

## 66TH UNITED GUILDS SERVICE AT ST PAUL'S

With the sun shining brightly, the City of London Livery Companies made their way to St Paul's Cathedral for the annual United Guilds Service. Master of the Worshipful Company of Hackney Drivers, Alan Parker, accompanied by his wife Christine, members of the Court of Assistants and members of the Company took their seats in this magnificent cathedral and at 11.17 the Choir, the College of Minor Canons, Clergy of the City Deanery, the College of Canons, the Dean and Chapter and the Bishop of London left the Dean's Aisle and proceeded to the West End. At 11.25 The Lord Mayor arrived at the Cathedral, to be met by the Chairman of the Trustees of the United Guilds' Service and the Masters of the Mercers' and Grocers' Companies who escorted him to the West Door to be received by the Dean and Chapter. Then a fanfare signalled the Congregation to stand as the service began. The Trumpeters were of the Band of The Life Guards, led by Staff Corporal Gilbert Wheeler. The service itself was a wonderful experience as the 3000 strong congregation joined in singing hymns.



The United Guilds Service traces its history back to 1943 when a meeting of the Masters and Wardens of the Twelve Great Companies was held at the Goldsmiths' Hall. They decided to hold a service in St Paul's Cathedral for the Livery Companies and Guilds of the City of London to help lift the spirits of the City following the Blitz. Selecting Thursday March 25th which was Lady Day as the date for the service, this is thought to have been the first time all the Livery Companies and Guilds of the City had combined to hold a religious service. This year's service was the 66th time the service had been held and those present were able to enjoy the splendour of the surroundings whilst celebrating the role of the Livery Companies and Guilds in City Life today. Many of those present were joining together for lunch afterwards and The Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers were one of several Companies who enjoyed lunch with the Butchers Company at their Hall after the service.

## TAXI MAN TURNED MUSICIAN

Scott Kempton, ex service manager for taxi specialist M&O Manchester, has put aside his spark plugs and oil filters for his love of music. He has decided to pursue a career in music following 12 years with the LTI dealership. "It was a really tough decision to leave M&O Manchester," says Scott. "I fell in love with the taxi trade at an early age and that passion very much still exists today. I'm proud to have worked on such an iconic vehicle as the London Taxi and the latest version the TX4. It's the same taxi I know and love but the latest one has improved suspension, a more powerful engine and stylish appearance."

Scott continued: "I must thank all of my colleagues at the dealership and the LTI factory, who make the taxi in Coventry, for all of their support. I have a lot of friends in the trade and I've no doubt that we will stay in touch."

Andrew Shaw, General Manager at M&O Manchester was sorry to see Scott leave: "Scott will be really missed by all of his friends in the taxi trade; however we wish him and his band all the best for the future."

Scott began his musical career aged 30, when he picked up a guitar for the first time whilst travelling in Australia. Now, part of a five-piece outfit named 'Element', he joins a talented group of musicians to perform a range of material including pop, rock, soul and mo-town. The group was recently signed up by a management company to take their brand of live entertainment on the road.



POLICE APPEAL FOR ASSISTANCE

## MURDER

On Thursday 13th March 2008,  
Michael Jones was found  
murdered in his home address,  
70 Stanley Road, Edmonton.



Did you know Michael?  
Did you see any suspicious  
activity in the area?

Did you see anyone visit  
the house on this day?

If you have any information please contact  
the incident room on:

**020 8345 3985**

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**0800 555 111**



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## NEW BLUE PLAQUE UNVEILED

Philosopher Karl Popper (1902 - 1994) has been commemorated with an English Heritage Blue Plaque at 16 Burlington Rise, EN4, London Borough of Barnet. The Blue Plaque was unveiled by the proposer of the plaque, Bryan Magee. Popper lived at this address at a time when his reputation was in the ascent – between 1946 and 1950 he lectured to great acclaim and was appointed a Professor at the London School of Economics. Popper lived long enough to be gratified by the fall of communism and depressed by subsequent events in the former Yugoslavia. Since his death, the publication of numerous readers and a detailed biography of his early life have borne ample testament to the enduring qualities of his work. His defence of liberal values against totalitarianism of all shades has been cited approvingly by politicians from both the left and right, including Anthony Crosland, Sir Keith Joseph, Vaclav Havel and Helmut Kohl.

