



Pewter; Past, Present and Future

EPU AGM and Conference in Sheffield in 2019

The ABPC and EPU have put together an exciting outline programme for the Conference at the annual meeting of the pewter trade, in Sheffield in 2019.

The provisional programme has been put forward, after consultation with members, to appeal especially to the designer/maker community. The theme of *Past, Present and Future* will feature throughout the Conference, with Speakers from the WCoP, the ABPC as well as interesting and lively presentations from designers and those working in the creative industries.

As in previous years, the Conference will take place over two days, with the Friday featuring Factory and Museum Tours during the day, and a Welcome Dinner in the evening. Saturday morning is devoted to the conference, to be followed by an informal lunch and for those wishing to stay on to the afternoon, the opportunity to visit the internationally-renowned Yorkshire Sculpture Park. Further speakers and subjects will be announced in due course.

Venue The Royal Victoria Hotel, Sheffield
(see photo above).



Dates Friday, the 29th and Saturday, 30th March, 2019.

Cost: £30 Day Delegate (Conference and Lunch, Saturday only)
£130 as above but including DBB on either the Friday or Saturday night.

Delegates should make their own travel arrangements.

Dinner can be booked separately for those wishing to find their own accommodation.

Please contact Hannah@britishpewter.co.uk for more information and/or to reserve a place.

Pewter Live, 2018

Opened by Alderman, the Rt Honourable Charles Bowman, The Lord Mayor of the City of London, and the prizes handed out by HRH The Princess Alexandra, this was the 30th Pewter Live.

The Open Prize was won this year by Jim Stringer & Laura Cobane Stringer of Sheffield with their entry 'Bunch' Bowls (right). The Springers are not unused to winning Pewter Live Open prizes, having also won in previous years. (quirkymetals@gmail.com; and www.quirkymetals.com)



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The ABPC's Commercial Prize was this year divided equally between George Folkard (of Buckinghamshire University) for his paper weight (left) and Nadine Vanoost (Open Competition) for her Gala Zahra (right).



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New ABPC Secretary

Hannah Goldingay was formally appointed, at the Council Meeting on 12th June (see brief report below), as the new secretary. She can be reached at Hannah@britishpewter.co.uk.

Dear ABPC Members,

Let me introduce myself, I'm Hannah Goldingay-Jordan and I am the new ABPC Secretary, having taken over from Louise in June.

I am returning to work after a six year break to raise my family. Before this I had a very successful, and demanding, teaching career, and before that a job in property management. I am now seeking a new challenge.

For the past four years I have been the Chair of the PTA at my children's school, raising in excess of £20,000 for various school projects, as well as fundraising for The Sheffield Children's Hospital Charity. All useful skills for the Secretary's rôle!

A combination of factors has brought me to the ABPC, a personal link, a fascination for the Arts, a desire to learn something new and the drive to support an important heritage craft. It has certainly been the case of hitting the ground running and asking lots of questions. I've already had the pleasure of meeting many members at both Pewter Live and the Council Meetings and look forward to meeting more of you over the next year.

Pewtersmithing is captivating, from watching the art of spinning to the beautiful simplicity of casting in cuttlefish. I am constantly being surprised by the range of opportunities there are for working with Pewter, and in awe of those of you who have chosen to work with it. There is so much more to Pewter than most people realise, I hope, through working with The ABPC I can work with members, old and new, to support the trade both now and in the future.



Publicising the beauty of pewter - Stand at the Great Curry Lunch, Guildhall

The annual Lord Mayor's Curry Lunch, held in Guildhall in the City of London, supports members of her Majesty's Armed Forces and Veterans (who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan) through the three National Service Charities.



The Worshipful Company of Pewterers was offered the opportunity to take a stand at the event, and the Pewter Promotion Committee offered the spot to the ABPC. The stand was designed by the Company's assistant clerk, Eleanor Mason-Brown, and

manned during the day by her, by Chris Hudson, Laila Zollinger and Robin Furber. Pewter wares on sale came from AE Williams, AR Wentworth, Pinder Bros, Trish Woods, Gill Clement, Gordon Robertson and Jim Stringer.

The opportunity was taken to distribute brochures, not just about the ABPC and the pewter trade, but also about the then forthcoming *Pewter Live* competition at the Hall. The ABPC hopes to be able to run the stand again next year. Members who wish to be involved should contact [Hannah Goldingay](#).

Council Meeting

The ABPC's Council met on 12th June at the Assay Office, Sheffield. Present were: Richard Abdy, Chairman, Chris Hudson, David Pinder, Michael Pinder; also Alan Williams, nominated to the Council by the Worshipful Company of Pewterers. In attendance, both Lou Mott (the outgoing Secretary) and Hannah Goldingay (the incoming secretary). Apologies were received from Keith Tyssen, Dennis Trickett, and Sam Williams.

Amongst other items on the Agenda were the following: the European Pewter Union/ABPC joint Conference in Sheffield at the end of March next year (see above); Pewter Live 2018 feedback (see above); *Pewter Now*; an update on ongoing research into the practicality of a pewter apprenticeship scheme; and a 'state of the membership' report. The ABPC will look into issues surrounding the Californian 'lips test' and lead content, and report back to the next Meeting.

In this context a decision was taken to reach out to potential artisan members, telling them what the Association could offer them; and to find out what it was *they* wanted from their trade association.

In the next issue: more on *Pewter Now*.
More information on the 2019 Conference

Chris Hudson, MBE

It was announced in the New Year's Honours List that Chris Hudson, of Chimo Sheffield (Manufacturing) Limited, had been appointed MBE for "services to exports and investment in Sheffield."



Chris and his three daughters. From right to left: Nathalie, Michelle and Kirstin

Chris was invested with his MBE at Buckingham Palace on the 6th June. Fellow Pewterer, HRH The Prince of Wales, conducted the ceremony. Chris said afterwards: "After HRH had pinned the MBE, a silver cross on a rose and silver ribbon, on my jacket he talked to me, obviously knowing that I was a Sheffield cutler. He was interested in the state of the trade - and was pleased to know we were busy!"

Chris went on to say that the ceremony was held in the Grand Ballroom, where an orchestra played and award recipients were called forward in groups of 15, and then presented individually for their awards.

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