

Editorial

This is the 11th issue of this e-zine, and the first of 2013. We have, over the past issues, carried a wide range of articles intended to appeal to all pewter interests, from the general, through the historical to the more particular. You will find an index of those back articles elsewhere in this issue; the earlier ones (volumes 1 and 2) are not currently available, though we are working on putting that right.

This issue trails *Pewter Live 2013* with its exciting Open Competition (Time pieces). It also contains details of the European Pewter Union Meeting being hosted by the Association of British Pewter Craftsmen in Sheffield this May. Both the ABPC and the EPU were created in the 1970s with the active encouragement, and the participation and full support, of the Worshipful Company of Pewterers.

As trade organisations, the ABPC and the EPU are important, as they can represent the trade at the highest reaches of the Brussels bureaucracy; and the trade has rarely felt more threatened than it does now, with high tin prices and the threat of potentially crippling Regulations coming out of Brussels. Membership of the ABPC is open to all British workers or companies involved in some way with pewter - and the Association is currently running a new member recruitment programme.

It is also in the process of revamping its website. Please go to <http://www.britishpewter.co.uk> and, if you are interested, consider applying for membership. It does not cost a lot and you should find plenty of benefits. Please contact the ABPC Secretary, [Cathy Steele](#) for any details not clear on the website.

The EPU meeting this summer is in Sheffield on 10-12th May. Overseas pewterers are normally represented by their trade association, but individuals and non-member companies are in fact welcome to attend as observers. For information, please apply to Cathy Steele (as above).

We hoped to have 'hit' technology built into this e-zine. In fact, it will go into the next issue and we will then look forward to seeing which pages get the most hits!

In this issue, you will find, amongst others, articles on: the Great Fire and its effect on pewterers in London; more on the tin trade through Southampton; Commemorative porringers; A Royal Visit; the third instalment of the article on pewter bar tops; the Worshipful Company of Pewterers and the Civil War; the start of an article on pewter and Brazil; and the Pewter Society. Do read them, and then do let me know if you have any comments about anything you read here, or don't read here but would like to read here! Happy reading; I look forward to hearing from you!

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