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Dear Liveryman & Freeman,

THREE "R"s : ROYALTY, ROMANCE AND REGULATIONS

ROYALTY

Booking has just closed for our private evening tour of the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace, with dinner afterwards in the Selkirk room at the Caledonian Club but our other event with Royal connections is to Henry VIII's former wine cellar deep underneath The Ministry of Defence Building, in Whitehall. There we will award the Tax Advisers Prize to the Adjutant General's Corp ("AGC") and as this represents a unique opportunity to visit this unusual venue, which requires advanced security clearance, please do sign up this week. Dinner afterwards will be at the National Liberal Club – described by some as the "grandest Victorian Loo in all of England" due to the tiles that adorn the walls but which, without doubt, has the finest terrace over-looking the Thames and the Lady Violet Room will provide elegant private dining for the company and our guests from the AGC.

The flyer is on the website:

http://taxadvisers.org.uk/content/view.cfm/downloads/AGC_Presentation.pdf

ROMANCE

Die Fledermaus is a wonderful introduction to opera – its light hearted look at the notions of romance in Belle Epoque Vienna has glamour, beautiful costumes, humour & Johann Strauss's magnificent tunes set within the magical gardens of West Green House; "Country House Opera at its best"!

Before the performance there will be a champagne reception and grand "picnic" seated in the Raj Tents (In the glasshouse if not set fair), including fine wines and this should allow some opportunity to replenish our reserves from the gentle exercise we will undertake on our visit to the National Trust property, "The Vyne" in the morning. On Sunday after a church service in

Grade 1 Listed Mattingley Church, there will be a sit-down lunch of roasted Berkshire "Hog" at my farm and then a farm walk.

The Master's weekend will take place over Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st July 2019. See: http://taxadvisers.org.uk/content/view.cfm/downloads/Masters_Weekend_2019_Flyer_Final.pdf

REGULATION

During the current year, we have admitted 13 new Freemen and advanced 8 Freemen to Liverymen, with our June Court meeting still to go. These show a strong continuing interest in joining the Company and advancing. If you are interested in advancing to become a Liveryman, then please contact the Clerk who will be delighted to assist you.

Under the enthusiastic leadership of the new chairman of our Social committee, Vaughan Robinson, we have held a wide range of events in addition to our four main dinners and lunch. The attendance at these events has been very encouraging, with some of them sold out – so please do book early as it is sometimes possible to increase capacity at our events but only if we have advance notice.

At the March meeting, the Court set the quarterage rates for our year commencing 1 July 2019 as follows:

Resident in the UK	
Freemen and Liverymen (aged 40 and over)	275.00
Freemen and Liverymen (aged under 40)	137.50
Resident overseas	
Freemen and Liverymen (all ages)	137.50

These rates represent the lowest of all of the Modern Livery companies and The Court has worked incredibly hard to maintain these at such a low level.

The Treasurer will be sending out the quarterage invoices in early July. For those paying by direct debit, the amounts will be collected on or just after 1 August 2019.

Last year, 40% of our members signed up to have their quarterage collected by direct debit. The process for signing up with GoCardless is very simple and there were no problems with the collection of the payments. I would strongly encourage all members who have not set up a direct debit to consider doing so for next year. This helps you by ensuring that your payments are collected on time and helps the Company by reducing the time that we have to spend chasing payment.

If you would like to have your quarterage collected by direct debit, then please contact our Treasurer (richard.geldard@btinternet.com) and he will help you.

RÉSUMÉ (A FOURTH “R” FOR LUCK!)

Your company is thriving – with its finances in good shape and events well attended but none of this occurs without the dedication and enthusiasm of the Court and Committees. This management team is not a “closed-shop” and it is very much open to all and if you would like to take part then please do contact me or any member of the Court and they will be delighted to discuss the roles available.

With all best wishes

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