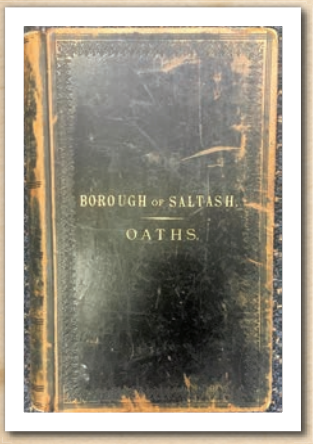
So what happened at Mayor Choosing?

Well, over 100 people from 6 different countries gathered at the Guildhall.

Inside, the room was laid out for a council meeting. The National anthem was sung and then Councillor Sue Hooper proposed that Councillor Hilary Frank be elected as Mayor. This was accepted unanimously and Hilary signed the Book of Oaths.

The first entry in the Book is dated 9th April 1886, when the new Mayor, William Gilbert, promised that he would be faithful to Her Majesty Queen Victoria... The Oath that the new Mayor signed includes the words: I hereby declare that I take the office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties of this role according to the best of my ability and judgement:



After the new Mayor had taken on the robes and chain of office, one of her first tasks was to throw hot pennies and fruit out of the Guildhall window. The addition of chocolate coins pleased the children waiting below...

Next was the vote for Deputy Mayor. Councillor Frank proposed Councillor Jean Dent, and this was accepted unanimously. More smiling faces as Jack Phelan (left) from the Fire Cadets was appointed as Mayor's Cadet...

Keen to pay tribute to the children of Forces families, the Mayor appointed Felicity Heaton, Eira Oakley and Griff Oakley as her HMS Heroes Cadets (pictured lower left).

The new Mayor gave a speech, using 5 different languages and thanked the outgoing Mayor and Mayoress for the outstanding, committed service they had given to the town over the previous year. Bunches of flowers were given by the Lions May Queen and Princesses.

A quick stop for photos outside the Guildhall and then it was off to the Baptist Church, where Guides from the 1st Saltash Senior Section had prepared a magnificent feast. Thank you Guides – it was enjoyed by all, especially the new Mayor and the councillors from the Saltash twin town of Plougastel.

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