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## Access to the Bar Awards - Can you provide a placement in chambers or on the bench?

The Middle Temple Access to the Bar scheme was set up to encourage able students from disadvantaged and/or underrepresented backgrounds with the potential to be successful barristers to make a more informed choice about a career at the Bar. The original eight Awards, named after Michael Sherrard, have been added to with 5 COMBAR Awards and most recently ten Jeremy McMullen Awards. More information can be found by clicking [here](#). It is an extremely worthwhile scheme, as illustrated by this [report](#) from one of the 2015 award winners.

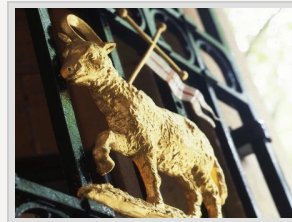


Each award consists of one week of work experience in chambers and one week as a marshal with a judge, which typically take place at the end of June and beginning of July, however we can be flexible with dates. If you would be able to assist with either of these types of placements we would be most grateful. Please contact Sally Yorke ([s.yorke@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:s.yorke@middletemple.org.uk)) if you are interested in getting involved or for more information.

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## 2017 Deputy Treasurer Elect

The list of all those Benchers eligible for the role of Deputy Treasurer Elect in 2017 has now been published in the members' section of the [Middle Temple website](#) which provides more detail, including a role description for the office of Treasurer and selection criteria.



Please note that you will need to log into the website by entering your registration number or email address and password when prompted. If you have forgotten your password, there is a link on the login page from which you can reset it. Should you have any problems logging into the website, please do not hesitate to contact Lauren McHardy at [L.McHardy@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:L.McHardy@middletemple.org.uk).

At the Parliament meeting on 12 April, Ordinary Benchers will be invited to review the list of eligible Benchers posted on the Inn's website and, in the light of that list, to:

- (a) submit to the Under Treasurer in confidence an expression of interest if they are eligible and wish to be considered as a potential candidate for the office of Deputy Treasurer Elect; and/or
- (b) nominate in confidence the name or names of Benchers who are eligible and whom they wish to

put forward for consideration as potential candidates for Deputy Treasurer Elect.

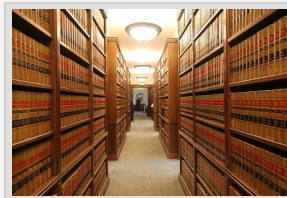
The deadline for nominations and expressions of interest is Sunday 15 May 2016.

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## Drop-In Mindfulness Sessions - Thursday 4 February 2016

Middle Temple are hosting Drop-In Mindfulness Sessions every Thursday for 6 weeks, starting from 14 January 2016, between 18:00 and 19:00, in the Sherrard Room.

The sessions will be led by Duncan Steen, who has taught meditation and mindfulness for 25 years all over London, including the City Lit, LSE, YMCA and BA.



The three remaining sessions will be on:

- Thursday 4 February 2016
- Thursday 11 February 2016
- Thursday 18 February 2016

There's no need to book. Just drop-in and bring a £5 donation with you.

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## Honorary Bench Call - Tuesday 9 February 2016

The following are being called as Masters of the Bench on Tuesday 9 February 2016:

- Judge Patrick Robinson
- Chief Justice Zaila McCalla
- Sir Geoffrey Palmer
- Andrea Coomber

Please do come and support our new Benchers, who will each give a short speech after Dinner.

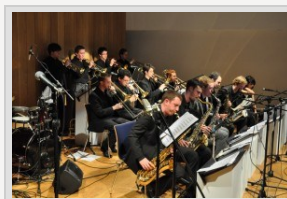
For more information and to book tickets please email me at [benchers@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:benchers@middletemple.org.uk).



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## Music Night: Callum au Big Band - Friday 12 February 2016

On Friday 12 February 2016 the Callum Au Big Band will join us once again. Back by popular demand, no less than 19 musicians, including vocalists, will entertain us with a mixture of jazz and big band music.



For more information and to book tickets please email me at [benchers@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:benchers@middletemple.org.uk).

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## Ordinary Dining Night - Saturday 13 February 2016

Join us for Ordinary Dining Night on Saturday 13 February 2016 from 18:45.



Guests are more than welcome but please book soon to avoid disappointment.

For more information and to book tickets please email me at [benchers@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:benchers@middletemple.org.uk).



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## Sunday Lunch - 14 February 2016

Join us on Sunday 14 February 2016 for Sunday Lunch in Hall.

Guests are welcome to attend and all are welcome beforehand at Temple Church for Choral Matins from 11:15.

For more information and to book tickets please email me at [benchers@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:benchers@middletemple.org.uk).



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## Guest Lecture - Monday 15 February 2016 New Reduced Ticket Prices

On Monday 15 February 2016 Master David Anderson will be delivering a guest lecture on "Terrorism and Europe".

In 2011 Master Anderson was appointed by the Home Secretary to be the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation, a part-time role which he combines with his practice commitments. His report *A Question of Trust* bore fruit in the Investigatory Powers Bill 2015. He was named by The Times in 2012 as one of the UK's 100 most influential lawyers and chosen as Legal Personality of the Year by the judges of the Halsbury Legal Awards 2015.

**After a review of Guest Lecture prices we are pleased to announce a new pricing structure. Benchers and guest tickets have been reduced to £10 per person.**

For more information and to book tickets please email me at [benchers@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:benchers@middletemple.org.uk).



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## Reader's Feast - Tuesday 16 February 2016

On Tuesday 16 February 2016 Master Reader, The Rt Hon Sir Richard Aikens, will be giving an interesting talk on "1916: War, Treason and Middle Temple".

Please do join us for a reception and dinner from 18:30.

For more information and to book tickets please email me at [benchers@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:benchers@middletemple.org.uk).



# Terrorism: Protecting Yourself, Your Business, Each Other - Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 February 2016

Terrorism and the fear of terrorism play a small but important part in our lives. Understanding the threat and knowing how to respond can reduce the risk and the fear at the same time.

We don't have to be scared. We can be prepared.

"Terrorism: Protecting Yourself, Your Business, Each Other" is a 45 minute presentation designed to increase your understanding of terrorist threat and response. Drawing on up-to-date guidance from the police and security services, it is particularly relevant to anyone living or spending time in Central London.

Subjects will include:

- The current threat
- Responding to various forms of attack
- Preparing in advance

Presented by Alexander Williams, Security & Front of House Manager for Middle Temple, and former Counter Terrorism Security Adviser at City of London Police.

17:30 - Tuesday 16 February 2016 - Rutledge Suite, Ashley Building, Middle Temple Lane

17:30 - Wednesday 17 February 2016 - Queen's Room

To book your free place, please contact Alexander Williams by 11 February 2016 on 020 7427 4848, or at [a.williams@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:a.williams@middletemple.org.uk).



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## Private Guest Night - Thursday 25 February 2016

The next Private Guest Night will take place on Thursday 25 February 2016.

There are very limited numbers remaining, so please do get in touch quickly.

For more information and to book tickets please email me at [benchers@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:benchers@middletemple.org.uk).



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## Middle Temple Survive and Thrive Programme - Monday 29 February 2016

Join us for the second event in the Middle Temple Survive and Thrive Programme, "How to think like the SAS, perform like an athlete and bounce-back like an entrepreneur", with guest speakers Andy McCann, a leading sports psychologist, James Pereira QC of Francis Taylor Building Chambers and Master Anna Ford.

This event is free to attend for members, £10 for non-members and is accredited with 2 hours of CPD. For more information and to book tickets please email me at [benchers@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:benchers@middletemple.org.uk).



**Tickets to this event are selling out fast. It is likely, on the present rate of uptake, that this event will be sold out by the end of this week. Members are urged to reserve their places quickly. Members are also encouraged to keep an eye open for future events in this series, which will be of a**

similarly impressive standard and of great importance to taking modern practice forward.

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## More Events - Looking forward to March

Tuesday 8 March 2016 - Music Night: Nash Ensemble  
Thursday 10 March 2016 - Call Day (dinner afterwards)  
Sunday 13 March 2016 - Sunday Lunch  
Monday 14 March 2016 - Guest Lecture: Master Clive Stafford Smith  
Tuesday 22 March 2016 - MTHS Supper Talk (bookings via [mths@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:mths@middletemple.org.uk))



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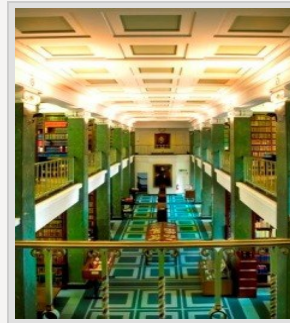
## Notices and Other Events at Middle Temple

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### Library Newsletter

The Library's latest newsletter is available online and includes updates on library events and services, such as new additions to Lexis Library; the Library's current exhibition on the Temple and its relationship with the Thames; the Court of Ecclesiastical Causes Reserved (with Henry Moore and a block of cheese); the newest acquisitions to the Library's collection

To view the Library's latest newsletter please click [here](#).



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### New Middle Temple Bicycle Enclosure

Responding to an increase in the number of cyclists coming into the Inn and addressing the issue of how we could make parking bicycles more secure, the Inn has formed a new bicycle enclosure at the North end of the Queen Elizabeth Building Car Park. To do this, several car parking spaces have been forfeited and as can be seen from the photograph to the right, the area is fenced off and an access controlled gate has been installed.

The Inn has offered cyclists the opportunity to rent a space in the enclosure at £25 per quarter plus VAT. There is also a small annual fee of £5 plus VAT for the bike to be tagged.

If you are interested in learning more about this facility, please contact the Estates Office on 020 7427 4840 or email [r.simpson@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:r.simpson@middletemple.org.uk).

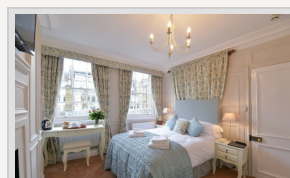


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### Booking Middle Temple Lodgings Online

The Inn has six overnight lodgings available for hire in 3 Middle Temple Lane, a Grade II\* Listed Building dating back to 1680.

Previously, the majority of members have booked this through our Treasury Department on 020 7427 4800.



However, this is restricted to between the hours of 09:30 and 16:30, Monday to Friday. Whilst this method can still be used, we have also developed the online tool allowing members to book their lodgings quickly and in a simple way.

As the website can be accessed at any time throughout the day, bookings can be completed at the convenience of members. Once logged in, members can view the availability of suites, their various prices and complete bookings at the checkout. We have created a set of instructions for placing online bookings, which is available [here](#).

For more information on logging into the website, please contact Tamara Obeng, Online Services Administrator, on [T.Obeng@middletemple.org.uk](mailto:T.Obeng@middletemple.org.uk).

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## *The Dark Lady and The Tender Churl* at Middle Temple Hall - Saturday 23 April 2016

On Saturday 23 April 2016, the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, [The Fourth Choir](#) will be performing *The Dark Lady* and *The Tender Churl* at Middle Temple Hall.

This tribute to Shakespeare focuses on the tortured love triangle portrayed in the Sonnets between Shakespeare, the Dark Lady and the handsome younger man referred to as the Tender Churl. Choral music from Shakespeare's own time down to the present day will be intermingled with a dramatic performance of some of the most famous Sonnets. A highlight of the concert will be the world première of the winning entry of a competition launched by the Fourth Choir in November for a new choral setting of one of the Sonnets.



A Priority Booking Period is being offered exclusively to Middle Temple members until February 14 2016. A strictly limited number of Patrons' Tickets at £50 are available. The holders of the first one hundred Patrons' Tickets will be invited to a private champagne reception in the Prince's Room in the interval and will be named and thanked in the programme.

For more information please visit the [registration website](#).

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## New Hotel - Z City - Middle Temple Rates

Z City is situated immediately behind Temple Church and is accessed from Fleet Street.

Middle Temple has agreed reduced rates at all Z Hotels. To view the corporate rates please visit their website at [www.thezhotels.com](http://www.thezhotels.com) and click on "Corporate Bookings" at the bottom left of the page. The following login details will give you access:

**Username:** Middle Temple  
**Password:** temple

The corporate discount is applicable at their Liverpool, Glasgow, London Victoria, London Piccadilly and London Soho hotels.



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## Leeds Lawyers Get Childcare Boost

The Bar Council has just launched its second nursery



partnership, this time in Leeds. After the success of its first Bar Nursery in London, the Bar Council is now offering special rates to barristers in Leeds and surrounding areas for childcare at The Bar Nursery at Tiny Tree Day Nursery.

Under the partnership, discounted childcare rates are available for all members of the Bar and staff working with barristers in their chambers - 10% off all standard fees, 5% off the weekly full time rate and a 10% sibling discount. The nursery provides flexible full-time and part-time childcare packages between 07:30 and 18:00 with the ability to extend to 19:00 on request at a discounted rate to accommodate parents who may have to work late. Tiny Tree Day Nursery also offers an out of school club for school age children to accommodate child care needs throughout the year.

For more information please [click here](#).



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## Freebar - Promoting LGBT+ equality and inclusion across the Bar

Freebar will be a network of chambers, employers and individuals seeking to ensure that at the Bar "Acceptance without Exception" is real, tangible and a shared experience from the most junior to the most senior.



Their aims include:

- Providing a forum of mutual support for all gender & sexuality minority barristers and people who work alongside them, together with their straight allies
- Sharing best practice on workplace inclusion
- Promoting and celebrating LGBT+ role models and allies

Everyone is welcome. They are interested to hear your views and ideas for how this network should develop. If you or your organisation is interested in getting involved please contact Freebar at [info@freebar.co.uk](mailto:info@freebar.co.uk).

Freebar will be holding a launch event on Wednesday 17 February 2016, kindly hosted by Travers Smith. Please email Freebar using the above address for further information and to RSVP.

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## Upcoming Bar Council International Events and Opportunities

The Bar of England and Wales is very internationally orientated. A significant proportion of its members have an international practice and that number is increasing all the time. Clients in need of international legal advocacy or advisory services in any field of law can find the right experts at the English Bar.

The Bar Council International Committee and team work to promote both the interests of the Bar and the rule of law abroad.

Each month in the Middle Temple eNews we will be including a link to their [upcoming international events and opportunities](#).



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