

Welcome to issue 7.2 of *The Pewterer*!

Spring has at last arrived. As I type, I am surrounded by spring showers; and once you start looking, there is pewter everywhere, too!

In this issue, we go back onto the trail of pewter bar tops and look at a brand new one, to be found at *The Swan, Shakespeare's Globe* on Bankside; and we also look at an unusual piece of pewter from New Zealand - can anyone say what it is, or where it came from?

In fact we have a distinctly antipodean air, with an article on pewter wine labels, and wine, from Australia. We then look at Conflict Tin, courtesy of Jonathan Rickwood at ITRI; consider some interesting English porringers, courtesy of Michael Finlay; think about playing chess with an unusual pewter set from Sri Lanka (any chess players out there who would like to comment on the set?); and report on a visit to the Ashmolean Museum to see the Appleford Hoard. Also, do not forget to wonder at David Clarke's *50/50*, now acquired by Plymouth City Museum & Art Gallery!

With *Pewter Live* coming up at the end of May, we look at two of the prizes: the *Partners in Pewter* prize and the *ABPC Commercial* prize, both of which got underway last year - so what have the winners been up to?

Next month: well, we hope to look at yet more pewter bars; at more pewter in art (the Mansion House collection); the Seahorse pub in the City; St Dionis Putney (loosely related to the old St Dionis Backchurch that used to be found at the bottom of Lime Street and which was at one time the Worshipful Company's church); plus more on Tudric pewter; and one or two surprises!

But first, here is a trailer for *Pewter Live*, the design competition run by the Worshipful Company of Pewterers. The qualifying entries will be on display at Pewterers' Hall at the end of May. Open Day for the public is Wednesday, 25th May; winners will be announced, and prizes distributed, the following day (tickets needed for entry), Thursday 26th May. Please see the item 'Park, eat and sleep' in this issue of *The Pewterer* for some information on where to park, where to eat, and hotels in which to stay. This is the [Link](#) to the Worshipful Company's site.

Finally, the European Pewter Union AGM will take place in Sheffield over the weekend of the 10th and 11th June. For information, please contact [Cathy Steele](#).

As always, I would be very interested to hear from you with comments, and ideas for articles. Click here to [contact](#) me.

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In the meantime, happy reading!

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