

List of Beadles of the Leathersellers' Company

The Leathersellers' Company has had a Beadle since its earliest days. The first one we know of by name is John Lambe, who had been appointed Beadle by 1472. From 1619 to 1788 there were two Beadles, an Upper Beadle and an Under Beadle. The list is complete from 1560 on; before that only a few names and dates are known, owing to gaps in our early records.

LAMBE, John	1472-1476
ROWTHE, John	1487-1494
JORGE, _____	1494- ?
CURTES, Thomas	? - 1548
KNISTEN, Thomas	c1551
HARMAN, Thomas	c1557

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Beadles from 1560 on (postholder was known as the Upper Beadle from 1619 to 1788):

RICHE, John	1560-1573
SMYTHE, John	1573 -1584
THOMPSON, Thomas	1584-1612
MADITT, John	1612-1625
WARD, Andrew	1626-1632
HASSELGRAVE, William	1631-1634
GRIFFITH (or GRIFFIN), Sebastian	1635-1661
SPEARE, George	1661-1678
BISCOE, Robert	1678-1680
MELLING, Richard	1680-1681
CHILD, William	1681-1704
WOOD, Francis	1705-1710

MANN, Samuel	1710-1718
SEWERS, John	1718-1737
HILL, Thomas	1737-1748
WINTER, William	1748-1776
BAYLIS, Henry (junior)	1776-1790
BARRETT, James	1790-1803
JARVIS, John	1803-1809
COOPER, Nathan	1809-1817
MEESON, John	1817-1833
FARMER, Thomas Bevan	1833-1841
SHEPHERD, John	1841-1862
CRIPPS, Charles (junior)	1862-1878
GIBBS, George Frederick	1878-1911
ROBERTS, William David	1911-1946
SAWYER, Reginald Leonard Alfred	1946-1961
SHIRLEY, H. W.	1961-1963
GILDER, Francis Eldon	1963-1969
SIBUN, Lawrence H.	1970-1972
HOUGHTON, Stanley W.	1972-1977
BILTON, Henry M. E.	1977-1978
BAXTER, John Malcolm	1979-1988
HARPER, Samuel	1988-1989
BROOKES, Robert	1989-1999
MARSHALL, David John	1999-2020
JONES, Terrance	2020-

Under Beadles (1619-1788):

WARD, Andrew	1619-1626
HASSELGRAVE, William	1626 -1632
GRIFFITH (or GRIFFIN), Sebastian	1633-1635
WRIGHT, John	1635-1637
HOPKINS, Edward	1637-1658
SPEARE, George	1658-1661
PIDGEON, Lionel	1661-1665
SAUNDERS, Edward	1665-1673
GOLDING, John	1673-1675
BISCOE, Robert	1675-1678
MELLING, Richard	1678-1680
CHILD, William	1680-1682
HILLIAR, William	1682-1690
LAWSON, Hugh	1690-1700
WOOD, Francis	1700-1704
MANN, Samuel	1704-1710
SEWERS, John	1710-1718
GOODINCH, Robert	1718-1736
HILL, Thomas	1736-1738
ALLEINE, Henry	1738-1742
METCALFE, Robert	1742-1748
BAYLIS, Henry (senior)	1748-1770
BAYLIS, Henry (junior)	1770-1776
GANDON, Jonah	1776-1788
