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Cadets and a Council Member of the White Ensign Association, which offers advice to all ranks of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines on employment, pensions and other financial matters. He is also a trustee of Seafarers UK, the leading national maritime charity.

“Maritime is in my blood – my father was in the Navy during the war,” he says. “My grandfather was the most decorated person in the Royal Navy when he retired.” “Teddy” Evans, later Admiral Lord Mountevans, was also second in command of Scott’s last Antarctic expedition.

Jeffrey’s wife Juliet, a former maritime solicitor and Citizens Advice Bureau Adviser, will accompany him on his Shrieval year.

He says: “When you are Sheriff you are based at the Old Bailey. This is the Central Criminal Court where some of the most serious cases in the land – murder, robbery and violent crimes etc – are tried. I am looking forward to supporting the judges.”

But sharing duties at the Old Bailey with his fellow Sheriff is only one of Jeffrey’s many commitments over the coming year. The Sheriffs will also be receiving dignitaries from the UK and abroad, supporting the Lord Mayor’s Appeal and fulfilling many other civic duties.

“It’s going to be a busy year,” says Jeffrey. “But it’s a great honour to serve in this ancient office – a fascinating mix of tradition and the very modern.”

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The Sheriffs are elected to post by Liverymen (full members) of the 108 Livery Companies in the City of London. Nigel Pullman, this year’s



Sheriff Nigel Pullman
at Armourers’ Hall

non-Aldermanic Sheriff, has been affiliated with his Mother Company, the Leathersellers, since he was apprenticed to Alderman (and later Sheriff) Douglas Hill from the Company while still a schoolboy.

“I’ve been involved with the Livery movement all my life as a Liveryman and then Master of the Leathersellers (in 2010-11) and Clerk of the World Traders,” says Nigel. “The Leathersellers are one of the oldest Livery Companies, while the World Traders are one of the newest [granted Livery status in 2000], so I feel I have quite a breadth of knowledge about the Livery.”

After school, Nigel entered Sandhurst and was commissioned into the Royal Corps of Signals. He served with the Brigade of Gurkhas and the United Nations, seeing service during the Turkish invasion of Cyprus.

On leaving the Regular Army in 1979, he joined the *Financial Times*, where he held a number of managerial posts, including publishing *Financial Adviser* and creating the FT reader services division.

As Clerk for over a decade of the fledgling World Traders’ Company – of which Jeffrey Evans is also a member – Nigel was responsible for organising and promoting the annual Tacitus Lecture, which has become a prestigious event on the City calendar.

For his year in office, Nigel’s consort is Elizabeth Truesdale, a retired landscape architect from Connecticut. He says: “In an office dating back over 800 years, it is dangerous to suggest a first, but possibly she will be one of the very small number of American ladies to have undertaken the role of Sheriff’s Consort.”