

THE MASTER'S BLOG 31

SADDLERS' CHAMPAGNE TEA: MONDAY 18 JUNE 2018

Situated just a few minutes' walk from St Paul's Cathedral, Saddlers' Hall is the venue for this afternoon's Consorts' event and the Mistress enjoys a short tour of the Hall, meeting other Consorts and sampling the sandwiches and champagne.

LIVERY COMMITTEE DINNER: MONDAY 18 JUNE 2018

This evening, I head to Ironmongers' Hall for a dinner hosted by the Livery Committee of the City of London. Invitations have been issued to one third of the Masters and their Clerks and we have an excellent meal in good company. Chairman of the Committee, Richard Regan OBE, Deputy gives and after dinner speech talking about the role of the Livery Committee and the response is given by Air Vice-Marshal Robert Judson (Rtd). As well as hearing about some of his operational flights, it is intriguing to hear Bob talking about flying Spitfires- the name chosen by the current cohort of Masters, Prime Wardens and Upper Bailiff for their Past Masters' Association.

HACKNEY CARRIAGE TREASURE TOUR: TUESDAY 19 JUNE 2018

Teams of four Consorts are dispatched in black cabs this afternoon for a Treasure Hunt organised by Tracy Hammond, Consort of the Master of the Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers. Great fun is had by all and the Mistress Plumber (who at one stage wore a paper dress constructed from materials kindly donated by a butcher at Borough Market) is pleased to report that the team of which she was part came first- with her fellow team members being Mistress Chartered Accountant, Mistress Parish Clerk and the Plumbers' Sheila Sofaer. The hunt is followed by what the Mistress describes as "a delicious afternoon tea" in Bakers' Hall.



LORD MAYOR'S TAX ADVISERS' DEBATES: TUESDAY 19 JUNE 2018

Organised jointly by the Worshipful Company of Tax Advisers and the Chartered Institute of Taxation, tonight's debates in Mansion House are introduced by the Lord Mayor as part of his "Business of Trust" programme. Experts debate the current situation relating to taxation practice both in the UK and internationally. Although some of the detail is a little outside my area of knowledge, this is an interesting event and I leave feeling that I know a little more about the way in which taxation is currently going.

EDUCATION AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEES: WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE 2018

The Company's Education and Technical Committees come together again today for a joint meeting and we have an excellent meeting covering a range of subjects including the Annual Lecture, the WaterSafe Approved Installers' Scheme and the Company's Bursaries and Awards. This meeting takes place in the offices of our Upper Warden, Alderman Dame Fiona Woolf, which are situated above Cannon Street Railway Station (the site of the Company's last Hall).

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE 2018

Back to Carpenters' Hall this afternoon for a meeting of our Social Committee (which plans and oversees the programme of events, and in particular our social events). As well as reviewing the events which have taken place since the last meeting, the meeting considers the plans for the next Livery year which commences in October 2018.

