

# Editorial

Here we are, at long last, with volume 8.3! The more observant of you may have noticed the long gap between the last issue of *The Pewterer* and this one. Many causes have contributed to the delay, including a long stay in Sri Lanka (I have been there before, and there are articles on Sri Lankan pewter to be found in vols 6 and 7 of *The Pewterer* - see links below). A grandchild wanting to visit the Jungfrauoch to see snow was another cause. And then, Lyn and I went to Russia on the most amazing visit to St Petersburg, Moscow and a number of places in between. I looked out for pewter, Russian or otherwise, but with no success.

None of this excuses, but may explain, the delay. I hope the wait will have been worth it. Church pewter again, with Jo and Ann Buxton's 'discovery', in the course of their 'church crawl', of what was probably a pewter chalice - it was certainly pewter.

Then John Bank reports on the award of a Fellowship to Alex Neish by the Smith Sterling Museum.

What's still to be found under London? Two items recovered in the course of excavations for Crossrail are reviewed. You can see them, 'in the metal,' in the Exhibition, 'Tunnels', presented by The Museum of London, Docklands.

The Pewter Society's Catalogue of the Museum of London's pewter has now been published, as announced by the Pewter Society's President, Dr Jamie Ferguson. The [pewter catalogue](#) is available now for purchase.

This was the fourth year of the Association of British Pewter Craftsmen's 'Commercial Prize', awarded at the Worshipful Company of Pewterers' annual Pewter Live award ceremony. We take a peek at the winner's entry.

Coming up: What connection does the Seahorse pub, at the bottom of Friday and Bread Streets in the City, have to do with the Company? Who was Harry Carr Gibbs? A revitalised South Crofty? Charles Welch. And Lords Mayor and pewter, plus many others!

Happy reading! Oh, and your comments are always welcome!

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Links to articles in *The Pewterer* on Sri Lankan pewter:

Issue 6.1. 2015 <https://sites.google.com/a/thepewterer.org.uk/thepewterer/the-pewterer->

Issue 7.1. 2016 <http://www.thepewterer.org.uk/the-pewterer-vol-7-1-february-2016>

Issue 7.2. 2016 <http://www.thepewterer.org.uk/the-pewterer-vol-7-2-april-2016>

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