

14th ANNUAL INTERLIVERY PANCAKE RACE

Guildhall Yard, 13 February 2018

Once again the Company, being one of the 30 fastest runners last year, was selected and entered a team in the Annual Pancake Race organised by the Poulterers' Company in conjunction with "The Cook and the Butler" catering company.

This year the Company's runners were Fleet Warden Mark Lane, deputising for the Master, Bailiff Lynva Russell, Freeman Andrew Williamson and Walbrook Warden Rob Casey who was volunteered for the Novelty Race. The Master assumed the role of Team Captain.



Left to Right: Lynva Russell, Fleet Warden Mark Lane, Walbrook Warden Rob Casey and Andrew Williamson

On a very damp and cold Shrove Tuesday morning we congregated with the other teams in the Guildhall Yard but soon took shelter inside the Guildhall Picture Gallery to put on the aprons, chef's hats and gowns.

The novelty costumes are intended to relate to one of the Lord Mayor's Charities or be representative of the entrant's Livery Company. Rob Casey's outfit related to the Charity Place2Be which provides mental health support to children. Although attracting considerable interest from the Judges, who included the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriff's Consort Fiona Adler, unfortunately again we failed to reach the final.



The Guildhall Yard was extremely wet and slippery and a decision was therefore taken by the organisers that there would not be any races, but the competition would be to see how many times a pancake could be tossed within a period of 30 seconds! The frying pans were extremely heavy and although the whole team put up a splendid show, unfortunately we failed to reach any of the finals.



A fun, although slightly disappointing morning, which was enlightened by a warm meal and a glass or two of wine for the team and our supporters in the Guildhall Crypt.

Many thanks to all the participants for braving the elements and putting on a splendid show.