



## Annual Inn Event Descriptions

### Grand Day

Grand Day is a major event in the Inn's calendar. It comprises a champagne reception followed by a four-course dinner held twice a year usually during Easter & Michaelmas term and is a celebration of the Treasurer's term in office.

The Treasurer invites selected special guests of honour to dine with Benchers. This is the only dinner where special guests and Benchers can enjoy a fifth dinner course in the Inn's Library.

All members are welcome to attend. This event usually sells out quickly.

### Inaugural

This event marks the date where the Treasurer Elect begins their term as Treasurer of the Inn and takes place in mid-January. The Past Treasurer gives a report on the previous year, followed by the inaugural service in Chapel. Select Benchers are invited to join the new Treasurer for dinner after the Chapel service.

This event is open to invited guests only.

### Ordinary Dining

As part of the Inn's annual calendar, two Ordinary Dining events usually take place each term. Benchers, members of Hall, and students sit separately and enjoy a four-course menu. Attendees are seated in messes.<sup>1</sup>

All members are welcome to book and attend. Members can bring up to 3 guests.

### Black Tie Guest Night

As part of the Inn's annual calendar, two or three Black Tie Guest Nights usually take place each year. Benchers, members of Hall and students sit separately to enjoy a four-course menu. This is a great opportunity to entertain friends and family in black tie attire. Occasionally these dinners are themed for a specific noteworthy anniversary, guest speaker or celebration.

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<sup>1</sup> Mess service is a table of four people, where food is served at the same time. Food and wine are left on the table in the middle of the mess for guests to help themselves.

All members are welcome to book and attend. Each member can bring up to 3 guests.

### **Gourmet Dinner**

This is an event organised by the Inn's Social & Wellbeing Sub-Committee. It is an opportunity for the Lincoln's Inn chefs to showcase their creative culinary talents by serving a bespoke tasting menu with matching wine and entertainment. Places are limited due to its popularity.

This event is open to members of Hall only, as it is organised by the Social & Wellbeing Group, a Sub-Committee of the Bar Representation Committee. If places become available after the booking deadline, Benchers and students may also be invited to book.

### **Garden Party**

The Garden Party is the largest event in the Inn's calendar and takes place in early July in the beautiful gardens of the estate. It provides an opportunity for the Treasurer and the Inn's catering team to express their imagination in terms of menu planning, beverages, and theming.

All members can book onto this event. Each member can bring up to 5 guests and tickets sell out quickly.

### **Family Day**

Each year on the Sunday following the Garden Party in July, our Family Day takes place. This starts with a family friendly service in Chapel, followed by a barbeque and children's entertainment on the lawn. This is a perfect opportunity for members to bring younger guests to the Inn, celebrate with family and friends, and unleash your competitive streak in 'sports day' style activities.

All members and their families are welcome to attend.

### **Council**

A monthly meeting of the Inn's Benchers followed by a four-course dinner for those who wish to dine afterwards. Summer Council in June takes place in the Old Hall and the Christmas Council dinner in December offers a festive theme.

Only Benchers of the Inn can attend Council and Council Dinners.

### **Sunday Luncheon**

The weekly Sunday Chapel services during term time are often followed by a traditional three course luncheon for members and their guests.

After the Family Carol Service in mid-December, Christmas Sunday Luncheon is normally a popular occasion.

(Please check the [What's On section](#) for Sunday luncheon dates as occasionally they may not take place weekly in conjunction with Chapel).

All members and their families are welcome to book and attend.

### **Event charges, booking & cancellations**

#### **Charges**

Different rates for each event may be charged to different categories of members to reflect the type of food and beverage served and entertainment offered, if applicable.

#### **Booking**

Each event has its own booking procedure and cancellation policy. Please refer to the [What's On section](#) and the booking confirmation email for specific terms and conditions.

Due to the extensive amount of planning and preparation for each event at the Inn, early booking is always advised as late requests cannot always be accommodated.

#### **Cancellation Policy**

If you can no longer attend an event for any reason, communication with the correct department with as much notice as possible is appreciated so we have the chance to contact anyone on the waitlist and avoid any cancellation fees, where applicable.