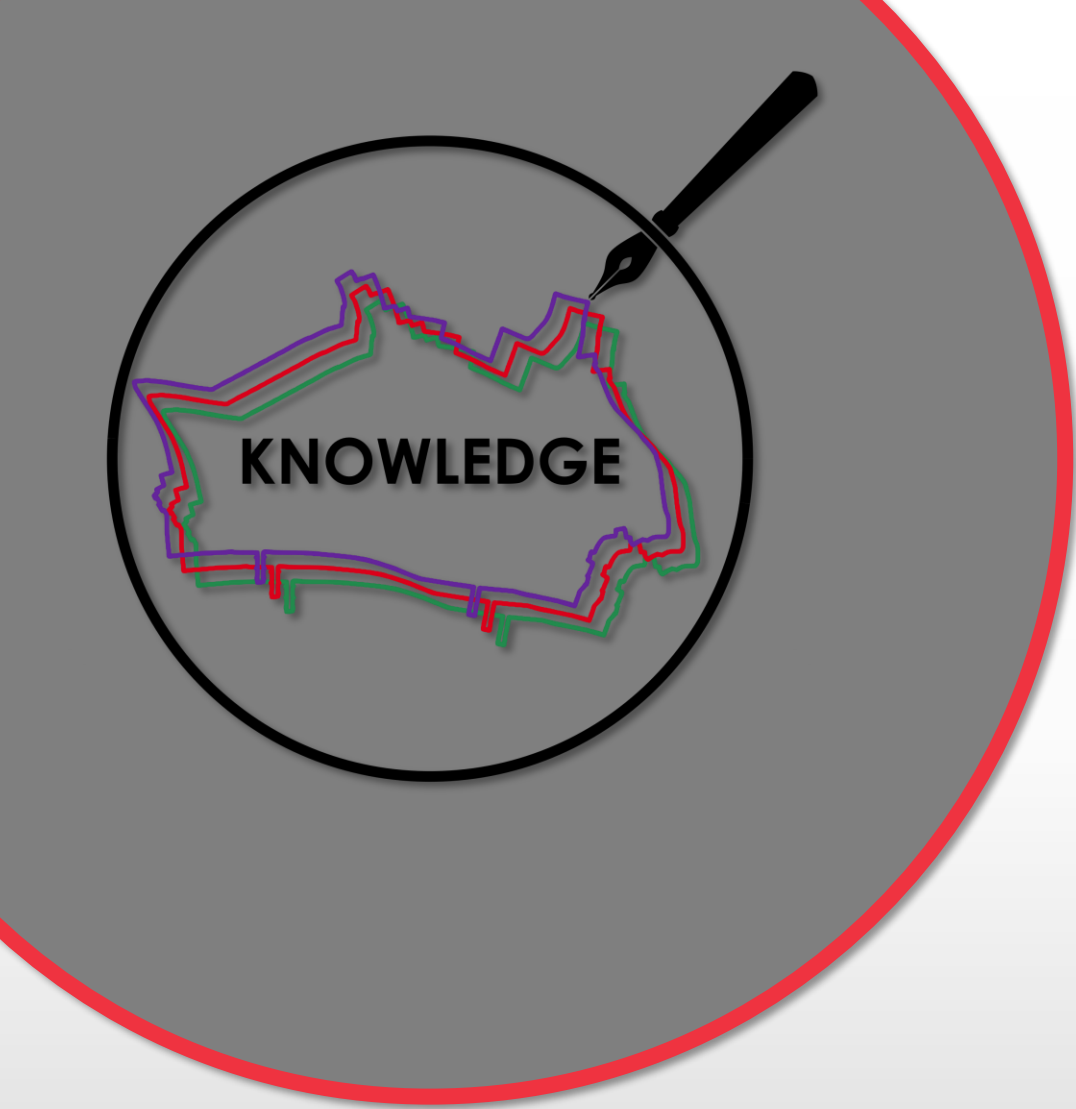
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Lady Masters Association

Free online lecture

11:00, Tuesday, 29 October 2024



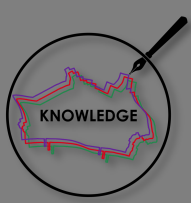


A Word From Our Convenor

**Charlotte Dawber-
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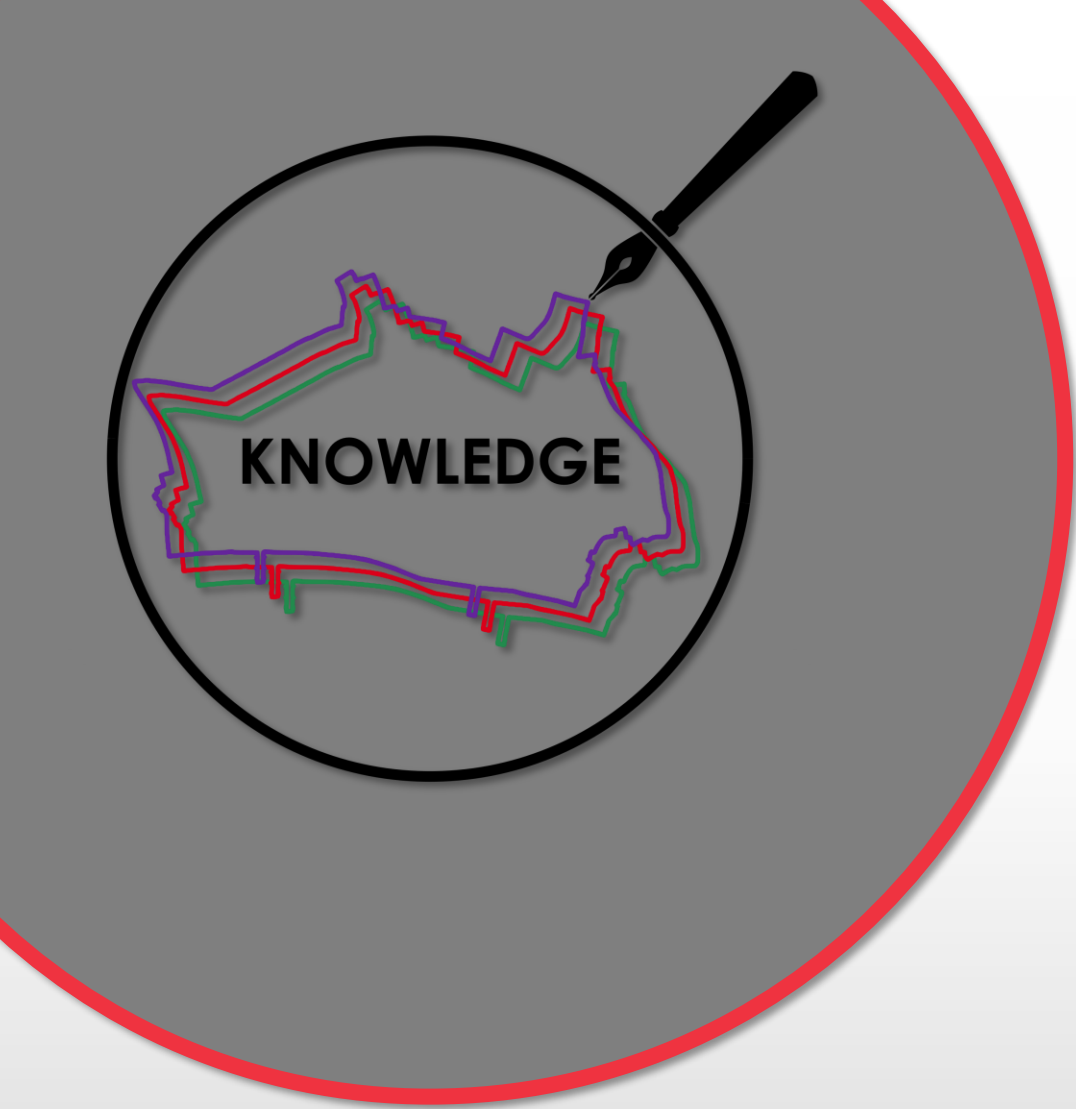




Today's Agenda



- 11:00 - 11:05 Chairman's Introduction
- 11:05 - 11:25 Keynote Presentation - Erica Stary
- 11:25 - 11:45 Question & Answer



Today's Speaker

Erica Stary

Chairman 2017-19
Lady Master's Association





Sex: The Livery and the Civic City

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Sponsored by the Lady Masters Assn

Post WW1 - 1

- Voting rights for (some) women 1918
- Sex Disqualification Act 1919
 - Equal rights despite being married
 - Royal Charters (eg liveries and City)
 - Access to professions – eg law
 - Encouraged granting of degrees

Post WW1 -2

- Lady Parsons and City freedom for married women
 - Mistress Shipwright 1922-3 given freedom of company for her work as Mistress
 - Patrimony via women freemen ignored till 1970s
- Equal status and liveries in 1970:
 - 6 Ancient ; 4 of 7 Modern open

Civic City and women 1

- Mary Donaldson
 - 1st woman Councilman, Alderman, Sheriff 1981, LM 1983
- Fiona Woolf: Sheriff 2010, LM 2013
- Sheriffs: 5 non aldermanic from 1999

Civic City and women 2

- Women on Common Council 37/125.
- Aldermanic Court 8/25
- Chief Commoner: 6 since 1987 –
 - Edwina Coven 1987, Ann Holmes 2023

Women's Contributions 1

- Dame Fiona Woolf
 - Total restructuring of LM charity
 - City Giving Day
 - What is now the Sheriffs' Ball
 - Mayoral teaspoon
- Sheriffs' & Recorder's Fund
 - Chairmen since 1969

Women's Contributions 2

- Livery Climate Action Group –
 - Ald Alison Gowman CBE (Glover Plaisterer)
- Livery Food Initiative –
 - Denise Fellows (Man Con), Hilary Lindsay Ch A/ct
 - Link with City Harvest (CEO Sara Calcutt)
 - SORI £11.90 per £1 expended (food people planet)

Women's Contributions 3

- Pollinating London Together –
 - Heather Barret Mold (Gdnr), Sue Green (Wax Chandler)
- Mei Sim Lai (World Trader)
 - Women in the Livery group (City Livery Club)-
 - 1st women only float in LMS (2013)
- No Going Back: Fran Findlater (Haberdasher)

Women's Contributions 4

- Save Barts Campaign –
 - Wendy Mead (Sheriff 2011, Chief Commoner 2017)
- Treloars – 1st Fundraising Tea Party,
 - Virginia Bond (Cook) hosted by Elisabeth Mainelli (Lady Mayoress)

Women's Contributions 5

- Treasures of Gold and Silver Wire Guildhall exhibition – Karen Watts (GSWD 4th Warden Elect)
- Pre year Masters Groups
 - Partial 15-16
 - 19-20, 20-21, 21-22, 22-23, 23-24, 24-25, 25-26, 26-27

Women's Contributions 6

- Lady Master's Assn
 - Evening sessions for Wardens
- City Consorts
 - Von Spofforth (Consort Ch A/cts)
- Mistress Glover's Flying Circus
 - Catherine Grimley: wing walking and acrobatics

Individual liveries (examples)

- Plumbers
 - Own women in livery section supporting eg female student plumbing competitions
- International Bankers: court assistants
- Solicitors: Lucky Girls
- Clothworkers (and others) aiming for 50:50

Women in the Livery

- 2 or even 3 women masters in a row
- Livery survey average $\leq 23\%$

Harassment etc

- **A Safer City** Elisabeth Mainelli patron, Sara Cork with Ian Dyson
 - Safe havens for women in the City
 - Helping to change culture
 - Learning from focus groups

Women Masters (in brief 1)

- 1983 the first: Sylvia Tutt
- 12 women appointed more than once
- HRH the Princess Royal – 8 + Saddlers
- Dame Fiona Woolf – 4 (Sir David Wootton 6)

Women Masters (in brief 2)

- Still a real minority – 13.3% in last decade,
- Total as at October 2024 since 1983 **269**
 - 1.1% 1983-2002 (22 from 1983)
 - 5.51% 2003-2012 (80 from 1983)
 - 18.02% 2023 20/111 (249 total from 1983-2023)

Role Models

- Importance for everyone including women and minorities

Celebration

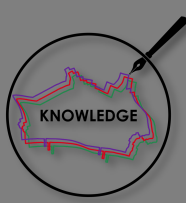
- Happy birthday today (Nov 29) to

Jennifer

3rd generation member of women Nugées
in the Basketmakers

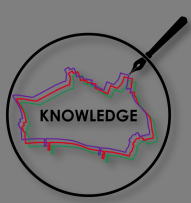
Questions and Discussion Time

- Questions etc
- And thank you for coming



Comments, Questions & Answers





Forthcoming Lectures



- Thursday, 31 October 2024 (15:00 - 15:45 GMT) Green Steel: The Building Block Of The Future
- Monday, 04 November 2024 (11:00 - 11:45 GMT) The Early Railway Age & Its Influence On The Law Of England & Wales
- Wednesday, 06 November 2024 (11:00 - 11:45 GMT) Can AI Save Us? How Doctor Data Could Be The Future Of Health

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