

2019 Inter-Livery Pancake Race

5 March 2019

In 2004 The Worshipful Company of Poulterers inaugurated the City's inter-livery pancake race. The original participants were Livery companies in some way associated with the making of pancakes, with invited teams from the Mansion House and Guildhall. This event now takes place each year in Guildhall Yard at midday on Shrove Tuesday by kind permission of the Chief Commoner.



Above: Guildhall Yard, venue for the Pancake Races

It is a colourful event which includes competitors running in their regalia and/or fancy dress. Each team consists of four competitors who compete for a Trophy – frying pans are awarded to the winner of each class final!

Traditionally the Gunmakers start each heat with a bang, the Clerk to the Clockmakers is responsible for the accuracy of the timing, the Fruiterers provide lemons, the Glovers white gloves worn by each runner, and the Poulterers the eggs essential in the making of the pancakes.

The Water Conservators have taken part in the races for many years and 2019 was no exception.

Our team comprised, the Master, the Mistress, Liveryman Andy Williamson and Fleet Warden Rob Casey in the Novelty Race.

Rob was dressed as a shark and his costume was partly made from discarded plastics.



L to R The Master, the Mistress, Liveryman Andy Williamson, and Fleet Warden Rob Casey.

Despite herculean efforts from our team, no prizes were won, but the event was much enjoyed and a substantial sum raised for the Lord Mayors Charities. Well done to the Poulterers Company and “The Clink” for organising another excellent event.

Keith Tozzi, Past Master