

The Worshipful Company of Tax Advisers

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Dear Liveryman & Freeman,

ONWARDS, UPWARDS, INWARDS AND OUTWARDS

ONWARDS

The Company has had an active start to its first quarter of the 2018/19 year – with a particular highlight being the Inter Livery Quiz; this is the first Inter-Livery Event that we have organised and raises the company's profile in the city. Sue Christensen did a first class job of pulling in our friends from the FSG and providing a memorable evening for us all – even if we did graciously let the Actuaries claim the beautiful specially commissioned pewter trophy.

Looking onwards we hope to build on this success and further raise our profile by organising one more event, that being the first ever Inter-Livery Chess Competition but more information on this in the future.

UPWARDS

For the first time The Livery Companies of London took part in the Service of Remembrance at St Paul's and this year was particularly moving as it was the 100 year anniversary of the armistice after WW1. We looked upwards to the heavens and gave thanks for those who put us before themselves.

INWARDS

Like any membership organisation we need to regulate our own conduct and operate within the legal & regulatory framework in which we live and so The Company has published a Code of Conduct and a Safeguarding Policy to assist members. This is available on our website or by clicking the following link: <http://www.taxadvisers.org.uk/policies>

A vital part of the Company's activities is to maintain the Tax Advisers' Benevolent Fund ("TABF") which provides assistance to members who are in financial need, particularly as a result of circumstances beyond their control. In addition to the TABF we think that the Company has a responsibility to offer moral support to members who may be in other types of difficulty and may for any reason feel that they cannot find help elsewhere.

Recent examples were advice relating to a professional dispute and discussing ways of handling cash flow issues which were making it difficult to meet quarterage payments. Two or three years ago Past Master Clive Tulloch took on the role of Member Support Officer which means being the first port of call for any member in need of advice or assistance which the Company or someone actively engaged in Company affairs might be able to give. Past Master John Dewhurst is now fulfilling the role and he can be contacted by email sent to jdewhurst@chowndewhurst.com or by calling him on 07799 118 382

OUTWARDS

One of the Characteristics of the Livery Companies is that they spend a great deal of time interacting with each other and with other partners in society.

The Carol Service has been well trailed for Tuesday 18th December but I was delighted last night to speak to the Master Actuary, at their annual lecture, who said how delighted their company was to be joining with us at the service this year at St Bartholomew The Great, with our new Chaplain The Rev'd Marcus Walker and then attending a dinner ably organised by our Clerk at Haberdasher's Hall. This event enhances the fellowship within the company and all the different companies that participate.

The next big event is the Budget Banquet on 7th March and this is really the dinner where we host the most guests – with many Masters of Livery Companies attending. This year we will be in the splendid surroundings of Clothworker's Hall and I encourage you all to bring at least one guest and preferably someone who hasn't experienced such an event before, to share this special evening.

As we open up new relationships there are inevitably new opportunities and one which I am particularly looking forward to is the Awards Ceremony & Reception in Henry VIII's wine cellar, which is hidden and very securely guarded underneath the Ministry of Defence. We are awarding the WCOTA Prize to the best CIMA Finalist in the Adjutant General's Corp and afterwards there will be a dinner at a nearby London Club.

EVENTS

All flyers for events can be found on our website, www.taxadvisers.org.uk under the section [Calendar of Events](#) which is updated regularly as more details become known.

I look forward to seeing you at one of our autumn events.

Warm regards,

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