



The Owl

The Newsletter of the Worshipful Company of Tax Advisers



Charity Supplement Autumn 2014

The City of London Livery Companies began before the Norman Conquest as guilds which combined trade and craft roles with religious observance. This led to their becoming known as "Worshipful;" although today members may be of any religion or none. Their religious connection added charitable activities to their functions of educating apprentices and regulating their trade.

The Worshipful Company of Tax Advisers motto is "Veritas, Caritas, Comitas." It supports the Tax Advisers Charitable Trust ("TACT") and the Tax Advisers Benevolent Fund ("TABF") funded by donations from members and administered by the Company's Charities Committee.

TACT supports charities involved with taxation, including education and the provision of tax advice to those who need it, but are unable to afford it, and other charities involved with the City. It aims broadly to split its grants between these aims and the chart shows the composition of grants made in the year to 30th June 2014.

Nearly half of the £24,000 of grants was paid to Tax Help for Older People and TaxAid which both provide tax advice to those unable to afford it, linking the Company to the wider community (see Owl 8, Autumn 2012). We also support the Bursary and Medal of the Advanced Diploma in International Taxation of the Chartered Institute of Taxation, assisting students studying for this prestigious taxation qualification.

We regularly support City charities including the Lord Mayor's Appeal, the Mansion House Scholarship Scheme, the Sheriff's and Recorder's Fund and the Trustees of the United Guilds' Service. We gladly support the Hackney Carriage Drivers' trip to Disneyland for sick and terminally ill children. Other organisations helping young people that we support are the City and North East Sector Army Cadet Force and the City of Westminster St John Ambulance Cadets.

TABF supports necessitous members or students of The Chartered Institute of Taxation or of the Association of Taxation Technicians, or their dependants. The assistance it offers has included making loans and grants to taxation students, contributing to nursing home costs of an elderly member and providing temporary financial assistance to members in need.

Both TACT and TABF are also supported by CIOT and ATT.

In addition to our formal charitable activities we also provide support to members of the Company. Past Master Clive Tulloch says:

"My role is to act as an informal point of contact for members on matters of personal concern such as ill health, financial difficulty or other problems affecting the member or a close family member. I may offer personal support or, more often, find someone better qualified to do so, or intercede with the Clerk or

Treasurer over any need for special arrangements, perhaps over fines or quarterage, where the member prefers not to speak directly to them. I keep the Master and Clerk, and other members, where appropriate, informed, but take care to respect privacy and confidences

I also look for good news, and I am always glad to hear of members' successes.

I do not have a succinct title. We have an Assistant Clerk – Almoner, Jonathan Crump, who performs that role for the Tax

Advisers' Benevolent Fund. So we simply say that I am responsible for member support.

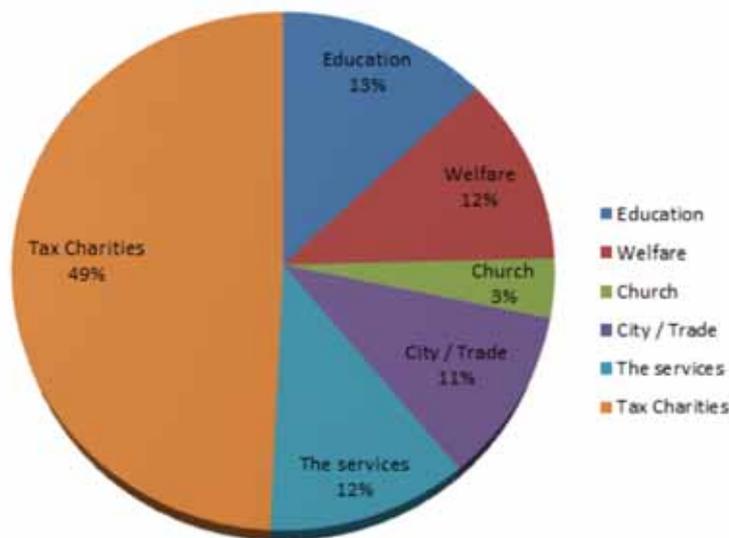
If you think that there is any way in which the company could provide you or another Liveryman or Freeman with moral, physical or financial support, do feel free to get in touch with me. I will try to be helpful where I can, or, point you in the right direction if someone else is better placed than I. My details are in the year book, but you can find me at:

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ACF Camp at Thetford

Of the many Charities that the Company is involved with, we look in this Supplement at two focused on the "next generation," the Army Cadet Force and St John Ambulance Cadets.

The Army Cadet Force, City of London and North East Sector, held their annual fortnight's camp in August in Thetford. The Master, then Renter Warden, Michael Godbee, and Court Assistant Ian Somerville represented the Company at the event which was also attended by Civic Leaders from the areas served by the Sector and by other Livery delegates.

ACF helps boys and girls aged 12 and over to develop physically, mentally and socially using a range of exciting, challenging, educational and adventurous activities. At the Camp activities displayed included drill, outdoor bivouacking, weapons handling, electronic communications, climbing and motorcycle display riding. The day's highlight was



ACF Motorcycle Display

a tug-of-war, the final event in a series of inter-Company competitions held during the Camp. The team spirit of the Cadets was evident from the manner in which they threw themselves, sometimes literally, into the event and were cheered on by their Company colleagues. Michael and Ian were delighted to present two of the awards at the subsequent Prize Giving Ceremony.

All the guests came away greatly impressed by the range of opportunities that ACF offers to youngsters, many from disadvantaged backgrounds, to prepare for success in later life. One of the ways in which Tax Advisers support ACF is to provide financial support with the costs of attending Camp for Cadets whose families could not afford them.

City of Westminster St John Ambulance Cadets

Livery Company affiliations with St John Ambulance Cadet Units are a relatively recent innovation. Five years ago the Company affiliated with Cadets of the City of Westminster St John Ambulance Unit; Westminster, being the home of both the CIOT and ATT, has a key link with Tax Advisers. St John Ambulance is familiar for providing voluntary first aid and medical cover at major events, but is also one of the Country's leading youth organisations. Cadets [ages 10 - 18] and Badgers [ages 5 - 10] attend their local unit once a week and as well as learning life skills with an emphasis on first aid and care they take part in a range of other fun activities.



Our Learned Clerk with District Cadets of the Year Fardowsa Ali and Anton Cornibert

The Unit, then being re-launched, is now one of the strongest in London with over 60 young people attending Cadet training on a Wednesday evening. A Badger Sett has been re-launched and it is anticipated that this will be equally successful.

Westminster Cadets regularly support adult SJA volunteers at first aid treatment centres across London. These include cover at Arsenal, Chelsea and QPR football stadia, major sporting events such as the London Marathon and state occasions like Trooping the Colour and the Lord Mayor's show as well as music events in Hyde Park.

The Company gives an annual grant and the Master and Clerk make an annual visit to see the Cadets in action on a

training night or whilst out "on duty". We are also represented at their annual awards evening when the WCoTA prize is awarded to the Unit's "Cadet of the Year". Cadets from the Unit have provided demonstrations at some of our formal events and joined us on our float in the 2013 Lord Mayor's Show.

2014 was a really successful year for the Unit because two of its senior Cadets were competitively selected to be part of the Regional Cadet of the Year team – one representing West District and one Central District. The Cadets are proud of their affiliation with us and there is no doubt that our support has helped the hard working Leaders achieve such a successful Unit.

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