

CAB GUIDE COURSE CANDIDATES LUNCH AT THE GUILDHALL

At 1pm sharp on the 26th April this year, 14 anxious cab drivers gathered in the Guildhall Yard in the heart of the City of London. Earlier that morning, they had all sat the written exam of this year's Spring term Cab Guide course, run by the Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers & City University. That had required them to complete a paper of 60 questions and write an essay on a world heritage site, the Tower of London. Now they had to impress a panel with their guiding skills on 2 pre-determined points within the City.

This done, they waited for a phone call to see if they had reached the required standard laid down by the WCHCD & the University. On the 22nd April those successful students attended the Guildhall to receive their shiny new badges and their pass certificates. The Worshipful Company of Hackney Carriage Drivers held their Election Court Lunch on 22nd May and following the Court Meeting, the Master, Alan Parker, was delighted to be able to present badges and certificates to the candidates who have taken the latest Cab Guide Course run by the Company. Graham Woodhouse, who tutors the course, presented each of the candidates, many of whom then joined The Master, his Wardens, and Freemen and liverymen from the Company at lunch in the Members Dining Room of The Guildhall.

The aim of the Cab Guide Course is to give drivers an add-on to their existing knowledge, with an aim to boosting their earnings. Students on this, and previous courses, often came to class and said that what little they had already picked up during the course had already proved beneficial in a boost their gratuities. The aim is to give them the ability to conduct tours throughout the City & Westminster. Giving information about historical buildings & dates; providing background on famous people & events, thus increasing their overall earnings.



Left to right: - Rafiu Williams; Andy Jaffray; Russell Campbell; Bahaa Beahielden; Anthony McDonnell; Master Alan Parker; Barry Petch; Seamus Bradshaw; Rick Alford; Janet Fox; Dean Thomas; Dave Cannell; Course Coordinator Graham Woodhouse & Mario Goinden

SEPTEMBER COURSE

If your interest has been stirred, there is another course starting in September. Contact course co-ordinator Graham Woodhouse on 07968-791117, or e-mail him on info@cabguide.com for further details.

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In case you have any doubts, we welcome all drivers with liveried and coloured taxis and those that have adverts on (this applies to all our outings).

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The Hon. President, Hon. Chairman and Committee (and the children) would be deeply grateful and look forward to seeing you on the day

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