

Vernon's Anniversary Service - 13 December 2017

Over 300 members of the Company came along to St Michael's Church, Cornhill for the Annual Vernon's Service and then the buffet lunch at the Hall afterwards. A great turnout for a really joyous day.

Bindings & Admissions

On the same day the Master and Wardens admitted 10 new members to the Freedom of the Company and 5 young people were apprenticed. Congratulations and welcome to you all.

Ice Maiden

The Ice Maidens arrived at the South Pole on Sunday 17 December, the first staging point for their 1,700km journey. Congratulations! You can read all about their challenge here or follow them on twitter for the return journey!

'Charity Visits' Scheme

The Charity Visits scheme explained in Number 30 ensures that the Company's grant-funding goes to deserving causes and is well underway! Freeman Gill Lumdson, Apprentice Samad Arshad and Charities Committee member Revd. Canon Ralph Godsall have conducted the first due diligence visits to charities helping isolated elderly people. Contact charities@merchant-tailors.co.uk if you are interested in joining the scheme."

Quiz Night at MT Hall - 18 January 2018

Get your teams ready for the Company Quiz on 18 January 2018. Please make a table of 8-10 people and do invite guests, friends and family. Tickets are £25 per head which includes a light supper and entry fee. There will be a cash bar plus cash prizes!

Catch up on Merchant Taylor news by following us on twitter @MerchantTaylor1 or visiting our facebook page: www.facebook.com/merchant.tailors.3

Great 12 Quiz 2017

Congratulations to the Master and 9 members of the Company who came second in the Great 12 Quiz on 29 November, narrowly missing out by 1/2 a point to the Mercers' Company!

Ice Maiden

The Company is watching with great interest the Ice Maiden expedition. A British Army team will become the first all-female team to ski across Antarctica using muscle power alone. You can read all about their challenge [here](#) or follow them on [twitter](#) for updates on their progress.

Visits to Schools

The Master and Mrs Magill made their second visit to Crosby in three weeks on Friday to attend the boys speech day. They had previously attended the girls speech day on 17 November. During these visits they are able to see classroom [life](#).

Lord Mayor's Show

The Lord Mayor's Show was held on 11 November 2017. As always it was a great event but this year Merchant Taylors' had a fallow year with the Master not playing any part in the formal proceedings. He and Mrs Magill did, however, have a great time both watching, the parade and hosting lunch here at the Hall afterwards. The chocolate fountain was, as always, a great success with even the children getting a look in!

Ladies Dinner and Military Affiliates Awards

The Ladies Dinner and Military Affiliates Awards were held on 14 November 2017. The Company awards nominees from our Military Affiliates each year at this Livery Dinner. Accepting his award from the Master is [Petty Officer Toby Jones](#) from the Second Mine Countermeasures Squadron. The guest speaker was [Miss Jane Garvey](#), who is a presenter of Woman's Hour on radio 4. Miss Garvey is a Liverpudlian and attended Merchant Taylors' Girls School, Crosby.

New Honorary Freeman

The Company is pleased to announce that [The Rt Rev & Rt Hon The Lord Chartres KCVO ChStJ FSA](#) was made an Honorary Freeman of the Company at a Court on 16 November 2017.