

Headlines From the Hall

22 March 2018

Dear Merchant Taylor

The Livery gowns have been out in force so far this March, and will be again next week. We have also had time to make a little merry.

COMING UP: Wylford's Anniversary Service - Monday 26th March

All are welcome to the service on Monday, held at St Helen's Church, Bishopsgate at 12 noon, and to the buffet lunch afterwards. Please let the Beadle know (if you haven't yet) if you are joining us (afell@merchant-taylors.co.uk).

LAST FRIDAY 16th March - Exchange of Gavels

The Masters and Wardens, Clerks and Beadles of the Skinners' and Merchant Taylors' Companies attended this annual event at the Mansion House last week. Presided over by the Lord Mayor, the two Masters exchanged one gavel numbered six and the other seven, so that each Company has the numbered gavel appropriate to its position in the order of precedence for that year. Both Companies promised to maintain amity and concord within the City for the ensuing year. Let's see how they keep this up in the sporting season...

We officially become number six on Easter Monday.



Followed by the United Guilds Service

The group then moved on to the enormously popular annual United Guilds' Service at St Paul's Cathedral, which was once again filled to capacity. Members of all the Livery Companies joined with the Lord Major, Aldermen, family and friends to celebrate all the Guilds coming together. (This uplifting service originally came about to lift the spirits of the City following the Blitz.)

LAST THURSDAY 15th March - The Freemen Dinner

What larks! The freemen had a great time last week, passing the loving cup, quaffing fine wines, and listening to the co-founder of the fantastically successful Dishoom, the Irani Bombay-style cafes, Shamil Thakrar. This is an annual occasion, and always a really fun night.



If you would like to add anything to these Headlines, please get in touch with Georgina Annett on gannett@merchant-taylors.co.uk, or on 020 7450 4452.

