

# *The Worshipful Company of Tax Advisers*

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Dear Members,

While the sun has shone on precious few days since my last mailing, the City's year and the work and activities of the Worshipful Company of Tax Advisers have continued largely unaffected by poor weather. By luck or providence almost all the outdoor events have fallen on the very few fine days we have enjoyed since the beginning of the year.

## **Corporate Partners**

Discussions with potential corporate partners, to which I referred in my last mailing, have resulted in two new relationships benefiting the Company and its members.

### Rathbones

We will partner with Rathbones, a leading UK wealth manager, over the coming year. This new partnership will be launched at the Budget Banquet on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Together we will then co-host a professional seminar at their Gresham Street premises on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April. Details will be published very soon.

### Croner

A new partnership with Croner will provide Company members with the opportunity to take part in Croner tax webinars, hosted by industry leaders, and to receive a 20% discount on Croner's Navigate Tax Libraries content.

To take advantage of this scheme, please register at: [WCTA and Croner Partnership](#) to receive an introduction to the partnership content by Croner-i staff. Or you can book a demonstration first via: [Croner Navigate Tax](#). These links will be available on the Company's website in due course.

## **Young Tax Advisers**

The Company's Young Tax Advisers group was launched on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at The City Livery Club. The group focuses on the interests of younger members, arranges events aimed mainly at those in the earlier years of their professional careers, and provides a channel of communication between its membership and Court. If you would like to know more, please contact Maria Kendrick or Maceo Williams-Frederick ([young@taxadvisers.org.uk](mailto:young@taxadvisers.org.uk)).

## **22<sup>nd</sup> Inter-Livery Pancake Races**

The annual Inter-Livery Pancake Races, organised by the Poulterers, coincided fortuitously with some rare fine weather. Alison Delorie, our team manager, did a tremendous job once again in ensuring that a competitive team of Tax Advisers lined up in Guildhall Yard on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February. Renter Warden Michael Ashdown, Liveryman John Manning (in a costume representing taxes on gaming and gambling), and Freeman Karen Nally each performed very creditably – which compensated for my own relative underperformance. I must have been one of the very few contestants who did not come prepared with duct tape to stick my chef's hat to my head and I lost the hat in the crowd at the halfway turn round the traffic cones. I retrieved it to avoid disqualification, but the consequent delay proved fatal to my chances of progressing to the final. Anyway, we ended the day prize-less but happy.

## **Other highlights of the Winter**

I have greatly enjoyed all the events at which I have represented the Company over the Winter months – too many to mention individually. But they have included:

- The Festival of St. Cecilia at Westminster Abbey celebrating the work of the charity, Help Musicians. An administrative error by the organisers resulted in my being allocated one of the best seats in the abbey and leading out the procession.
- The Management Accountancy Service (Army) Winter Dinner Night at Army HQ, a highly entertaining evening which adjourned to the Mess bar until the early hours.
- The Playing Card Makers' Installation Dinner at the Mansion House where I was the guest of the new Master, Nick Prentice, one of our own Liverymen. The Worshipful Company of Tax Advisers is Nick's mother company and together we are planning a joint Tax Advisers & Playing Card Makers Lunch at Dyers' Hall on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July. Places will be limited, so do register early, as soon as the flyer is circulated, especially if you have not visited the Dyers' wonderful hall before.
- And, of course, our own Carol Service at St. Bartholomew the Great and Christmas Supper afterwards at Butchers' Hall, a high point of the Livery year when family, personal friends, and friends from across the Livery come together to be good company to each other. Thank you to Marcus Walker, our Honorary Chaplain, Rose Murphy and the team at St. Bartholomew the Great.

## **Thank you to Carolyn Finch...**

As I am sure you know, our Administrative Officer, Carolyn Finch, retired at the end of January. With her hallmark of personal contact, Carolyn has supported us for over a decade and has had a hugely positive impact on the Company throughout that time. She will be a guest at the Civic & Charities Lunch on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June at Bakers' Hall when she will be awarded Companionship of the Company.

## **...and welcome to Petra Repkova**

We welcome Petra Repkova as our new Administrative Offer. Many of you will already have met Petra, at least virtually, and you will have a chance to say hello in person at the Budget Banquet on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Thank you**

Finally, thank you to everyone else who has contributed to the life of the Company so far in 2025/26. Your contributions to our charities, to our professional and social events, and to our committees are very much appreciated. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Budget Banquet on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Don't forget that if you have sponsored a new member through to admission within the last 12 months, you can bring a guest to the Banquet free of charge (contact [clerk@taxadvisers.org.uk](mailto:clerk@taxadvisers.org.uk)).

With my best wishes,

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