

LORD MAYORS SHOW

Up to date but shorn of almost all outward and visible
links with its unique tradition/^{was} the Lord Mayor's Show.
This year Sir Noel Bowater reviewed the procession from
the balcony of Mansion House. Gone were the floats and
decorations; if Dick Whittington himself had been there,
plus cat, ~~they wouldn't have noticed.~~ ^{he was at the Show.} Third member of
~~his~~ ^{the} family to be elected first citizen of London Sir Noel
~~Bowater~~ drove to the Law Courts to be sworn in. His famous
coach, driven by that good old Londoner Harry Hawkins,
decorated by Italian artist Cipriani in
1757, having no springs and not even a brake till
2-years-ago - the coach did really look like the Lord
Mayor's Show. How they ever prevented it running away,
all those years, going down Ludgate Hill, only the coachmen
knew.

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At the Law Courts Sir Noel Bowater assumed the highest civic
office in Great Britain.