

The Worshipful Company of Tax Advisers

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Dear Members

MASTER'S MAILING

This letter is being written in the immediate aftermath of our Installation Day, an exhausting but tremendously enjoyable day.

Installation Day

The day started with a group ceremony at Guildhall when 9 Freemen were granted their Freedom of the City of London accompanied by the then Master, Mike Gibbons, and Committee chairs, Lorraine Parkin and Michael Ashdown. We started these group ceremonies a couple of years ago and they have proved extremely popular. They enable members to get to know each other in a friendly atmosphere. If you are interested in obtaining your City of London Freedom, please contact Carolyn Finch, our Administration and Events Officer (office@taxadvisers.org.uk).

We then held our Court meeting at Merchant Taylors' Hall. We hold Court meetings every three months. These meetings enable us to review the work of our committees and special interest groups. We ensure that we are on track with our strategy. Usually there is a significant piece of business and this time it was to approve the accounts of the Worshipful Company and our two charities. These are available on our [website](http://www.taxadvisers.org.uk).

September sees changes to Court membership. Two Past Masters, John Dewhurst and Bob Harland, stepped down. We thanked them for their considerable service to the Company over many years, particularly John's work as Almoner and Bob's work on our strategy.

We welcomed one new Court member, Winnie Cao. She is a tax partner in Blick Rothenburg. Winnie is secretary of our Communications committee.

The membership of our committees also changes in September and full details are available on our [website](#).

At the end of the Court meeting, I was installed as Master, supported by Wardens Matthew Peppitt, Caroline Turnbull-Hall and Howard Ashmore and Deputy Master Mike Gibbons.

We advanced 8 Freemen to Liverymen and admitted 3 new Freemen. Many of the new Liverymen had fulfilled the requirement of being Free of the City of London earlier in the day. It is very encouraging to see so many people attracted to becoming members of the Company.

Our Installation service was held at St Michael's Cornhill. The move from our Livery church, Great St Barts, was made for convenience. Our Honorary Chaplain, Marcus Walker, moved with us to deliver the sermon, based on a text from Just William!

Finally we returned to Merchant Taylors' Hall for our Installation Dinner. We had almost 150 attending including our Guest of Honour, Baroness Hale, representatives of our military and cadet affiliates and other Livery companies and some of our prizewinners. Musical entertainment was provided by the SatinDollz. A great time was had by all.

Members' Survey

We carried out a survey of members during the summer and I am very grateful to the almost 30% of you who replied. We are currently analysing the responses and I'll update you later in the year. We intend to continue to survey our members in order to find out what you want from your Company.

Events

My diary is already filling up. In the next three months, the highlights will include:

- Thursday 17 October – an online lecture on Green Land Value taxation as part of the Lord Mayor's Knowledge Miles lecture series
- Tuesday 29 October – a History of Tax lecture entitled A History of Tax Avoidance by distinguished Freeman David Goldberg KC
- Saturday 9 November – the Lord Mayor's show
- Tuesday 17 December – Inter Livery Carol service and supper

Details are available on our [website](#). I look forward to seeing you at some of these events.

With best wishes



Richard Geldard
Master