



# INNERVIEW

*Newsletter of The Inner Temple*

*Trinity 2026*



## Welcoming Our New Silks



George III Silver Asparagus Tongs



Antique Silver Old English Large Shovel Pattern Salt Spoons



William IV Silver Old English Pattern Mustard Spoons



Elizabeth II Silver Menu Holders



Antique Silver Sauce Spoons



Antique Silver Sugar Spoons



Edward VII Silver Menu Holder

# Silver Sale

The Inner Temple Silver Collection contains not only the beautiful pieces, on display in Hall and at events, given to the Inn over the centuries, but also silver and plated cutlery and tableware no longer used by the Inn. These items, some of which are illustrated in this article have been approved for sale by the Bench Table. Almost all the items on offer are engraved with the pegasus emblem, instantly recognisable as the symbol of The Inner Temple.

In consultation with the Assistant Masters of Silver and the Bar Liaison Committee representative, we felt that members of the Inn might like to own a piece of our history. The proceeds from any sales will be used towards further purchases for the Inn's collection for the enjoyment of all members.

As a taster of what is to come, some of the items for sale will be available to view in the display case on the fourth floor of the Treasury Building outside Rooms 1 & 2 from 8 June. Do go and have a look!

The full catalogue of sale items will be available as soon as possible; in the meantime, you are welcome to register your interest for any of the items on show either with the Treasury Office or by emailing [silversale@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:silversale@innertemple.org.uk)

We hope you will enjoy looking at (and possibly buying) these reminders of our dining history.

**Master Michael Lawson**  
**Master of Silver**



George III Silver Marrow Scoops

Antique Britannia Silver and  
Silver Pepper Pots



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## INNERVIEW

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## Announcements

For our full list of appointments, please go to [innertemple.org.uk/appointments](https://innertemple.org.uk/appointments)

Master James Dingemans (The Rt Hon Lord Justice Dingemans) has been elected Reader Elect 2027.

Master Stephen Cobb (The Rt Hon Lord Justice Cobb) has been appointed as the President of the Family Division.

Master Beverley Lang (The Hon Mrs Justice Lang DBE) retired from the High Court (King's Bench Division) with effect from 1 May 2026.

His Honour Judge Simon Mills was appointed as Resident Judge for North Wales for a period of four years commencing on 2 May 2026.

The Hon Mr Justice Waksman (David Waksman) has been appointed Judge in Charge of the Commercial Court for a two-year term commencing on 1 September 2026 and ending on 31 August 2028.

## Seeking Counsel to represent the Inn at the Inns' Conduct Committee

From time to time, but infrequently, the Inn is required to refer cases of student member misconduct to the **Inns' Conduct Committee** (ICC) under the ICC's **Disputed Facts Protocol**. In such cases, the Inn must appoint Counsel to draft charges, prepare a case summary, and present the case before the Hearing Panel.

We also occasionally require Counsel to appear before the Inn's own disciplinary panels to determine whether alleged misconduct meets the threshold for referral to the ICC.

The Inn is therefore seeking to establish a pool of volunteer Counsel to assist with these matters. Experience in regulatory, disciplinary, or criminal work would

be particularly welcome, though not essential. Above all, we are looking for volunteers who are responsive and able to assist within the required timescales, given that these proceedings can affect a student's progress to the Bar.

These matters arise relatively rarely, typically three or four times each year, and we hope that, with a sufficient pool of volunteers, no individual barrister would be asked to assist more than once annually.

If you would like to volunteer, or if you have any questions about what the role involves, please contact the Inn's Membership Registrar, Jude Hodgson, on [jhodgson@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:jhodgson@innertemple.org.uk) or 020 7797 8206.



Recent Events

# Benchers' Night

30 April



We were delighted to welcome Master Nageswara Rao (top, centre) on his first visit since being elected an Honorary Bencher. The Treasurer was especially pleased to see a number of Circuit-based Benchers in attendance and looks forward to encouraging more opportunities for connection, collaboration and the exchange of ideas across the Circuits.

# History Society

The Reasonable Person

5 May

Our thanks to Dr Valentin Jeutner for a superb lecture on the history of 'the reasonable person'.

Available to watch at  
[innertemple.org.uk/reasonable-person](http://innertemple.org.uk/reasonable-person)





## Ordinary Dining Night

12 May



## Social Context of the Law

Historic Trials of Soldiers

8 May



We are grateful to our distinguished panel, General Sir Nicholas Parker, John Finucane MP and Master Charles Falconer, for such an engaging and thought-provoking discussion. We also extend our thanks to Master Geoffrey Nice and the Treasurer, Master Helen Davies, for expertly chairing and guiding the conversation.

Available to watch at  
[innertemple.org.uk/historictrials](http://innertemple.org.uk/historictrials)



## Dinner for New Silks

20 May

We were delighted to welcome our newly appointed King's Counsel to a dinner to celebrate their appointments.





# Junior Bar Association's Summer Soirée

19 June, 6pm

Join us for a summer evening on the terrace  
at The Inner Temple.

Mix and mingle with fellow junior barristers while  
enjoying a selection of alcoholic and non-alcoholic  
beverages accompanied by a selection of nibbles.

Bring guests, including solicitors, clerks or other  
professional connections! All are welcome.

#### TO BOOK

Tickets: Pupil's £10; Tenants £12 or 2 for £20

Book: [innertemple.org.uk/jba-summer-soiree](http://innertemple.org.uk/jba-summer-soiree)

## Celebrating Employed Barristers

Nominations for the 2026 awards are now open.  
This is your chance to recognise colleagues for  
their outstanding work and for making a valuable  
contribution to the profession.

**Nominations  
are open  
until Friday  
26 June 2026**

The Employed Bar Awards showcase the wealth of  
talent amongst employed barristers. Launched in 2017,  
they celebrate the vital contributions that employed  
barristers make across numerous practice areas.

The awards are presented for high-quality legal  
advice and an outstanding contribution by employed  
barristers to the work of their organisations and the  
law more generally.

**[Click to submit your nomination](#)**



## Mooting

**Geneva Roy**, President Inner Temple Mooting Society

### RBA Tax Moot

In March 2026, the Society held the inaugural RBA Tax Moot in partnership with the Revenue Bar Association. Following initial registrations, teams were invited to participate in the preliminary rounds on 12 March and were judged by practitioners from across the Revenue Bar.

The top four teams progressed to the semi-finals that were held on 24 March at the Inn, and the top two teams progressed to the final, held on the same evening. We are very grateful to the RBA for their support of the competition, and for sponsoring a drinks reception at the conclusion of the final that allowed student members the opportunity to interact with practitioners and members of the judiciary.



### Lawson Moot

Between December 2025 and April 2026, the Society organised its annual Lawson Moot. The Lawson Moot is a five-round competition where competitors must present both written and oral submissions on a range of areas of law including crime, contract, tort, property and trusts. This year the competition was generously sponsored by Deka Chambers, who provided judges, a moot problem, prizes and a drinks reception.

Round One was held in December 2025 and saw 60 individuals participate, with 32 individuals progressing to Round Two which was held in February 2026. Sixteen individuals progressed to the quarter finals, held in March,

and eight individuals participated in the semi-finals, held in April. Following the semi-finals, participants had the opportunity to meet barristers from Deka Chambers during the sponsored drinks reception and to discuss life at a leading common law set.

In late April, the top four individuals participated in the final which was held at the Inn as a qualifying session in collaboration with the Education & Training Department, and judged by Master Paul Infield, Master Simon Heptonstall and Master Andrew Warnock. We are very thankful to Deka Chambers for their generous support and to all participants for making this year's edition of the Lawson Moot one to remember!

### External Competitions

Teams representing The Inner Temple have also competed across Europe in the past months. Following months of preparation, our team participated in the 33rd Edition of the Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot in Vienna in March and April. The team representing The Inner Temple also qualified for the top 16 teams in the Sports Arbitration Moot and competed in the final rounds in Madrid in May. Finally, two Inner Temple teams will be representing the Inn at The Hague in June at both the 49th Edition of the Telders International Law Moot Competition and the IBA International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition. We congratulate all teams who have represented the Inn so far, and wish those soon to do so the best of luck!





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“Just a very big thank you! This event was amazing for me, it provided lots of reassurance about my doubts around pursuing the Bar. It was also very inspiring to be able to speak with barristers and judges in such a welcoming environment.”

# Dinner to the Universities

On 9 March we held our annual Dinner to the Universities event, where undergraduate students interested in a career at the Bar are invited to dine in The Inner Temple Hall alongside our members who regularly volunteer at our outreach events.

One hundred and twenty-three students from 49 different universities attended the event, alongside 63 members of the Inn, for an evening of lively conversation and excellent, as always, food served by our exceptional catering team. Many students commented on how approachable and insightful the members in attendance were, and expressed how grateful they were for the opportunity.

This year, we held panel discussions before

the dinner to give attendees the opportunity to hear about different members’ journeys to the Bar as well as to hear key details about our scholarships process. This set students up nicely for the rest of the evening with lots of questions they could ask of their dining mates, such as why or how they chose their current area of practice.

Thank you to the members who gave up their evenings to attend and provide insights to the students in attendance. If you would like to get involved with our outreach events. **Please complete the volunteering form here.**

“This was a wonderful opportunity and everyone involved was incredibly kind and welcoming.”

“I think it was really valuable to have such a wide range of practitioners from judges, to the employed and self-employed Bar as well as a large number of women, diverse attendees and volunteers. It made the event feel really welcoming no matter your background.”



# Hear from this year's Co-Presidents of the Inner Temple Racial Equality Society

**“Diversity is being invited to the party; inclusion is being asked to dance.” – Verna Myers**

Diversity is a fact. Inclusion, however, is a choice. At the Racial Equality Society, we make that choice in everything we do. We are eager to welcome new student members who are keen to engage with the diversity the Bar has to offer.

Our society provides practical tools to support members throughout their journey to the Bar, whilst also creating opportunities to build connections with fellow students and graduates as well as members of the Bar and the judiciary.

Over the past term, we have hosted a range of impactful events. Our advocacy workshop, ‘The Advocacy Lab’, held in March at the Inn, gave members the opportunity to develop their skills with leading legal professionals. In May, our online ‘Wellness First’ event brought together barristers at different stages of their careers to share honest insights on managing the pressures of Bar school, pupillage, and practice.

Members reflected positively on the events, with feedback including: ‘Thank you for organising, it was a useful and enjoyable event,’ and ‘It was a pleasure meeting everyone and I look forward to more events.’

And we are just getting started. We have exciting plans ahead, including pupillage application workshops, events celebrating South Asian heritage and Black History Month, and a range of social events designed to bring our community together.

To stay connected, follow us on Instagram [@innertemple\\_res](https://www.instagram.com/innertemple_res) and on LinkedIn at Inner Temple Racial Equality Society, or get in touch via email at [res@innertemplesocieties.org](mailto:res@innertemplesocieties.org)

We would love to see you at our upcoming events.



**Reisha Davids and Jamilia Kwajah-Ellimah**  
Co-Presidents of the Racial Equality Society





INNER TEMPLE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION



2026

# ESSAY COMPETITION

“ How is the digitalisation of the court process and the rapid advances in Artificial Intelligence likely to affect practice at the Bar? ”

## KEY DATES



**OPENS**

Wednesday, 1 July 2026



**CLOSES**

Monday, 5 October 2026

## ELIGIBILITY & GUIDELINES



**ELIGIBILITY**

Only for Inner Temple students



**WORD LIMIT**

1,000

## PRIZES



**FIRST PRIZE**

£150 Gift Card &  
Practice Interview  
in January 2027



**SECOND PRIZE**

£100 Gift Card &  
Practice Interview  
in January 2027



**THIRD PRIZE**

£50 Gift Card &  
Practice Interview  
in January 2027



**SUBMISSIONS AND QUERIES TO:**

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For further information, please refer to the Inner Temple website.

INNER TEMPLE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION



## CPD Events

### Webinar: Who Do We Send Back? How Reforms to Article 3 and the Refugee Convention, and CAT Could Reshape UK Practice **16 June, 6pm | Online**

Amid renewed political debate about reforming the asylum system, limiting Strasbourg oversight, and revisiting the UK's international obligations, this webinar examines what change is legally possible, and what would happen in practice. Could Parliament narrow these protections? Would withdrawal from international instruments meaningfully expand removal powers? Or are the constraints on removals more deeply embedded in UK law than reform proposals suggest?

Book:  
[innertemple.org.uk/article3](https://innertemple.org.uk/article3)

### *Without Fear or Favour* - Master Victoria Sharp **22 June, 6pm | In-person and Online**

The President of the King's Bench Division on the subject of judicial independence in the modern age: past, present and future.

The Rt Hon Dame Victoria Sharp DBE was Presiding Judge of the Western Circuit from 2012 to 2013 and was appointed a Lady Justice of Appeal in 2013, and Vice President of the Queen's Bench Division in 2016.

She was sworn in as the President of the King's Bench Division in 2019, the first woman to hold the position.

Book:  
[innertemple.org.uk/withoutfear](https://innertemple.org.uk/withoutfear)

### Webinar: What has the ECHR ever done for us? Article 6 and fair trial rights 1998-2026 **6 July, 6pm | Online**

Chaired by Josh Kern (9BR Chambers)

Since the Human Rights Act 1998, Article 6 ECHR has influenced fair trial standards in criminal proceedings, shaping approaches from disclosure to delay, jury directions to appeals. In the last of our series on Human Rights Legal Reform, this webinar will examine whether Strasbourg's interventions have enhanced fairness, or whether the common law and Parliament have long provided, and may still provide, equal or greater protection in practice.

Book:  
[innertemple.org.uk/article6](https://innertemple.org.uk/article6)

# Become an Advocacy Trainer for The Inner Temple

At the core of the Inn's activities lies advocacy training for the next generation of advocates. The Inner Temple trains its members to provide advocacy training, particularly for its pupils at residential weekend courses in October and January each year. With the experience of pupil training, trainers can then progress to train on the residential weekends for new practitioners, which involves cross-examining real experts and is held in April and June each year.

Join The Inner Temple Advocacy Trainers and:

- Consolidate your advocacy skills
- Learn how to develop the skills required for the KCA Competency Framework in yourself and in others
- Improve your skills for analysing and improving advocacy
- Learn from experienced advocates and advocacy trainers from a wide range of practice areas
- Help the new generation of advocates to protect the rule of law

The Inn's Teacher Training Course will show you how to provide focused advocacy feedback using the renowned Hampel review method, with an evening introductory session held remotely, followed by a Saturday in-person session at the Inn to practise the Hampel method, and concluding with a Sunday morning assessed session to become an Inner Temple Provisional Pupil Trainer.

After teaching at one of our pupil advocacy residential weekends (held in Ascot), you will then become a fully accredited Pupil Trainer for the Inn.

The next Teacher Training weekend is 12 and 13 Sept, with the online introductory session the evening of 8 Sept. The Inn is committed to having a diverse pool of trainers, from all practice areas, and welcomes applications from all backgrounds.

Register your interest by Friday 19 June with David Miller at [dmiller@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:dmiller@innertemple.org.uk)

## Reader's Lecture Night 2026



14 July, 6pm

### Professor David Ormerod CBE KC (Hon)

Professor of Criminal Justice at the Faculty of Laws, University College London and Barrister, Red Lion Chambers

#### The Age of Criminal Responsibility

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## TO BOOK

[innertemple.org.uk/ormerod](https://innertemple.org.uk/ormerod)

### COST

In-person £12.35  
Online £10.50

### ENQUIRIES

[qs@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:qs@innertemple.org.uk)

### Equivalent to 1hr CPD

### WHERE

From The Inner Temple and livestreamed

### WHEN

6pm – 7.30pm

INNER TEMPLE DRAMA SOCIETY

PRESENTS

# OLD SCHOOL



SUMMER  
SHOW



WRITTEN BY  
MAYGAN FORBES

10 SEPTEMBER  
11 SEPTEMBER

START - 7:00 PM  
TICKETS- £15

## Contacts

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### General and Volunteering Enquiries

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020 7797 8208



**Tues 9 June | 7.30pm**  
**£10-£55 | Temple Church**

## **Courtney Pine presents Song (the Ballad Book)**

**Courtney Pine, Zoe Rahman**

We're delighted to welcome to Temple Church ground-breaking saxophonist and multi-instrumentalist, Courtney Pine CBE for an intimate show with MOBO award-winning pianist, Zoe Rahman.

**Courtney Pine presents Song (the Ballad Book)**

**Tues 23 June | 7.30pm**  
**£10-£30 | Temple Church**

## **Bar Choral Society: A Celebration of Benjamin Britten**

**Greg Morris music director**

**Francois Cloete organist**

The Bar Choral Society is based in the Temple with singers drawn from across the legal system. For their summer concert, the cherished amateur choir offers a programme of Benjamin Britten, Gerald Finzi and John Ireland.

**Bar Choral Society: A Celebration of Benjamin Britten**

**Thu 02 July | 6.30pm**  
**£10-£45 | Temple Church**

## **Spem in Alium – the 40 voice spectacular**

**The Temple Singers**

**Thomas Allery conductor**

Thomas Tallis's monumental motet *Spem in alium* stands as one of the most extraordinary achievements in choral music. Rarely performed, it is a breathtaking feat of contrapuntal imagination, conceived for an astonishing forty independent vocal lines arranged into eight choirs of five voices each. This concert is supported by a consortium of donors, and is given to mark the retirement of The Revd Robin Griffith-Jones, Master of Temple Church.

**Spem in Alium**

**Thu 16 July | 7pm**  
**£10-£45 | Temple Church**

## **The King Shall Rejoice: A Baroque Coronation**

**Temple Church Choir**

**The Temple Players**

**Thomas Allery conductor**

The Temple Church Choir, one of London's foremost liturgical ensembles, ignites a display of royal splendour within the soaring acoustics and centuries-old walls of Temple Church, this performance promises an evening of ceremonial brilliance, dramatic contrasts, and resplendent choral sound - where history, architecture, and music converge in spectacular fashion.

**The King Shall Rejoice: A Baroque Coronation**

**Tues 21 July | from 6.15pm**  
**Free | Church Court**

## **A Garland of Song**

**The Temple Singers**

**Thomas Allery conductor**

**Charles Andrews keyboard**

To celebrate the end of term, Temple Singers perform a delightful selection of part songs and madrigals outside in the Church Court cloisters. A special chance to hear one of London's leading professional choirs in a light-hearted, free performance of popular classics. The singers will perform two sets of part songs and madrigals from 6.15pm: the music will finish by 7.45pm

**Seating is available on a first come first served basis.**



Thursday 1 October, 6.30pm

# Treasurer's Reception for Members

Join us for drinks and canapés to  
celebrate the start of the Legal Year!

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**TO BOOK**

[innertemple.org.uk/membersreception](http://innertemple.org.uk/membersreception)

16 October, 7pm

# Midland Circuit Amity Dinner

7pm for 7.30pm

Join us for our second Amity Dinner on Circuit with  
Middle Temple at the Hotel du Vin in Birmingham.



THE HONOURABLE SOCIETY OF  
THE INNER TEMPLE



THE HONOURABLE SOCIETY OF THE  
MIDDLE TEMPLE

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**TO BOOK**

[innertemple.org.uk/midland](http://innertemple.org.uk/midland)



## Saturday Opening

Opening Hours 10am to 5pm  
June-October 2026

(There is no Saturday opening during August and the beginning of September.)

### June

6 June	Gray's Inn
<b>13 June</b>	<b>The Inner Temple</b>
20 June	Lincoln's Inn
27 June	Middle Temple

### July

4 July	Gray's Inn
<b>11 July</b>	<b>The Inner Temple</b>
18 July	Lincoln's Inn
25 July	CLOSED

### September

19 September	Middle Temple
26 September	Gray's Inn

### October

<b>3 October</b>	<b>The Inner Temple</b>
10 October	Lincoln's Inn
17 October	Middle Temple
24 October	Gray's Inn
<b>31 October</b>	<b>The Inner Temple</b>

## Summer Opening

The Library will open at 9am and close at 5.30pm during August and the first week of September. Late night opening begins again on Monday 7 September. It will also be closed from Monday 17 August to Monday 31 August inclusive.



## Library Special Collections Exhibition 21 July

This is an invitation to find out more about The Inner Temple Library special collections. Ranging from the 12th to the 21st century, and covering a disparate range of subjects, our special collections contain thousands of items that even the most inquisitive library user is unlikely to have encountered on the open shelves. Book your ticket to view a hand-picked selection of these items up close and in person guided by members of the library team.

Book for tours starting at 5pm, 6pm and 7pm

[innertemple.org.uk/  
libraryexhibition](https://innertemple.org.uk/libraryexhibition)



[innertemplelibrary.org.uk](https://innertemplelibrary.org.uk)

# AI in the Library

## Inner Temple Membership



### Sally McLaren, Reader Services Librarian

Generations of law students will be familiar with a tiny pocket-sized volume entitled *Learning the Law* by Glanville Williams. His guidance on research remains uncompromising:

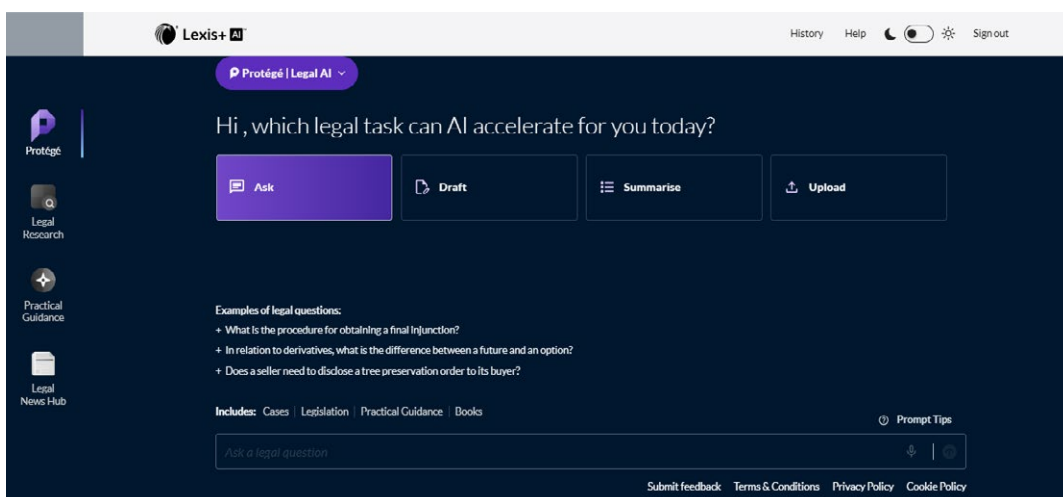
“All your direct quotations must be verbatim; all your citations must follow accepted forms; all your statutes must be checked to make sure that they have not been amended or repealed; and if there be any doubt, the cases you cite as authorities must be checked to make sure they have not been reversed, overruled or questioned.”

This advice is fundamental. The rapid development of AI and its use as a research tool does not change this; if anything, it makes it all the more salient.

Artificial intelligence introduces many efficiencies, but also distinct risks. For many barristers, the question is no longer whether to use AI, but how to do so without

compromising professional standards. General-purpose AI tools often produce fluent and persuasive summaries, but fluency should not be mistaken for reliability. These systems are not built on authoritative legal datasets; they may omit key authorities, oversimplify complex issues, or generate incorrect citations.

Platforms such as LexisNexis Protégé and Westlaw Advantage are designed around established legal databases. Their outputs are linked to identifiable and authoritative sources (including cases, legislation, and commentary) allowing researchers to verify and interrogate material more efficiently. With general AI tools, every output must be verified. With legal-specific AI tools, that burden remains but begins with a more reliable foundation. Used carefully, AI can complement established research methods, although the essential work of reading, analysing and applying the law remains a human responsibility.



## Lexis+ Protégé

We are pleased to say that the Library has recently subscribed to LexisNexis Protégé and it is now available for use onsite. We have scheduled training sessions in July and October for users who would like a tour of how to use Protégé.

For more information see [innertemplelibrary.org.uk](https://innertemplelibrary.org.uk)



Garden



# Gardener's Cuttings

Dylan Price, Trainee Gardener

## Reflecting on the Traineeship

I remember first visiting the Garden four years ago during the spring Open Day, being greeted by the effervescent and dynamic planting; the experience made a big impression. I remember thinking what an exciting place, with a special spirit; it was clear to me that passion, creativity and consideration went into the space, and I knew then that I would love to one day be part of the team. I followed the journey of the Garden on Instagram and knew of the Traineeship, aspiring to apply once my apprenticeship was complete.

### Learning

It's surreal to be writing this in my second year as Trainee Gardener starting in September 2024. Time has flown by and I can't overstate how much I feel I have developed as a gardener since being at the Inn. As well as studying the RHS Level 3, the chance to have ownership of areas in the Garden has been a welcome responsibility, actively observing plants and understanding what they need.



The Liriodendron Bed May '25

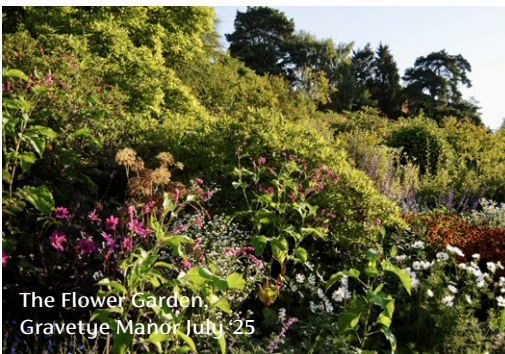
The wide range of species - and regular plant idents to help them stick - have put me in good stead for the future. A less common garden plant like *Dahlia imperialis* in the Hydrangea Border springs to mind, this gentle giant that hails from the Americas sits towards the back of the border, its nodding flowers are so majestic, and they tower at heights of over 10ft! They are herbaceous and hollow-stemmed. Supporting them with twine - that is more like rope to be honest - and thinning the canopy is well worth it as they flower here in early winter.



Scything the Meadow July '25

## Craft

Methods traditional to ornamental horticulture like hazel-stem plant supports, staking and the chance to be artistic with pot displays have been a treat and valuable part of the traineeship. As a knitter, the craft of gardening appeals to my creative side and managing the meadow of flowers for pollinators and invertebrates has been a new and fascinating experience. If you've seen us with our scythes, you'll know what I'm talking about! Scything takes some getting used to; the opportunity to learn and practise the craft is so special because it protects organisms living in the meadow as you cut giving them a chance to retreat, carrying out the meadow takedown in stages and retaining the material for habitat piles is also beneficial. For me, the contrast between the meadow and borders, along with the bucolic habitat piles that curious visitors often ask about, makes the Garden unique and creates a calming atmosphere.



The Flower Garden, Gravetye Manor July '25

## Connections

Throughout the Traineeship I have had the good fortune of meeting many interesting and inspiring people who have generously imparted their knowledge. In July 2025, I was welcomed for the week at the historic Gravetye Manor to work alongside the team with Head Gardener Tom Coward, and former Inner Temple Trainee Sam Fry. The sun was strong that week and the bold, bright colours in the flower garden certainly rivalled it. The team were so thoughtful, and I learned a lot. One particular takeaway was how colour



can enhance ornamental value:: how pairing two plants with a subtle petal undertone can make another plant shine. Red can also be used in small doses to draw the eye as a focal point, much like painting. Being part of the London Gardens Network has been a great way of meeting fellow gardeners and has opened my eyes to how varied our industry is in the city, from public green spaces and private gardens to big botanical gardens, contributing to the committee's annual seminar has been an enjoyable experience.

## Going forward

As I prepare for the final RHS exams I'm optimistic, two years in the Garden has consolidated my knowledge, and being part of the talented team has been fantastic and a bit of a pinch-me moment. They've been welcoming and supportive throughout and I have learned so much from each of them, I am excited to carry this knowledge forward in my gardening career and I know I'll reflect on my time at The Inner Temple with fondness and joy. Thank you to everyone who has made the experience so special.

In the meantime, you can find me on Instagram [@dylan\\_gardens](https://www.instagram.com/dylan_gardens) where I'll post from my next horticultural chapter in September.



Seedheads for Christmas Dec 25

# THE LONDON LEGAL WALK

Join us on Tuesday 9th June

Paving the way for equal access to justice

Join The Inner Temple Team to raise money for the London Legal Support Trust

This is the 14th consecutive year that The Inner Temple Team will join the London Legal Walk to raise money for the London Legal Support Trust. Friends and family are welcome to join us on Tuesday 9 June – the more, the merrier!

Donations made to The Inner Temple Team will go directly to the London Legal Support Trust and can be made via our [donations page](#).

Sign up to the team by contacting [Isabelle Keltie](#)



## ‘Tis the season to celebrate!

Experience the magic of the season by holding your Christmas event with us.

From festive lunches and delightful dinners to memorable receptions and parties, we cater to all your holiday celebration needs.

\*Members rates are available with up to 70% off room hire.

To book, call 020 7797 8230 or email [venuehire@innertemple.org.uk](mailto:venuehire@innertemple.org.uk)  
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# Bar Guest Night

9 October  
7pm - 10.30pm

Champagne reception followed by a three-course dinner and entertainment. After dinner entertainment from Felix's Cuban Band.

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**TO BOOK**

[innertemple.org.uk/bgn](http://innertemple.org.uk/bgn)

Dress code: Black tie or dress to impress

# Inner Temple and LGBTQ+ Society Dinner

23 September  
7pm - 10.30pm



The Inner Temple and the LGBTQ+ Society are delighted to invite members of the LGBTQ+ Bar community and their allies to their biennial dinner.

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**TO BOOK**

Bookings will open soon:  
[innertemple.org.uk/lgbtq+dinner](http://innertemple.org.uk/lgbtq+dinner)

Dress code: Dress to impress



# Temple Church

## TRINITY TERM

We are holding a choral service every Wednesday evening in term-time at 6pm (unless otherwise stated)

## JUNE

**Monday 8 June, 5pm**

**Choral Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral**  
Sung by The Temple Church Choir

**Wednesday 17 June, 6pm**

**Choral Evensong**  
Sung by The Bar Choral Society

**Sunday 21 June, 11.15am**

**Choral Mattins**  
Followed by Fathers' Day Sunday Lunch in Middle Temple for members of the Inns and their guests. To book for the lunch: 020 7427 4800

**Tuesday 23 June, 7.30pm**

**Concert: A celebration of Benjamin Britten**  
The Bar Choral Society, Greg Morris, conductor; Francois Cloete, organ.  
For more information and to book: [www.templemusic.org](http://www.templemusic.org)

**Thursday 25 June, 6pm-7pm**

**Concert: Songs of the British Isles**  
Temple Singers, Temple Church Choristers, Temple City Singers and children from local schools. This concert will centre around Michael Tippett's 'Four Songs from the British Isles' alongside folk song arrangements by Benjamin Britten. This concert is kindly supported by The Michael Tippett Musical Foundation. Free admission.

**Friday 26 June, 8pm**

**Compline**  
Sung by The Temple Church Youth Choir

**Sunday 28 June, 11.15am**

**Choral Communion**  
Followed by The Temple Big Picnic in Inner Temple Gardens. To book for the Big Picnic: [innertemple.org.uk/bigpicnic](http://innertemple.org.uk/bigpicnic)

## JULY

**Thursday 2 July, 6.30pm**

**Concert: *Spem in Alium* – The 40 voice spectacular**  
Temple Singers, Thomas Allery, conductor  
Music to include: Celia Virgo (Gabriel Jackson), Hymn to the Mother of God (Tavener). For more information and to book: [www.templemusic.org](http://www.templemusic.org)

**Thursday 16 July, 7pm**

**Concert: The King Shall Rejoice: A Baroque Coronation**  
Temple Church Choir, Temple Players  
Thomas Allery, conductor; Charles Andrews, organ. Music to include: *Zadok the Priest, Let thy Hand be strengthened* (Handel).  
For more information and to book: [www.templemusic.org](http://www.templemusic.org)

**Sunday 19 July, 11.15am**

**Baptism, Confirmation and Choral Communion**  
With The Rt Revd Dr Emma Ineson, Bishop of Kensington and Acting Bishop of London presiding.

**Tuesday 21 July, 6.30pm**

**Madrigals in Church Court**  
**Temple Singers**  
Come and enjoy light music on a summer's evening. This is a free event.

**Wednesday 22 July, 6pm**

**Choral Evensong**  
A special service as we bid farewell and happy retirement to Robin Griffith-Jones, The Reverend and Valiant Master of the Temple. Followed by drinks and jazz music in Church Court.

## October

**Sunday 4 October, 11.15am**

**Choral Mattins**  
First Choral Service of the Legal Year.

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# Staff News



## JOHN ELLIS

We are pleased to welcome John as our new Head of Catering. Joining from Searcys, where he was Projects and Compliance Director and previously Venue Director at 116 Pall Mall. John is a chef by trade with strong commercial experience. He brings a real passion for food and will play a key role in growing our events and catering offering.

## JAMES MCGRANE

James joins us as Hospitality Team Leader and will be a familiar face at Hall lunch and across events. With over 20 years' experience in pubs, restaurants and venues, spanning waiter, barman, events and supervisor roles, he brings a wealth of hands-on hospitality knowledge to the team.

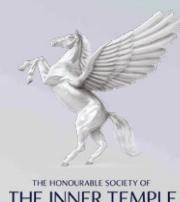
## LONG SERVICE

Many congratulations to the member of staff who has completed significant periods of service at the Inn.

25 YEARS  
TONY BACA  
Lead Plumber

# Amity Dinner at Lincoln's Inn

7 October  
6.45pm - 10.30pm



The Honourable Society of  
Lincoln's Inn

Open to: Benchers  
Tickets: Free

## TO BOOK

[innertemple.org.uk/liamity](http://innertemple.org.uk/liamity)



## Exclusive Discounts for Inner Temple Members!

Did you know Inner Temple Members are entitled to room hire discounts for personal and business events?

Our versatile spaces, featuring both classic and contemporary rooms, can accommodate a wide range of events, from meetings to dinners.

\*Members rates are available with up to 70% off room hire.

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## Elegant Parliament Chamber Events

From business meetings and conferences to networking receptions and private dinners, the Parliament Chamber provides a refined setting for any occasion.

Seamlessly connecting to the Luncheon Room, it offers a separate breakout area for added flexibility.

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### Capacities

Boardroom: 40

Theatre: 148

Dining: 96

Reception: 200

# Temple Big Picnic

SUNDAY 28 JUNE 2026  
1PM – 3PM

Members of the Inns, their families and friends are invited to come and enjoy a delicious barbeque, music, a bouncy castle, garden games and face painting in our award winning Garden.

[innertemple.org.uk/bigpicnic](http://innertemple.org.uk/bigpicnic)

## Club 1847

Step into Club 1847, where Searcys invite members of The Inner Temple to enjoy exclusive rewards and privileges across its collection of venues in London and beyond.

Whether you are starting the day with Italian coffee and pastries at Locatelli at the National Gallery, enjoying refined British cooking and skyline views at The Portrait by Richard Corrigan, raising a glass of Champagne at Battersea Power Station, a relaxed lunch beneath the arches of St Pancras International, the timeless surroundings of the iconic Pump Room, or Friday afternoons and evenings at Pegasus Bar & Restaurant at The Inner Temple, Club 1847 allows you to experience Searcys at its very best.

Established in 1847, Searcys is delighted to offer access to Club 1847 for a one-time joining fee of £18.47. To sign up and book your next experience go to, Sign up. Your membership pack will be posted to you.

To make use of your Club 1847 membership at Pegasus Bar & Restaurant at The Inner Temple on Friday afternoons and evenings, please contact the team directly on 020 7797 8234 to make your reservation (rather than booking online).

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# Trinity Term Diary

## JUNE

- 2 Trinity Term Law Sittings Begin  
Executive Committee  
New Practitioner Case Conference
- 3 Internship Award Interviews (Online)
- 4 **Domestic and International Commercial Arbitration: Australian and English Perspectives Panel Discussion**
- 5-7 New Practitioner Advocacy Residential Weekend
- 7 London Open Gardens
- 8 Insight Event (Online)
- 9 London Legal Walk
- 10 **Private Guest Night**  
(preceded by Choral Evensong)
- 11 Pride in Practice Reception  
(Gray's Inn)  
New Practitioner Ethics Course
- 12 GDL Scholarship Interviews (Online)
- 13 GDL Scholarship Interviews  
(In person)  
Library Saturday Opening
- 15 Student Engagement and Support Committee
- 16 Estates Committee  
**EDI: Tackling Harassment Birmingham Collaborative Inns Circuit QS**  
**Human Rights Legal Reform: Webinar 2: Who Do We Send Back? How Reforms to Article 3 and the Refugee Convention, and CAT Could Reshape UK Practice**
- 17 **Ethics in Practice**  
Circuit Committee
- 18 Pupils' Advocacy Prize - Mock Trial Final
- 19 JBA: Summer Soirée
- 14 **Father's Day Sunday Lunch (Middle Temple)**
- 22 Library Committee  
**Flexible Work at the Bar Without Fear or Favour (Master Victoria Sharp)**
- 23 Pupils' Summer Course: Criminal Analysis
- 24 Archives Committee  
**Summer Party**

- 25 Pupils' Advocacy Course: Closing Speeches and Civil Case Analysis  
New Practitioner Ethics Course
- 27 PASS Skills Day
- 28 **Temple Big Picnic**  
(preceded by Choral Communion)
- 29 Established Practitioners: Advocacy & the Vulnerable
- 30 EDI Sub-Committee  
New Practitioner Ethics Course (Online)

## JULY

- 2 Pegasus Scholarship Trust & Reception
- 3-5 Pupils' Advocacy Residential Weekend
- 6 Bar Liaison Committee  
Scholarships and Outreach Committee  
**Established Practitioners Programme - Human Rights Legal Reform Series: Webinar 3**  
Scholarships Reception
- 7 Executive Committee  
**Inns of Court Alliance for Women Garden Party**
- 8 Advocacy Training Committee
- 9 **International Committee**  
**Benchers' Private Guest Night**
- 11 Pupils' Advocacy Applications Day  
Library Saturday Opening
- 13 Advocacy Dinner
- 14 Qualifying Sessions Committee  
**Reader's Lecture Night (Professor David Ormerod CBE KC (Hon))**
- 15 Pupils' Advocacy Course Mock Trials
- 16 **Bench Table**
- 20 **Dinner for the Master of the Temple**
- 21 Library Special Collections Exhibition
- 23 **Trinity Term Call Night**
- 26 Last Service of the Legal Year (Said)
- 27 Investment Sub-Committee
- 30 Pension Scheme Trustees
- 31 Trinity Term Law Sittings End  
Hall Closes after lunch

## SEPTEMBER

- 7 Hall Opens  
Scholarships and Outreach  
Committee
- 10 Drama Society Summer Show
- 11 Drama Society Summer Show
- 12-13 Advocacy Teacher Training Weekend
- 13 Garden Open House Festival
- 14 Student Engagement and Support  
Committee
- 16 Circuit Committee Meeting
- 18 JBA: Quiz and Networking Event
- 19 Pupils Negotiations Skills Day
- 22 Introductory Evening for London  
Students**
- 23 Education & Training Committee  
**Inner Temple and LGBTQ+  
Society Dinner**
- 25 **Introductory Evening for  
Students Outside of London**
- 26 **QS Foundational Skills Course**
- 28 Bar Liaison Committee
- 29 Executive Committee
- 30 **International Diplomacy and  
Humanitarian Law Panel Discussion  
(Master Valerie Amos and Master  
Karen Pierce)**

## OCTOBER

- 1 Michaelmas Term Law Sittings Begin  
**Bench Table**  
**Treasurer's Reception for Members**

## KEY

- Green: Qualifying Sessions**
- Blue: Member Events**
- Bronze: Bencher only Events**
- Purple: CPD Events**

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# CABARET

## *Summer Party*

WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE  
6.30PM – 10PM

[INNERTEMPLE.ORG.UK/SUMMERPARTY](http://INNERTEMPLE.ORG.UK/SUMMERPARTY)

