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GRAY'S INN QUARTERLY UPDATE – WHAT'S ON

These quarterly updates are e-mailed to everyone on the Inn's database who has indicated they wish to receive them. This is the **second** update of 2020. I would be most grateful if you would keep your contact details up-to-date by visiting the [Gray's Inn Online System](#) (GIOS) to confirm your details and update your contact preferences. This is particularly important due to the General Data Protection Regulation which came into effect on 25th May 2018.

Update on COVID-19

Since the publication of the last report, the Inn has been run by staff who are working both from the office and also from home. The Inn is now moving into a new phase where most staff that were furloughed have now returned to work. The Treasury Reception is now open between the hours of 10:00am – 4:30pm. In addition, the Library which had been running a remote service during lockdown, re-opened to members in mid-July. The overnight accommodation at the Inn has re-opened and bookings for this can be made via the Inn's website. More details on the overnight accommodation can be found [here](#). Developments on COVID-19 are continually monitored by the Inn and the Inn's response to these will be updated via the Gray's website and our social media. The safety of our members, staff and visitors remains the Inn's top priority and we remind all members to follow Public Health England's [guidance](#).

Banqueting - Re-opening of Hall / Common Room

Hall is due to reopen on Monday 5th October, offering a new way to enjoy dining at the Inn. A lounge service will be available with a new menu, seating arrangements and opening hours and this facility will be open from 8am – 4pm Monday to Friday, offering breakfast options as well as lunch from the same hours of 12 Noon - 2:30pm. Tea and coffee will be available throughout the day for people who do not want to have a full meal and guests will also be able to pre-order contactless and cash-free using a new app to be launched shortly. This will allow for bookings to be made in advance, as well as viewing menus, pre-ordering and payment. Wi-Fi will also be available for everyone who uses the lounge service in Hall.

Entry will be via the Benchers' Entrance and staff will be ensuring all physical distancing protocols are in place, including multiple sanitiser stations, a one-way system and their wearing of face masks.

With current Government guidelines enabling events to return from the beginning of October, the Banqueting Team are, as always, happy to discuss events you are planning, so please contact the team if you would like to enquire about Gray's Inn as a venue. New safety protocols, capacities and menus are in place, allowing for a safe return to hosting meetings and events.

Members and tenants of the Inn are eligible for a discount on venue hire, which until the end of 2020 is at an increased discounted rate. Tel: 0207 458 7960 for the Banqueting Team or [Click here](#) for more information. The Bridge Bar will remain closed until 2021 whilst renovation work is being completed in 10 South Square.

Gray's Inn Men and Women's Football

Gray's Inn Football Club is pleased to be training again and the players are hoping to welcome new members from all stages of the Bar. The team play 7-a-side each week as well as the occasional 11-a-side match against other Inns. All genders and abilities are welcome, and the environment is very relaxed. Please get in touch with one or all of the captains if you would like to be involved:

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We are also in the process of setting up a women's team to run alongside the current mixed team, and would like to hear from any women – whether that be students or more senior members – who would be interested in playing. Please contact tabithaeverett@outlook.com for more information.

Continued Support for Students and Barristers

Alongside the other Inns, Gray's has made a significant initial donation to the Barristers' Benevolent Association COVID-19 Appeal. It is planned that more money will be donated should it be required but may we also request that all those who are in a position to contribute to the Appeal do so, ideally not just once but over the period of the shutdown of the Courts, when continued need will arise. Read the full appeal and complete a donation and gift aid form [here](#). In addition to this, a Hardship Working Group, chaired by the Vice Treasurer has been set up. This will consider all requests for support from Gray's members who fall outside the BBA's remit. Please see [here](#) for more information.

Library

From 1st September, the Library is open to members every day from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Saturday opening, on a rota basis with the other Inn Libraries, will also resume later this month, with Gray's Inn Library opening on Saturday 19th September. For further details, please see our [website](#).

As the Library is now open every day, charges for our [Document Supply Service](#) have been reintroduced from 7th September. Please note that various measures have been introduced in line with government advice around COVID-19. Visitors to the Library are asked to wear a face covering and to sign-in on arrival. A one-way system is in operation and seating has been reduced to allow social distancing. Hand sanitiser and disinfectant wipes are available at intervals throughout the Library.

The Incorporated Council of Law Reporting for England and Wales, in partnership with the Inns of Court, is providing members of the Bar with [free access to its online platform](#), ICLR Online, until 30th November 2020. All members are eligible to take up this offer.

Remote access log-ins for Bloomsbury Professional Online are still available. The service provides full-text access to materials in 20 practice areas including company and commercial, employment, environment, family, local government, property and personal injury. [View a full list of the Bloomsbury books available \(PDF\)](#). Remote access for Gray's Inn members is available if you [email the Librarian](#).

Archives

The Archive staff were furloughed between April and September and having returned to work are now dealing with the backlog of enquiries; the Archives continue to be closed for consultation of original material. The Inn has introduced a new software system called Preservica through which digital material will be archived and training to use it is underway.

Chapel

After a series of Audio Services available on the Inn's website, it was a joy to return to Chapel on the last Sunday before the Summer break, albeit with only two singers, a small congregation, and others taking part by Zoom.

Since then there has been some easing of restrictions: we can have a small choir but there's still no congregational singing, and we must observe social distancing. All Sunday services will also be live on Zoom until we're back to normal: for security reasons, the Zoom address will be issued by the Under Treasurer so please [email his office](#) in the week before each service.

Every two or three years we observe the first Sunday of the Michaelmas Term as a kind of Harvest Festival, and we'll be doing that when we return on 4th October. Then comes a Sung Eucharist for All Saints on 1st November, and the following week a Remembrance Sunday service beginning at the earlier time of 10:55am. The final Sunday morning service this term will be for Advent on 6th December. The October Call Day Evensong has been cancelled, and we will see nearer the time what's possible for a Carol Service on the afternoon of 20th December.

There will be the usual said half-hour Holy Communion on the first Tuesday of the month, but the current restrictions require that, as with the Sung Eucharist, it will be in one kind (bread only) and with social distancing.

During these past months we have lost three people, from different faith positions, but who all enjoyed coming to Chapel: Conrad Dehn, Julian Farrand and Brian Watkins. Their families have been in our prayers. Two weddings planned for this Summer have been postponed until next year, but another two may take place within the limitations now placed on us.

All services in Chapel are open to everyone, members, students and the general public. We're sorry that Sunday lunch is not currently available. The Chapel is also open every weekday when Hall is open for people to use for prayer and quiet reflection. Please visit the website for further information on forthcoming Services, and the text of sermons that have been preached. The Preacher is always pleased to hear from Benchers, members and students. He can be contacted at michael.doe@graysinn.org.uk. You can also follow the Chapel on Twitter: @GraysInnChapel

Estates

Pedestrian & Vehicular Access

On 1st September the main vehicular and pedestrian gates to the Inn reopened on a pre-COVID regime i.e. opening at 6am and closing at 8pm with the exception of the entrance at 19/21 High Holborn which closes at midnight. Access and egress via this gate will be available on demand though the night as has been the case in the past. The main vehicular access to the Inn is through the 19/21 High Holborn gate with the exit for vehicles through the Gray's Inn Square archway onto Gray's Inn Road. Oversize vehicles are permitted to access through the Gray's Inn Square gate by prior arrangement. The Paddock gates remain closed other than for service vehicles.

The Porters' Lodge in the new building – One Gray's Inn (19/21 High Holborn) – is now operational. We will continue to staff the temporary Porters' Lodge in Gray's Inn Square until 2nd October to assist in managing traffic, etc.

Electric Vehicle Charging Posts

There are a limited number of electric vehicle charging posts at locations throughout the Inn. Take up of this facility has increased but a small number remain. They are available only to annual permit holders and enquiries should be made by email to [Kayanne Browne](#) or telephone: 0207 458 7814.

Storage Units

Basement storage units are available to let for personal or commercial use at rents starting from £100 per month. A short minimum term of three months applies. E-mail [Tim Bell](#) or telephone: 0207 458 7902.

Overnight Accommodation

The Overnight Accommodation has now reopened for new bookings and in addition to the flats offered at 10 South Square, a small number of flats are available for short lets from a minimum stay of 7 days up to a maximum of 3 months. Details can be obtained from [Tim Bell](#) on 0207 458 7902.

Residential Lettings

Two smaller residential apartments (a one bedroom and a two bedroom) will become available to rent towards the end of the month with two larger apartments likely to be available in the Autumn. To register for further information or to be kept informed of other flats that become available in the future please email [Tim Bell](#) or telephone: 0207 458 7902.

Commercial Lettings

There is currently no commercial space available within the Inn as the existing estate is fully let. However, internal relocations will give rise to two small self-contained office suites becoming available in early October. For information please email [Tim Bell](#) or telephone: 0207 458 7902. Larger office areas will be available from January 2021 and please register to receive further details.

KEY EVENTS

Key events in chronological order, from **September 2020 to December 2020**, are listed below. Please note that Members wishing to attend events **either in person or via zoom** should [book via the Gray's Inn Online System \(GIOS\)](#). A password was sent to each member whose online account had been activated. For booking assistance for Members of Hall, please contact [Roberta Lai](#) in the Education department.

Please can you provide at least **four full working days' notice** (or by midday on Tuesday for a weekend event) for your attendance or cancellation of a Gray's Inn function.

CHAPEL	
4 th Oct	11.15 - Morning Service and Harvest Festival
6 th Oct	18.00 - Holy Communion
1 st Nov	11.15 - Sung Eucharist
3 rd Nov	18.00 - Holy Communion
8 th Nov	10.55 - Morning Service for Remembrance Sunday
1 st Dec	18.00 - Holy Communion
6 th Dec	11.15 - Morning Service
20 th Dec	15.00 - Carol Service - details to follow.
MUSIC/CONCERT/THEATRE/DINNER	
7 th Nov	18.00 - Fireworks in Walks (this is unlikely to take place)
16 th Dec	18.45 - Miscellany - details to follow.
Online Words and Music - Master Andrews is coordinating this event and details will be confirmed nearer the time.	
Online Poetry Readings - The Treasurer and Master Andy George will co-ordinate this and details will be confirmed nearer the time.	
HALL / DOMUS	
1 st Oct	Michaelmas Law Sittings Begins
15 th Oct	Deferred Trinity Call
26 th Nov	Michaelmas Call

21 st Dec	Michaelmas Law Sittings End
EDUCATION /CPD / LECTURE	
17 th Sept	18.00 – Panel Discussion - Durham University Outreach Event . Panel event on a career at the Bar, the role of the Inn and Scholarships (online)
22 nd Sept	18.00 – Introductory Evening (online) (1 QS)
26 th Sept	10.00 – University Advocacy Day (online)
1 st Oct	18.00 – Prep4Practice (online) (1 QS)
3 rd Oct	12.00 – Introductory Event: Moot Workshop – Bar Students Only (online)(2 QS)
5 th Oct	18.00 – Panel Discussion - King's College London University Outreach Event (online)
8 th Oct	18.00 – Panel Discussion University College London Outreach Event on a career at the Bar, the role of the Inn and Scholarships (online).
12 th Oct	18.00 – Practice Moots for Advocacy Training (online) (1 QS)
12 th Oct	18.00 – Panel Discussion - Warwick University Outreach Event (online)
13 th Oct	18.00 – Panel Discussion - York University Outreach Event (online)
15 th Oct	18.00 – Collaborative Outreach Event (online) (1 QS)
20 th Oct	18.00 – Panel Discussion - Exeter University Outreach Event (online)
23 rd Oct	17.30 – Prep4Practice (online) (1 QS)
28 th Oct	17.30 – Prep4Practice (online) (1 QS)
2 nd Nov	18.00 – AGIS Speed Moots (online) (1 QS)
9 th Nov	18.00 – New Practitioner Ethics (online)
12 th Nov	18.00 – Mixed Messes The Nuremberg War Trials and the role of Gray's members who were involved (online) (1 QS)
13 th -14 th Nov	08.30 – New Practitioner Weekend
16 th Nov	18.00 – Birkenhead XII (online)– Sir Christopher John Greenwood GBE, QC will give lecture. (1 QS)
17 th Nov	18.00 – Pupil Course - Wellbeing (online)
21 st Nov	10.00 – Pupil Advocacy Course (online) (1 QS)
23 rd Nov	18.00 – Prep4Practice (online) (1 QS)
24 th Nov	18.00 – History Society Lecture (online) – this will be a panel discussion on 'Nuremberg and After' and will be moderated by Master Howard Morrison.
25 th Nov	18.00 – GIBC Junior Bar Evening – details to follow
30 th Nov	18.00 – Moots (1st Round of the Competition) in London and on circuit (online) (1 QS).
3 rd Dec	18.00 – Pupil Advocacy Course (online)
7 th Dec	18.00 – Mixed Messes (online) (1 QS)
10 th Dec	18.00 – Pupil Advocacy Course (online)

The next update will be distributed in **December** and will cover the period from **December 2020 – March 2021**.

Tony Harking
Under Treasurer