

12th INTER LIVERY SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE RACES

Held in the Guildhall Yard Tuesday 8 February 2016

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF POULTERS

in conjunction with The Cook and The Butler and
by kind permission of the Chief Commoner

The 12th Inter-Livery Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race took place on 8 February, organised by the Poulterers' Company in conjunction with The Cook and the Butler.

The races were memorable for the blessing we received at the start from the Chaplain: '... preserve from ringers ...' and other surprising exhortations.



Heats and a final - were run in four groups: the Masters, the Liverymen, the Ladies and the Novelty races. The Water Conservators were represented by The Master Peter Hall, Robbie Epsom and Mavis Lloyd, who all did very well.

The Master won his heat but disqualified himself in the final by losing his pancake en route. Robbie did especially well, also winning his heat, and in the final he arrived first but came second because his frying pan fell off the stand. Mavis has started our recovery in the Ladies group. From being historically last-ish, she was in midfield.

Fleet Warden Mike Williamson won the best costume in the Novelty Group last year in a chicken costume. This year it was Sea Cadets and Mike was in the finals with his arthritic Sea Cadet kit plus music, but the prize went to a Young Freeman dressed as a buoy.



Thanks to Robbie, Mavis and Mike (and team captain Ralph) for a fun morning with no casualties.

We are already thinking of next year's team so any Olympic hopefuls in the Company – now is your hour.

Peter Hall, Master