

Election of Sheriffs 2011

Candidature of

Alderman Alan Yarrow

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To the Liverymen of the City of London

My Lords, Ladies and Gentlemen



My colleagues on the Court of Aldermen support my nomination as a candidate for the ancient office of Sheriff of the City of London for 2011/12. It is therefore with a sense of privilege and enthusiasm that I offer myself to the Livery at the election to be held at **Common Hall in Guildhall on Friday 24th June 2011 at 12 noon**. If a poll is demanded I ask you for your further support by voting in my favour at the ballot on **Friday 8th July 2011**, also in **Guildhall**.

I was born in Malaysia 27th June 1951, son of Colin and Paula (nee Douetil) Yarrow. I was educated at Harrow where I became Head of House (Elmfield) and in 1969 I went to Paris to learn French and worked in a graphic design studio.

I started in the City in 1972 with Grieveson Grant, stockbrokers. I became a member of the Stock Exchange and a partner of the company. As we approached Big Bang in 1986 Kleinwort Benson took us over, where I joined the Group Board in 1995 as Global Head of Equities. We subsequently went through a number of take-overs: Dresdner, Allianz and eventually Commerzbank. When I left at the end of 2009, I was Chairman of Dresdner Kleinwort Ltd. In addition to my internal responsibilities, I represented the bank at the top policy forums in the City as Chairman of LIBA, a member of The Take-over-Panel, Vice Chairman of the FSA Practitioner Panel and on the Chancellor of the Exchequer's High Level Advisory Group, and the Board of the BBA.

I have a number of Non-Executive roles: Chairman of the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment 2009, Chairman of the newly reformed Kleinwort Benson Group 2010, and Non-executive Director of both Turquoise (subsidiary of the London Stock Exchange) and Fixnetix (low latency data communications) 2010.

I hold the traditions of the City very close to my heart having worked here for 39 years. In this rapidly changing commercial and technological world I feel it is important to continually reinforce the need for stability in our core beliefs: in professional excellence, integrity and in acting to the highest ethical standards.

I was elected as Alderman in 2007 to represent the Ward of Bridge and Bridge Without, and am President of its Ward Club. I have served on the City of London Markets, Guildhall Library and Art Gallery, Port Health and Environmental Services and Finance committees. I am currently on the Planning and Transportation committee, and a Governor of the City of London Freeman's School. I sit as a magistrate and am an Almoner of Christ's Hospital School.

I am a Liveryman of the Fishmongers' Company and also of the International Bankers Company and an Honorary Liveryman of the Launderers Company. Gilly and I have been married for 35 years, and we have two sons, Guy and Max who are 26 and 30 years old respectively. Guy read Engineering at Durham and now works for Deloitte in Blackfriars. Max has special needs and learning difficulties and coping with his needs has broadened our perspective on life. Gilly, a former secondary school teacher of history, stopped teaching to look after the boys. As well as having served as Chairman of Governors of Finton House School in Wandsworth, she has chaired the Special Events Fund Raising Committee for MENCAP for the last 10 years, whose offices are in the City. As a newly elected member of the Court of the Feltmakers', I know she will be a great support to me if elected Sheriff.

Gilly and I very much hope that you will give us the opportunity of serving the City of London by voting for me on 24th June and we look forward to the challenge of the Shrieval year. If elected, I will do all I can to uphold the fine traditions of Sheriff of the City of London and use my professional experience to support the Lord Mayor's programme promoting the City in all its aspects, and the UK financial services industry.

I have the honour to be, my Lords Ladies and Gentlemen
Your obedient servant

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Yarrow', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Alan Yarrow