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NEWSLETTER



Suited &
Booted

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INTRODUCTION

The last few months have been a particularly busy time at Suited & Booted. We are now seeing clients at the equivalent of 2,000 per annum. Inevitably this is putting some pressure on our resources, both financial and other, but our amazing volunteers rise to the challenge every time the bar is raised.

OUR FANTASTIC CLIENTS

Here are some of the chaps we have seen recently, looking great in their new interview clothes:





We get lots of lovely emails telling us of client successes and how their visit to Suited & Booted helped them. These are just two examples:

T, a single homeless man, said

Thank you so much for my lovely suits and shoes. They made me feel so much more confident for my interview. I start my new job tomorrow after years out of work and your team played an important part in getting me there.

And from a referring agency

I have spoken to B's boss and she thinks he is an excellent choice for the VIP section of her work allocations and just waiting for his SIA badge to be issued.

Thank you as always for all the help you give – after the first dressing, he got home and showed his mother what you had given him, and she broke down in tears. B's journey has taken very many positives in a short while.

NOBODY'S FOOL

On 1 April Suited & Booted are collaborating with Crisis for an evening of fun and foolery to raise funds for both charities. There will be a wine tasting and live music from MidLife Crisis, with food provided by staff and volunteers, at *Cafe from Crisis* on Commercial Street, E1. Tickets are £20. For further details and to book, go to the Eventbrite link at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/nobodys-fool-tickets-94825155593>

QUIZ NIGHT

Our latest fun quiz night at Steam Wine Bar had an excellent entry including teams from the Crisis Charity, Suited & Booted Volunteers, Redington, and the Turners' and Tax Advisers' Livery Companies. However, for the third time in a row, the Bowyers' Company took the winners' trophy with an impressive score of 85/110. A good time was had by all and the next quiz is planned for 27 October. Mark your diary now!



The winning Bowyers' Team



Maria Lenn and Past Master Bowyer,
Tony Kench

TUTORED TASTING OF SAINT EMILION WINES

On 8 July Dr Gerald Sacks, who is a Chancellor of the Jurade de Saint-Emilion, will present a tasting of fine wines from that appellation as a fundraiser for Suited & Booted. This promises to be a very special evening.

Details will be circulated nearer the time.

MEET THE TRUSTEES

As a registered charity, responsibility for the governance of Suited & Booted rests with a Board of Trustees. There are four Trustees and over the next few Newsletters we would like to introduce each of them to you.

Mike Thomas

Mike retired as a pensions actuary in 2010. He lives in Uffington, Oxfordshire, but spends part of the year in Crete. Since retiring, he has volunteered for, or been a trustee of, several charities including Sightsavers, the Swindon Foodbank and The Leprosy Mission. He is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Actuaries. In 2017 Mike was doing the 'meet and greet' role at a Livery dinner to which Maria had been invited as a guest. A two minute conversation with her convinced him to become a volunteer for Suited & Booted! Living outside London, he helps with things like grant applications, maintaining a database of supporters and organising the occasional fundraiser. He also keeps a record of the many wonderful testimonials and success stories we receive. Reading these is an inspiration that keeps him supporting this wonderful charity.

Mike became a Trustee in 2018 and recently took on the role of Treasurer.

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