



The Company of Cutlers' Freeman's events, 2017-18

Freemans Dinner

The Freeman's Dinner was held on Monday 4 December 2017 and was attended by 241 Freeman, Friends and their guests. The main speech given by Mr Chris Brown who outlined his business and the general situation in manufacturing. The evening was enjoyed by all and the overall impression of manufacturing was upbeat despite the likely headwinds caused by Brexit.

Freemen's Social Dinner.

A Freeman's Black Tie Social Dinner was held on Thursday 22 March 2018. This was organized by the Freeman's Committee and attended by 115 Freeman, Friends and their guests. The Master made a short speech of welcome to those present and thanked the Chairman and Members of the Freeman's Committee for such an enjoyable event. Rachel Abbott, the Chairman of the Freeman's Committee responded saying that the Freeman's Committee was working well but reminding all that it was there for the Freeman and that anyone who wished to come and observe proceedings was welcome.

Freemen's Luncheon

The Freeman's Luncheon was held on Friday 20 April 2018. . The Luncheon was attended by **58** Freeman, Friends and their guests, a 50% increase on the previous year. The Master Cutler presided and made a short speech outlining that the Company is doing well and in very good heart. At the end of the meal, tours of the Hall were led by the Beadle.

Ladies' Luncheon

The ladies Luncheon has now been run for 7 years and has grown year on year. This year however was exceptional with 104 ladies including the Mistress, Members, Freeman, Friends, Members and Freeman's wives along with invited guests attending. This year it took place on Friday 29 June 2018. The Mistress Cutler presided despite a recent requirement for her to have an operation in hospital and as a consequence, the Master Cutler interrupted proceedings to present with a large bunch of flowers to thank her. The Mistress addressed the luncheon briefly and those present were complimentary about the event and the general ambiance. This has now become a permanent fixture in the Calendar.