Annual Dinner – Friday 4 March 2016
The Merchants’ Hall, Clifton

Guest Speaker: Mr Nazir Afzal OBE
Ex Chief Crown Prosecutor for CPS in the Northwest

Our Annual “black tie” Dinner this year will be held at The Merchants' Hall on Friday 4 March 2016. We have changed the venue this year to ensure that we can keep our caterers, Fosters.

We are delighted to have Nazir Afzal, Ex Chief Prosecutor for the CPS in the Northwest as our guest speaker.

Nazir Afzal OBE was the Chief Crown Prosecutor of the Crown Prosecution Service for north west England from 2011-15. He was the first Muslim to be appointed to such a position and was Britain's most senior Muslim lawyer within the CPS. He campaigned for women’s rights and has spoken out against forced marriage, female genital mutilation and honour killings. He was awarded OBE in 2005.

Afzal's prosecutions include a 1996 stalker of Princess Diana and the honour killing of Samaira Nazir in 2005. In May 2013, he was responsible for the prosecution of disgraced former BBC presenter Stuart Hall.

In January 2013, Afzal was awarded the Services to Law award at the British Muslim Awards.

It is very likely, as usual, that the dinner will be over-subscribed, so make sure you return your forms very promptly. There are only 98 places available.

As we are at the Merchant's Hall, you can have the option of either sitting at the long table or on one of the surrounding tables of 8. Please can you specify if you have a preference on your booking form when you return it and we will try and accommodate you and your guests.

We hope you will agree that the attached menu looks mouth wateringly tasty! The Committee have, at their own expense, been the guinea pigs for the menu, which we can promise is even better than it sounds. We have also selected the wines to complement the different courses.

As for the red wine, this is a fabulous Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2008, Domaine Rossignol-Trapet, which the Society has laid down at Avery's. It has been specially selected to compliment the main course of Parmesan crusted Hereford beef tenderloin.
Booking Information

The full menu and vegetarian options are on the enclosed invitation. Apart from the vegetarian option, no choices are available and the vegetarian option must be ordered in advance. It will not be available on the night if not pre-booked with your application.

Please let me know if you have any dietary requirements or, for example if you are a vegetarian and do not eat fish.

There is a mix of 1 long banqueting table and several surrounding round tables at the Merchants’ Hall, which will seat 8. You have 3 options when booking:

- You can book a full table of 8, providing full names on the form of all to be seated at your table. This is the only way you can be certain to keep your party together.
- The second option is to indicate near to whom you would like to sit and whether you would prefer a round table or be a part of the long table and we will do our best to accommodate everyone.
- Finally, you can, if you wish, leave it to us to decide the make up of the tables that are not comprised of members of one party. We will endeavour to provide an interesting mix. The rest is up to you!

Ticket price

As last year, the format of the ticketing price again reflects a benefit to members of the Society.

The ticket price is as follows:

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Just to explain in more detail, as a member, you can bring your first non-member guest for the same price as a member ticket, but any additional non-member guests that you bring, you must pay £5 per ticket extra for them.

The ticket price reflects the quality of the venue, speaker and the food and wine available.

The price includes pre-dinner sparkling wine and canapés, four courses plus coffee, as well as red and white wines with the meal.

We regret we cannot reserve tables for anyone unless they have provided a completed application form and payment for all places required. It is not possible to reserve tables on the basis of telephone calls, faxes or emails. Tickets will be issued strictly on a first come, first served basis.