

Our First Indentured Apprentices

The year 2000/2001 marked the start of our new 'Indentured Apprentice Scheme'. This is aimed primarily at those pupils at school who are under eighteen. They undertake to become indentured to a member of the Guild for a minimum period of four years. The apprentice is formally 'inroled' in the Chamberlain's Court at Guildhall and following this the apprentices are bound to their 'masters' at a short ceremony at the Guild Court meeting. We were very pleased to have nine bound apprentices in the first year of the scheme. On reaching the age of 21, after a four year apprenticeship, apprentices automatically qualify for Freedom of the City and full membership of the Guild.

Our first apprentices to be bound were Matthew Legg and Michael Conway from Abingdon on 12th September 2000 followed by Tom Schofield and Oliver Thwaites from Dauntseys, George Thompson, Samuel Hole, Jeremy Hogan and Thomas Holman from St Paul's on 10th January 2001 and Saul Cowen from Dauntseys on 22nd March 2001. The ceremony is not held at the Mid Summer Court as that meeting is not usually held in Guildhall.



Michael Conway signs his 'indentures' watched by his 'master' Andrew McMillan and the Guild Master



Matthew Legg signing his 'indentures' under the gaze of his 'master' Peter Clark, his parents and the Guild Master and Murray Craig, Assistant Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court



Our first four Indentured Apprentices from St Paul's, Tom Holman, George Thompson, Jeremy Hogan and Sam Hole.



Howard Worth signs Oliver Thwaites' indentures.



Angus Macpherson welcomes Tom Schofield

Court Meetings for 2001/02

Will members of the Court please put the following dates in their diaries: **25th September** in Guildhall at **5.45 pm**, **10th January 2002** in Guildhall, **21st March** in Guildhall at 4.30 pm followed by the Annual Meeting at 6.00 pm and **28th May** at Salters' Hall at 5.30 pm. The usual supper at Baracca Restaurant will follow the first three dates.



Michael Houghton, our Renter Warden, has arranged next year's Installation Dinner at Salters' Hall in Fore Street by the Barbican on **Tuesday 28th May 2002**. As you can see from the photo it is a modern hall which accommodates 120 diners and he is hoping that a large number of Guildmen and Apprentices will support him. Please put this date in your diaries.