



Stichting De Palingaak

To the Honourable Alderman Michael Mainelli

Heeg, August 16, 2019

Dear Michael,

The eel barge Korneliske Ykes II and crew are back in Heeg safe and sound. We are looking back at a wonderful voyage and memorable meetings and events in London. It was a privilege to be able to relive the rich history of the eel trade to London.

The service in the Dutch Church by minister Bertjan van de Lagemaat was very impressive and emotional for all of us. A wreath was laid in memory of ceased skippers and crew and is now displayed in the Dutch Church. In the village of Heeg and surroundings many descendants of crew and owners of the eel barges still reside. This service resonates with our fellow villagers.

We are also very grateful for the opportunity given to refresh the bond between the city of London and Súdwest Fryslân. We would like to express our gratitude to you personally for arranging the meeting with Sheriff Liz Green and staff at such short notice. Our local municipality representatives and ourselves cannot thank you enough for making it possible to present the letter from the mayor of Súdwest Fryslân and the print of the old eel barges to the City of London. It has been an honour for all of us to take part in this ceremony and we are glad the smoked eel proved to be a perfect combination with the Madeira.

The voyage and all the meetings and events together, with the meeting at Guild Hall as cherry on the cake, have left a lasting impression to everybody on board and at home.

We would like to wish you a wonderful day on September 27 at the Admission as Sheriff and wish you all the best.

Yours sincerely,

Jan Willem Hoorn

Chairman of the eel barge Korneliske Ykes II