

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

Dear Liverymen, Freemen & Companions

First of all a huge apologyyou probably think that your Clerk has disappeared off the radar recently in that it is a while since the last Clerk's Bulletin. Unfortunately I have suffered a couple of bouts of illness recently which have knocked me back quite a bit. Anyway thankfully I feel much recovered and am catching up with what will be quite a bit of information.

Most importantly along with this Bulletin is the flyer for our next formal event at the start of another Company year – our Annual Thanksgiving Service (Commencing at 5.30pm) and Installation Dinner (Reception 6.45 for 7.30pm Dinner) to be held on **Wednesday 21st September 2016**. Do please get your applications in as quickly as possible as the capacity of Ironmongers' Hall is limited and our events recently have been at full capacity.

A gentle reminder that if you are a member of a Company Committee (or have been invited to become one for the new year) the next meetings of each will be on **Tuesday 6th September** at Information Technologists' Hall (A Wardens' Committee at 9.30am ; Charities Committee at 11am; Social Committee at 1pm and Membership at 3.15pm).

Officers Elected for the Forthcoming Year.

We would like to offer our congratulations and good wishes to the following who were elected to serve in the various Company offices for the forthcoming year that starts from their Installation on 21st September.

MASTER – KEVIN THOMAS

UPPER WARDEN – J MORAG LOADER

MIDDLE WARDEN – MARCUS FINCHAM

RENTER WARDEN – PAUL MORTON

DEPUTY MASTER – ANTHONY THOMAS

Collection of Quarterage payments for 2016 - 2017.

The Court of the Company formally accepted the Honorary Treasurer's recommendation that the Quarterage (Annual subscription) to be charged to members for the current year (2016- 2017) should be **£245** for Liverymen and Freemen and **£122.50p** for those members paying the reduced rate including those permanently resident overseas and classified as "International". As the majority of Members pay by Direct Debit you need take no action but you are formally advised based upon information supplied by our Direct Debit Processing Centre these amounts will be collected by Banks during week commencing 26th August.

For those of you who make your own arrangements I would be grateful if you would either let me have a cheque for this amount by 31st August or if paying by credit transfer please ensure you advise our Treasurer by email of the date and time of the payment and use as a reference your Surname initials and the word QUART16 so that this can be properly tracked.

If you have recently changed your Bank details and not notified us, please contact the Clerk by phone as soon as possible as a new Mandate will need to be completed.

Common Hall for the Election of the Lord Mayor – Thursday 29th September 2016

Any Eligible Liveryman wishing an Admission ticket to Guildhall for the Election of the Lord Mayor is asked to contact the Clerk personally so this may be issued. On this occasion, as it is the same day as the ATT Luncheon, no arrangements will be made to book for Lunches at a Livery Hall afterwards.

Other forthcoming events

Of particular interest to members living in the North of England
SAT 13th AUGUST - ASSIZE OF ALE – 1.50pm - Organised by Guild of Scriveners of York – a medieval procession from Guildhall to Mansion House via various public houses in City of York.
Contact our own Court assistant Jean Jesty for further information.

EVENTS TO MARK THE 350th ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON

As you are probably aware this year marks the 350th Anniversary of the Great Fire which resulted in the complete destruction of vast swathes of the City of London as it was then in 1666. The City of London and other organisations are marking the anniversary in a number of ways which may be of interest to you or your families.

Museum of London – Special Exhibition – FIRE! FIRE! which opened last month and runs until 17th April 2017. Advance timed Admission £8 during Museum opening Hours.

On each of the following days -Thursday 1st; Friday 2nd Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th September

1700 -2200 – Broadgate Exchange Square – *Holoscenes* an illuminated and animated aquarium-like sculpture

2030 – 2300 – St Paul’s Cathedral – a projection by artist Martin Fairrell incorporating responses inspired by the anniversary.

20.30 – 23.30 – Tower of London – *Companie Carabosse* a street art group of fire alchemists will create a fiery response to the great Fire.

Friday 2nd September - probably around 0830 am – sounding of Fire alarms throughout City of London.

Saturday 3rd September – late afternoon – *Dominoes* – a row of large breezeblocks will retrace the path of the fire staged by Station Opera House. Volunteers are required so if you want to take part contact <https://volunteerteam.london.gov.uk/opportunities/7957>

Details of the route will be released later.

Sunday 4th September – *London’s Burning* a recreation of 17th Century London on barges to be moored in the Thames between Blackfriars and Waterloo Bridges will be set alight to recreate the fire. Precise timings not yet released but information will be available on City of London website. Again volunteers are required <https://volunteerteam.london.gov.uk/opportunities/7985>

Sunday 25th September 2016 - ANNUAL SHEEP DRIVE ACROSS LONDON BRIDGE

Now organised on an annual basis by the Worshipful Company of Woolmen, assisted by the Guild of Young Freemen. This is an opportunity for any Freeman of the City of London to “exercise their ancient Right” to drive a sheep across a quarter of the length of London Bridge. A great family day and photo opportunity.

If you are interested you must apply directly for a place to the Woolmens’ Company www.sheepdrive.london<<http://www.sheepdrive.london>>

This year there will also be a Wool Fair at Monument.

Tuesday 25th October 2016 - HISTORY OF TAX LECTURE –Full details have already been circulated but if you haven’t yet booked your place please contact Ann Bailey.

Tuesday 20th December 2016 - SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS followed by Seasonal Supper at Haberdashers’ Hall. A Court Meeting will also be held that afternoon at Information Technologists’ Hall. Full details of the Carol Service and Supper will be circulated in the autumn.

Warmest regards,

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