



Headlines from the Hall

22 January 2019

Dear Merchant Taylor

We might have allowed the Hall a brief rest over Christmas, but as we undergo some pretty hefty renovations in the back offices, and had the quiz night, it's all go again. 2019 is not going to be a quiet one!

Update on the Master

Some very heartening news: the Master is now able to leave St Thomas' Hospital on 'day trips', returning to their care overnight. He expects to have surgery at the end of the month, a period of recuperation and then back into the fray!

Our new Membership Officer and upcoming Company events

Faye Whitnall, our new Membership Officer, is now in her third week and getting to grips with things incredibly well. For all membership matters and to book your place at membership events, she can be reached on fwhitnall@merchant-taylors.co.uk or on 020 7450 4448.

If you're still yet to book the Membership Lunch on 8th February, or the Livery Dinner on the 13th February, please contact Faye. An invitation email for the Freeman Dinner on the 14th March will be sent out later this week.

Merchant Taylors' Quiz Night - 16th January

Despite the twin challenges of 'Dry January' and the not-so-dry January weather, there was a record turn out for the annual quiz with more than 200 participants on 21 tables. After enjoying a welcome drink and choosing team names (ranging from 'Lambs to the Slaughter' to 'Bordeaux Blend' to 'Supply and Confidence') everyone was delighted to be welcomed by the Master.

It was a close competition, with three teams tying at the top and a tiebreaker to determine the winner - the question being 'what is the total number of words in the 'Harry Potter' novels?' The winning team was announced as 'Brusque Foresight' (MTSN Northwood) with 'Annie's Angels' (the Mistress's team) second and 'Nnnn nineteen' third.

We also used the contactless giving machines and raised a very respectable £640 (before Gift Aid) towards the Livery and Freeman Fund. Thank you so much to all donators, and for all who participated in such a fun evening.



The winning team, Merchant Taylors' School, Northwood

Inter-Livery Bridge - Monday 4th March



The 37th annual inter-livery bridge event will take place at 5pm at Drapers' Hall for up to 64 pairs to compete for an array of trophies and prizes. A splendid two-course Drapers' supper is served between two playing sessions. The entry form and rules can be found [here](#). All Company members and officers are eligible to play, and can be partnered by immediate family members.

London Landmarks Half Marathon - 24th March



The Clerk and his wife Jacqueline are running in the [London Landmarks Half Marathon](#) (the only half marathon to go through both the City of London and the City of Westminster, and an incredible way to experience London) in March to raise money for the Royal Marines Charity. They are keen to encourage other Merchant Taylors to join them! You can sign up to run [here](#). Or if you'd prefer, have a look [here](#) for information on volunteering to help out on the day. Finally, you can make a donation [here](#).

Skinner's Young Members' Evening - 29th May 2019

The Skinners will be holding an evening for young members of the Great XII Companies on 29th May 2019 at 6 for 6.30pm, following on from the Salters' Company's hugely successful event last year. Ten young members under 40 are invited from each livery company to meet other apprentices and members of the freedom and livery over champagne and canapes. Please let Faye know if you'd like to be put forward.

To find out more, or to add to these listings, please contact:

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