



Middle Temple at the 2016 London Marathon

On Sunday 24 April 2016 five people have volunteered to run the London Marathon on behalf of Middle Temple. This year we are aiming to raise £5,000 for our charities and kindly ask you to support our runners by donating.

The five runners for Middle Temple this year are:

- Simon Davis - Barrister at St. Philip's Chambers
- Michael Harwood - Judicial Assistant at the Court of Appeal, will commence pupillage with the Government Legal Department in 2016
- Darren Latty - Middle Temple Food Services Manager
- Karen Reid - Middle Temple Young Barristers Association (MTYBA) President and Barrister at 1 Gray's Inn Square
- Richard Wilson - Business Development Director at White Light: Creative Solutions, a Middle Temple Supplier



This year, in addition to the Middle Temple Scholarship Fund Appeal, we are raising money for Centrepoint. Centrepoint is the UK's leading charity for homeless young people, supporting 16-25 years olds with housing, learning, health and life skills.

We, and Centrepoint, would like to thank you for your support and hope to see you cheering Middle Temple during the run on 24 April 2016. [For more information on our charities and to donate please visit the donation page.](#)

Pupillage Support Scheme

The Inn is pleased to announce the introduction of a new Pupillage Support Scheme. Following a review of the Inn's funding allocation, it has been decided that a new fund will be created to provide a number of Pupillage Support Grants. The purpose of these grants is to provide direct financial assistance to pupils in publicly funded areas during the course of their 12 month pupillage in chambers.



More information about who is eligible and how to apply can be found on our website [here](#). Please note that the closing date for applications this year is 16:00 on 15 April 2016.

Please do pass this information on to any Middle Temple member who you think might benefit from the scheme.

Seed Sowing Workshops - Wednesdays 16, 23 and 30 March 2016

Join our Head Gardener, Kate Jenrick, for practical sessions sowing seeds, pricking out and potting on. Open to all staff and members of Middle Temple.

The workshops will take place in the Glasshouse in Middle Temple Garden, 17.30 to 18.30, on Wednesdays 16, 23 and 30 March 2016. To reserve your place please contact Kate at k.jenrick@middletemple.org.uk.



Middle Temple Historical Society (MTHS) Supper Talk - 22 March 2016

Professor Simon Wessely, the President of the Royal College of Psychiatrists, will be talking about why Harry Farr was executed for cowardice on the Western Front in 1916. The Professor has a particular interest in the subject having advised the Home Office in the proceedings which resulted in Farr and others being granted a Royal Pardon in 2006. All members and staff of the Inn are welcome. The talk will be preceded by drinks and a buffet supper.

Please book by email to mths@middletemple.org.uk by the 18th March. Cheques made payable to the Middle Temple Historical Society for £33 pp should be sent to the Society c/o The Treasury by the same date.

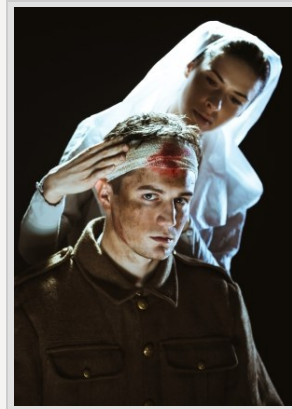


Henry V at Middle Temple Hall - 26 March to 6 April 2016

Marking both the centenary of the First World War and the 400th anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare, award-winning theatre company Antic Disposition return to Middle Temple Hall with their critically acclaimed adaptation of Shakespeare's Henry V.

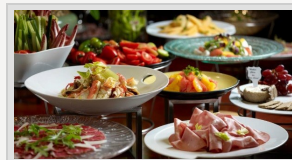
Performed by a talented cast of British and French actors, this uplifting production celebrates the rich historical relationship between our two nations – from the Hundred Years War to the Entente Cordiale.

Tickets: £25–£40 (Under 18s £15–£30)
Box Office: 0333 666 3366
Book online: www.anticdisposition.co.uk



Middle Temple Hall closed for Lunch

This is just a short note to remind members that Middle Temple Hall will be closed for Lunch from Good Friday and will reopen for lunch on Thursday 7 April 2016.



More Events - Looking forward to April

Tuesday 12 April - Bench Call
Thursday 14 April - Private Guest Night
Monday 18 April - Temple Women's Forum
Wednesday 20 April - Music Night (Bar Musical Society)
Saturday 30 April - Temple Music Foundation (Come and Sing with John Rutter. Bookings via templemusic.org)



Henry Fielding - A Journey with Simon Russell Beale and friends - Monday 11 April 2016

Join us for an intimate and exclusive gala evening with Simon Russell Beale, Alex Jennings, Ben Miller, Peter Firth, Oliver Chris & friends in Hall on 11 April 2016.



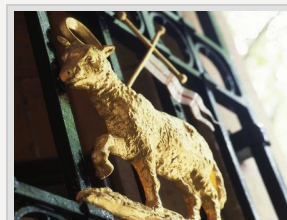
You will be welcomed with a champagne reception followed by the reading of a new black comedy about Henry Fielding and William Hogarth by a superb cast. Following the performance you are invited to join the cast for supper.

This very special evening forms part of the 275th anniversary celebrations of the First Admission of a child to the Foundling Hospital in March 1741. This new comedy by Bruce McKay covers the lives and struggles of Henry Fielding and William Hogarth. This is a one-off & exclusive event.

Tickets are £125.00 per person for the evening, including a champagne reception and buffet supper. For more information and to book tickets please visit the [website](http://www.templemusic.org).

Middle Temple Members' Lounge - Thursday 21 April 2016

As a result of member feedback work began in November 2015 on the first floor of 2 Plowden Buildings between the Library and the Prince's Room, to provide Middle Templars with a brand new Members' Lounge. Towards the end of 2015 we ran a competition, asking members for their ideas on what to call the new Social Space. Works are due to be completed by Easter 2016 and we'd very much like to invite all members to join us for the opening on Thursday 21 April 2016.



The evening is free to attend, but we kindly ask that you register with Oliver Muncey at benchers@middletemple.org.uk so that we may get an approximation of numbers.

Four Jurisdictions Law Conference

The Four Jurisdictions Conference, hosted by The Middle Temple, will be held in London from 6 to 8 May 2016.

Members of the Inn will have the opportunity to get together with members of the three other Bars and their Judiciary. The venue rotates – 2014 was held in Belfast, 2015 Edinburgh, 2016 London (at Middle Temple) and then onto Dublin in 2017.



For more information, please [click here](http://www.middletemple.org.uk).

Middle Temple Survive and Thrive Programme - Social Media, What's the point & how to use it - Thursday 12 May 2016.

Moderator - Sir Trevor McDonald

Social media is like marmite – people either love it or hate it. However, some of the negative reactions to social media are based on a lack of understanding within the legal sector. Particularly surrounding social media options and how best to select and use each, depending on your needs.

During the third event in our Survive & Thrive Programme we will outline:

- the main social media channels relevant to the legal world together with the pros and cons of each
- how to use social media for relationship building, winning business and for knowledge gathering
- how people can and have misused social media and lessons to be learned

The event is open and relevant to social media converts and critics alike, and will be aimed at addressing the concerns of both.

To sign-up to attend this CPD-Accredited event, please email members@middletemple.org.uk or telephone 020 7427 4800 and quote reference: survive and thrive event. Partners also welcome. Members attend free-of-charge. Non-members £10.00 which is payable in advance.

Keep up to date with all Middle Temple Survive and Thrive Programme details by following #survivethrivemt on Twitter.

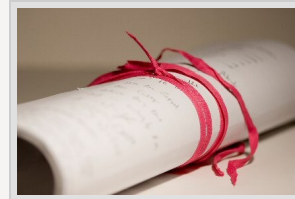
Members can view the video from our last Survive and Thrive Programme event [here](#).



Middle Temple Disability Scheme

We are looking for practitioners with disabilities who would be willing to provide advice and share their experience. The idea is to build up a network of volunteers to whom we can refer students with disabilities who may be thinking about a career at the Bar, but are concerned about the practicalities.

If you are willing to assist, or have any comments and suggestions, please contact Murray Baker at m.baker@middletemple.org.uk.



Mock Pupillage Interview Scheme

The Inn is looking for members, particularly those involved in their chambers recruitment process, to volunteer as mock interviewers. Applicants granted an interview may apply to the Inn using the online form and will then be matched with a Barrister with the appropriate specialisation from a different chambers. They may then arrange between themselves a means by which to conduct the interview. To help facilitate this the Inn can also offer use of its advocacy suites, dependant on availability.



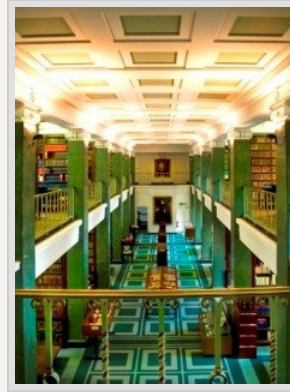
If you are a barrister and interested in volunteering please email Richard at r.frost@middletemple.org.uk, being sure to include your current chambers, areas of practice, along with any other notes on availability. If you are an applicant and would like to apply for a mock interview please [click here](#).

An update from the Library

On the 1st of February the library took out a trial to Westlaw Commentary, which will run until the 30th of April. It covers over 240 Sweet & Maxwell titles.

Our subscription to HeinOnline now also covers the American Law Institute, which provides access to the full text of the Restatement of the Laws. HeinOnline provides access to a range of American and Canadian legal materials, such as law journals, Canada Supreme Court Reports and the U.S. Code. It also provides access to the English Reports.

Access to these databases is only available in the library due to the licensing restrictions imposed on the library by Thomson Reuters and Hein.



An update from our Estates Department

In and around the Inn Every year a great deal of work is undertaken by many people to ensure that the Inn continues to be such a special place to live and work. Whilst some of it perhaps goes un-noticed, we, in the Estates Office, truly appreciate the considerable effort being made by so many members of staff, together with the contractors we engage, to achieve and maintain such very high standards. Within the past twelve months we have:

- Replaced the old gas boilers in Lamb Building with ones which are considerably more efficient and emit far fewer dangerous emissions
- Replaced most of the pea shingle paths around the main garden with a resin bonded bead system to improve the appearance of the gardens and make them more accessible to those with disabilities
- Taken back a small part of the Ground Floor of QEB to enable us to create (a) step free access into the building from the rear and (b) a new toilet in the Hallway which is accessible to the disabled
- Almost completed work to create a new Lounge for the benefit of our Members
- Obtained planning consent to enhance the gardens in Elm Court
- Created an access controlled bicycle enclosure in the QEB Car Park which enables bicycles to be parked more securely
- Formed two magnificent new Lodgings (The Drake Suite and the Chichester Suite) on the 3rd Floor of 3 Middle Temple Lane. Full details of these can be found on the Inn's website under the Membership section
- Changed a significant proportion of our staircase lighting over to motion activated LED lights. These use far less electricity, are more durable and reliable than the older style fittings and help us to reduce our carbon footprint

We are now putting together a programme of works to be undertaken over the Summer months. This will include our 10 yearly inspection of the timbers supporting the roof to Hall, replacing the old gas boilers beneath the Ashley Building and undertaking a range of external redecoration contracts. Every effort is made to reduce, as far as is reasonably possible, the level of disturbance caused when works are undertaken.



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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