



Headlines from the Hall

17 July 2018

Dear Merchant Taylor

It's all change at the Hall...

The Master

Yesterday, Peter Magill's Mastership came to an end as he stood down and his successor, Duncan Eggar, was sworn in by Court.



Duncan Eggar, the new Master

The Clerk

Rear Admiral Nick Harris CB MBE also officially retired as the Clerk yesterday. Last Tuesday 10th July we held a farewell reception in the courtyard, where we raised a glass to his 12 years at the helm, and bid him health and happiness in his next adventure.

We wish a very warm welcome to his successor Rear Admiral John Clink CBE and his wife Jacqueline. John has spent over 35 years serving in the Royal Navy across the globe, including commanding HMS ARK ROYAL and as Commander British Forces Gibraltar in 2012. He was made Flag Officer Sea Training in 2015 - the senior officer responsible for all naval sea training. He was appointed OBE in 2002, became a rear admiral in 2014 and was awarded CBE in 2017.

John has been shadowing the past-Clerk for four weeks and is ready to set sail.



Rear Admiral John Clink CBE

The Wardens

Alongside him, the past-Master's Wardens also stepped down to make way for the new Master's team. Peter Watkins, Edward Charlton, Robert-Jan Temmink QC and Lady Harding stood aside for:



From left to right, Michael Cole Fontayn (Under Renter Warden), Peregrine Massey (Upper Renter), The Master, Dr John Sichel (First Upper Warden), Harry Parshall (Second Upper)

The Merchant Taylors' Chaplain

The new Master also brings with him a new chaplain, the Right Reverend Dr John Perumbalath, who is the Bishop of Bradwell in the CofE's Diocese of Chelmsford. A former priest in the united Church of North India's Diocese of Calcutta, Dr John originally comes from the ancient Syrian Christian community in Kerala, India and moved to England in 2011. He holds post-graduate degrees in philosophy and theology, and a doctoral degree in hermeneutics. He takes over from Rev Canon Julian Francis, who we thank for all his support over the past year.



Right Reverend Dr John Perumbalath

Liveryman at the 2018 Invictus Games



Lt Col Spencer Bull

We are very proud to report that Liveryman Lt Col Spencer H Bull has been selected as an athlete for Team UK INVICTUS Games 2018 and has been made vice captain of the entire squad. The 2018 Invictus Games are being held this October in Sydney. Read his remarkable story [here](#).

Bespoke Tailors' Benevolent Association Summer Party

The BTBA held their summer party at the Hall on Friday 6th July, and a number of Savile Row Bespoke Association (SRBA) apprentices were awarded [diplomas](#) for their work this year. Congratulations to:

Henry Burge – Henry Poole & Co (coatmaker)
Emily Hayward – Anderson & Sheppard (coatmaker)
Hannah Moore – Henry Poole & Co (coatmaker)
Alistair Nimmo – Kathryn Sargent (cutter)
Vivian Wang – Gieves & Hawkes (coatmaker)

Charity Visits Scheme

Sometimes the Company needs to know more about a charity before making the decision to become financially involved with them. Our Charity Visits Scheme allows volunteers from the membership to visit the charities and talk to staff, reporting back to the Charities Committee so a better informed decision can be made. Everyone is welcome to get involved, and to make a difference. For more information please visit our webpage [here](#)

To find out more, or to add an MT event to these listings, please contact Georgina Annett at gannett@merchant-tailors.co.uk or on 020 7450 4452.

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