

The Worshipful Company of Tax Advisers Clerk's Bulletin – December 2016

Dear Liverymen, Freemen & Companions

Well once again the Christmas & New Year festivities are almost with us. For many members the prospect of their busiest time professionally looms but hopefully everyone will have an opportunity for a least a few days relaxation to celebrate in whatever way they do over the coming weeks. May I, as your Clerk, extend the warmest of seasonal greetings to you all.

It was with great sadness that we learned a few days ago of the death of Irene Jennings, the wife of our Founder Master who was for many years a staunch supporter of Company events. Our condolences and sympathies are with Roy and his family at this difficult time.

For the Company our last event of the year is a Court Meeting followed by the Service of Nine Lessons & Carols at or Guild Church – St Bartholomew the Great - followed by a seasonal supper at Haberdashers' Hall in the Company of other Livery Companies and City organisations. This will be the last occasion that our Chaplain, Dr Martin Dudley will be conducting the Service as he retires from Great St Bartholomew at the end of the month. The Master will make reference to this during the Supper.

With this mailing you will find:-

A letter from the Master;

A copy of the latest issue of *The Owl*;

A copy of the 2016 -17 Year Book;

Flyers for forthcoming events including the Pancake Races and History of Tax event both on 28th February; Budget Banquet on 7th March; and United Guilds Service on 31st March.

An explanatory note about our two charities – TABF and TACT.

Year Book

As the Master has said in his letter do please let our Administrator Ann Bailey know if any of your details are incorrect or subsequently change. This is important not only that we can be sure of keeping in touch but as far as eligible liverymen are concerned the information is needed for inclusion in the City of London & Livery Companies Guide and Livery Electoral Roll. Please note that given Data Protection restrictions if you change your details, telling the CIOT or ATT alone will not automatically update the Worshipful Company's database so please send a separate communication to Ann Bailey asking for this to be done as well. I would especially draw your attention to the page 2 which gives dates of all the Company and Livery events for the next year. I would urge you to transfer these now to your own diaries or organisers as it is disappointing to hear the comment that someone didn't know the date of the event early enough. The pages at the back give other useful information about the Company and the City and is worth a more leisurely read. Please note the guidelines about dress code and etiquette in the City (pp 49-50) which perhaps differs from standards accepted by other organisations.

Getting more involved.

Apart from supporting the various functions already in our calendar you can of course get more actively involved in the Company in other ways. We are always keen to look at giving Liverymen an opportunity to help in the Company's development and you can do this in three ways. You can encourage and support professional colleagues who might wish to join as members by bringing them along as guests to one of our events to find out more about us. You could help the Company get represented in a variety of Inter-Livery sporting activities. Although we have succeeded in fielding teams in the Pancake Race, Bridge Competition and the Clay Pigeon shoot we haven't had sufficient interest in Golf to recently enter either the Prince Arthur Cup or the other Competitions with other Companies to which we have been invited. We have never fielded participants in the inter-Livery Sailing, Swimming, Skiing, or Tennis Competitions. If any of these are your forte we be pleased to hear from you, we are always keen to welcome more volunteers. Finally each year we consider the membership of our Committees and if you think you might be interested in joining a Committee then again do let us know.

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Root & Branch Award

For the fourth year all Livery Companies have been invited to nominate individuals who have delivered exceptional service within and across the Livery Companies or to the Community to be considered for the prestigious City Livery Club Root & Branch Award. In addition to the Award itself the Committee reserves the right to award Commendations to individuals judged suitably worthy.

For more information go to the City Livery Club website – www.cityliveryclub.com

If you have a suggestion for nominations please contact the Master or Clerk before the end of February 2017 as all must be made through Livery Companies.

Where to eat in the City?

It may be worth reminding Members of what regular opportunities currently exist to obtain meals on an individual basis at Livery Halls and other Livery venues within the City.

MONDAYS – Lunches including a Carvery at **IRONMONGERS' HALL** [Call Events on 020 7776 2300 or Luncheonclub@ironhall.co.uk]

TUESDAYS – River Thames Luncheon Club at **WATERMENS' HALL** monthly on selected dates [events@innoroutevents.co.uk or 0207726 0520]

WEDNESDAYS – Carvery Lunch on selected dates at **PAINTERS' HALL** [Life's Kitchen Ltd 020 7248 1163 or sarah@lifeskitchen.com]

FRIDAYS – Fish & Chip Lunch at **CITY LIVERY CLUB** [020 7248 2800]

Currently Butchers' Hall is closed and places for the monthly Curry Lunches on board HQS Wellington may only be booked by Master Mariners.

Members of the City Livery Club can obtain Breakfast, morning coffee, Lunch and afternoon tea, daily from the Club.

For details of membership contact their Clerk on 020 7248 0620 or clerk@cityliveryclub.com]

City News and events

CITY BRIEFINGS – these are held three times a year in the early evening at Guildhall. They last about 2 hours and give a good introduction to the unique workings of the City of London and the role of the Livery in it's Governance. If you have not attended one of these then you are strongly urged to do so – the fee is very modest just £10 and there is always a convivial reception at the end. We publish the dates in our Yearbook but individuals do need to book online themselves www.liverycompanies.info and follow the links to City Briefings.

LORD MAYORS APPEAL 2017 – As you will all be aware each Lord Mayor launches a charitable appeal to coincide with their term in office. Building upon his theme of Educate Support and Inspire, this year's Lord Mayor, Alderman Andrew Palmley has chosen to support arts and education through three charities – the LSO's Discovery Programme; St Paul's Cathedral Music Outreach and Music in Hospitals. Although the Company will as usual present a cheque there are a number of fundraising events throughout the year which individuals might be interested in supporting. For more information go to www.thelordmayorsaappeal.org

GUILDHALL SCHOOL of MUSIC & DRAMA – The City's very own prestigious Music and Drama School whose students entertained us so well at our Installation Dinner have a programme of events that are open to the public throughout the year either at the Barbican or their splendid adjacent premises in Silk Street. For anyone interested in the Arts they will find something in the Programme to their taste. Performing to live audiences is of course a crucial part of these students' development. For more information visit www.gsmd.ac.uk/events

And finally, I would advise that between 18th January and 8th February I will be in Australia visiting family. Full details of how correspondence will dealt with during that time will be circulated early in the New Year.

Season's greetings and warmest regards,

Paul

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