

The Worshipful Company of Tax Advisers

Clerk's Bulletin – March 2017

Dear Liverymen, Freemen & Companions

This is a short Bulletin accompanying the Master's Spring letter to members following our most successful Budget Banquet at Stationers' Hall a couple of weeks ago.

Quarterage for 2017 – 2018

At the Court Meeting held on 7th March members received and accepted a recommendation from the Treasurer that there should be a modest increase in the Quarterage (or annual subscription) charged to all members from 1st July 2017.

The new rates are Full Rate (payable by most members) **£250** and the reduced rate payable by members living overseas or under the age of 40 year **£125**.

For those of you whose quarterages are collected by Direct Debit these new amounts will be charged when collected in July.

A couple of reminders –

Company Committees these will be held on **Tuesday 11th April 2017** at Information Technologists' Hall. Members involved will be advised directly by the respective Committee Secretaries nearer the time.

Visit to Tower Bridge – Tuesday 11th April, places still available and another copy of the flyer is attached.

Civic & Charity Luncheon – Monday 19th June 2017. This year we have been very fortunate in securing the use of Girdlers' Hall which is rarely made available to other Companies. The Flyer for this event is attached.

Common Hall for the Election of Sheriffs & other Officers – Monday 26th June. An opportunity for Liverymen to exercise their rights to Elect Sheriffs for the ensuing year. If you have never done so why not come along and take part in this unique form of local democracy? A flyer is attached.

Company members attending will adjourn afterwards to have lunch at Founders' Hall.

Merchandise Let me start with an apology some of you who are waiting for ties will have noted that there has been rather a long delay. Unfortunately, the supplier needed to source a new manufacturer overseas to complete our order. We hope to receive stocks of both blue and maroon ties towards the end of April at which point all outstanding orders will be despatched.

City Events – the Company's website has recently had added details of a new exhibition in the Guildhall Art Gallery that may be of interest.

Echoes Across the Century (31st March – 16th July) Arising from an idea within Livery Schools Link number of Livery Companies have worked with the Artist, Jane Churchill, funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, and schools around London looking at aspects of the First World War.

Other City venues –

As a Livery Company we regularly get updates about the events being held as part of the regular programmes of the following organisations

Temple Music – regular concerts are held in the historic Temple Church, not far from the Royal Courts of Justice.

Guildhall School of Music & Drama – exceptionally high quality performances by students of the school.

Gresham College -a series of free lectures held throughout the year at various venues including Barnard's Inn Hall, The Museum of London & Guildhall.

I would urge any member interested in these to look at the respective website for more information and how to book tickets.

Do you want to know more about the City and some of its more unusual traditions?

Paul Jagger, a Court assistant of the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists has published a really useful book – The City of London Freeman’s Guide. The third and significantly improved Edition has just been published along with a fascinating and well-illustrated map showing the location of all the 40 Livery Halls and 45 Churches in the City. Both these items are available for sale direct from information Technologists’ Hall however we might be able to get a discount if the Company were to place a bulk order of 25 copies or more.

If you are interested, please let the Clerk know.

Paul Jagger is also an interesting speaker, and quite an expert on Heraldry. On the 4th April he will be holding his next talk *Heraldry of the City of London and its Livery Companies* at Charterhouse, at 7.30pm. Tickets cost a modest £14.99 which will raise money for Charterhouse. To book please go to www.cityheraldry.eventbrite.co.uk

Finally, if you are still a Freeman and interested in progressing to the Livery the first criteria you must satisfy is to obtain your City Freedom. This process requires in almost all cases two visits to the Chamberlain’s Court that you need to arrange yourselves. Further details can be obtained from the Clerk. Having obtained your Freedom requests to advance are considered by the Company’s Membership Committee before being recommended to the Court. The Committee usually look for demonstrated commitment to the Company and its activities before making their recommendation. As “clothing ceremonies only take place at one of the four Court meetings held each year you are urged to indicate your wish to advance to the Clerk as soon as you are eligible.

Warmest regards,

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