



# Worshipful Company of Constructors

## Quarterly Newsletter — April 2018

ISSUE 2

## The Newsletter

This is the second issue of our Quarterly Newsletter. It is substantially shorter than the first, but by no means any less important. In particular we want you to know about our responsibilities under the forthcoming General Data Protection Regulation, which comes into force on 25 May 2018, and this is a significant part of the Message from the Clerk. We also want our members to be aware of the changes that are planned for the Company website, which we are refreshing to make it more flexible and suitable for viewing on Tablets and Smartphones as well as personal computers.

## Company News

### The Chaplain is about to go AWOL



Well not really 'without leave'! In fact, our Company Chaplain has been granted Study Leave this Spring. He is going on a trip around the world to explore Livery links in other countries. This will include Florida, Virginia, Toronto, Auckland, Wellington, Hobart, Cairns, Singapore and Dubai! Our Chaplain never does anything by halves! Do you know any Liverymen in these places?

If so, do let him know so that he can make contact at [sabbatical2018@yahoo.com](mailto:sabbatical2018@yahoo.com). Meanwhile, watch out for a full report in the Autumn newsletter.

If anyone needs a Chaplain whilst he is away, the office at St Lawrence Jewry has contact details for clergy who can provide support and help ([katrina@stlawrencejewry.org.uk](mailto:katrina@stlawrencejewry.org.uk)).

### The Company Website

We have had our current website for a few years now, and that has been a real labour of love by PM Roger Adcock. But all things must come to an end, and with the recent increase in the use of tablets and smartphones to connect with the website we have decided to move to a new platform that is more appropriate for such devices.

Hence, in the next month or so we will be changing our website, although it will still be at [www.constructorscompany.co.uk](http://www.constructorscompany.co.uk) and for archive purposes will contain a link to the current website, although that website will not be updated once the new website is live.

In assembling the new website we have tried to include as much of the Company History as we can, and we will be looking to move important pages from the existing website to the new one so that the information is readily available to our members. We recognise that our website has two main purposes—firstly,

to be our “shop window” for the general public who consult the website, and secondly, a source of information for our Members. We have therefore introduced a “Members’ Area”, access to which will require a simple password that will be issued to members once the new website goes live. We are fortunate to have had significant assistance from Innvent Ltd in the development of the new website and we are immensely grateful to CA Tim Fitch and his team for their help here.

The new website includes news and events sections, and it is proposed that all events will be reported on after they have taken place, hopefully with photographs taken at the event.

The new website will also allow us to be compliant with the forthcoming General Data Protection Regulations, which come into force on 25th May without amending the existing website.

### New Webmaster

Now that we have a new website we are also looking for a new webmaster. Whilst the job is not too onerous it will require about 2 hours or so a week to make sure that the site is updated, and a significant input in October each year to update it with new information regarding the new Master’s year.

Going forward we want to be able to rely on the website as a means of communication with our membership, so the post of webmaster will become increasingly important in that it will be managing a key part of our communications strategy.

It is perhaps important to stress that the role of webmaster is one more of publishing and editing rather than writing. The writing of the website articles will be the duty of various nominated members of our committees and the organisers of each event. So, as webmaster, you are not required to originate data, only publish it in an appropriate manner on the website.

We have already received offers from some members as a result of an enquiry we made a year or so ago, but if you feel that you could help in this way, and have sufficient spare time to be our webmaster, do please contact the Master or the Clerk as soon as possible.

# Message from the Clerk



Our Gallant Clerk is Kim Tyrell, and it is he who manages the majority of our workings, administration of the Court, payment of our dues and all our communications with Members. Whilst this newsletter will replace Clerk's Notes the Clerk will still provide information to members as needed and it is hoped that it will provide another way in which the Company communicates with its members. The latest message from the Clerk is:

## General Data Protection Regulations (2018) (GDPR)

There are still some 35 members of the Company yet to complete, sign and return their forms to the Clerk, all have been recently contacted and it would be appreciated if you could support the Clerk to ensure that the Company is Compliant by the start date of 25 May 2018.

The Company will publish its overarching GDPR Policy, Its Privacy Notice for a Member, Its Privacy Notice for the Guest of a Member and its Subject Access Form all on the new website. The following statement will appear on all flyers:

**GDPR** – The Worshipful Company of Constructors (The Company) collects personal data to process to enable the Company to effectively run the event for your benefit. The data collected and processed will be used to provide agreed or reasonably expected information, including, but not exclusively your name appearing on the seating plan and name plates and any special dietary needs you may have being communicated to the caterers. Except as required by law or with your written permission we will never share your details. We promise to make all reasonable efforts to keep your details secure. This data will be deleted after the event except on the Company's historical records.

Whilst the Company will do all it can to protect your information if any Member is concerned then they should initially contact the Clerk who is acting as Data Protection Officer (DPO).

## City Briefings

These are aimed particularly at new Liverymen and Freemen; partners are also welcome, as are Court Assistants and Liverymen of longer standing, who have not previously been to a Briefing, who are also encouraged to attend.

They give a short introduction to the work of the Corporation, especially the relationship with the livery companies. The presentation is given by an Assistant Town Clerk and a member of the Livery Committee. There is opportunity to ask questions of the speakers and the Briefing is followed by a light finger buffet, which provides the chance to mix with other Liverymen and Freemen.

The Location of the Briefings is:  
Livery Hall  
71 Basinghall Street  
Guildhall  
London EC2V 5DH

There is a non-refundable charge of £20 per person for the course.

There are three Briefings a year held on the dates listed below. Once you have selected and applied for one of the Briefings, you will be able to change the date and carry your payment forward, providing 10 days notice is given.

To change the date of the Briefing you wish to attend please contact the [Course Administrator](#) stating your and your guest's (if applicable) name, your livery company, the date of the course you were originally booked on and the new date of the course you wish to attend.

## Programme and timings

- 5.00pm Registration, tea/coffee served
- 5.30pm Welcome: Vicky Russell, Deputy Chairman of the Livery Committee
- 5.35pm Livery companies, their membership, and activities: Vicky Russell, Deputy Chairman of the Livery Committee
- 5.50pm The role of the City of London Corporation: Simon Murrells and Lorraine Brook, Town Clerk's Department
- 6.30pm Panel discussion with Q and A  
Chair: Vicky Russell, Deputy Chairman, Livery Committee; Deputy Richard Regan OBE, Chairman, Livery Committee; Simon Murrells, Assistant Town Clerk; Lorraine Brook, Principal Committee and Member Services Manager
- 6.40pm Closing remarks: Deputy Richard Regan OBE, Chairman of the Livery Committee
- 6.45pm Drinks Reception
- 7.30pm End

**Dates** Monday 8 October 2018  
Tuesday 20 November 2018

## New Freedom & Livery Certificates

As a number of you will be aware the format of both the Livery & Freedom Certificates has been revised in the past year to conform to the shape and approximate dimensions of the Freedom of the City certificate. The Livery Certificate is deeper than the Freedom Certificate to reflect that it has more words. Both certificates are framed.

If any Freeman or Liveryman would like a new style certificate, please contact the Clerk. The cost will be £35 each and delivery will need to be arranged between the Member & the Clerk.

# The Master writes ...



It's been a long Winter, and it seems a long time ago that I wrote the notes for the first edition of the news letter in January!

My year is already in its second half, it hardly seems possible .....

The Mistress and I have been very busy since January, with countless functions and meetings attended, too many to bore you all with here. We have also been preparing for the Masters weekend in May, the Buckingham Palace Garden Party in May or June, our visit to Ironbridge, and my forthcoming 'Sky Dive' to raise my target £30k for Treloar's College ..... that will take place in September, and fundraising is now underway .... I will be sending my 'begging appeal letter' to you all shortly!

We are also organising the Sir Christopher Wren Banquet at Mansion House on the 7th of June, where the Mistress and I look forward to hosting a 'full house' for this Gala Highlight of our year, at the Lord Mayor's residence!

One or two highlights of the last quarter include being part of the Livery Company Masters invited to the City University of London Graduation Ceremony at the Barbican Theatre, where the Rector, The Lord Mayor, presented the degrees, including one to our former Sustainability Scholar, Ed Dixon. Ed is a former carpenter and is now Sustainability Director with Land Securities, having made good — and part of that process was our selection of Ed for his Scholarship with us.

The Master Certificate Presentation, which is organised as part of the Construction Livery Group, of which we are now an active member, was in February, and was a 'first' for us, where we saw Christian Sullivan, the now Journeyman Stonemason at Salisbury Cathedral receive our Certificate in recognition of his achievements over his Apprenticeship and Degree, which were supported by our Charitable Trust. Again, the Lord Mayor presided over the presentations, with your Master in attendance!



March saw me representing the Company at the Church of England's select Dinner at Skinners' Hall, to engage with the Livery Movement in Education and Apprenticeship initiatives. The CofE runs over 4,300 schools in the entire country, and thus has a huge responsibility for the education of our next generation of young people.

The evening was hosted by the Archbishop of Canterbury, with whom I had the pleasure of some conversation!



March also saw the Mistress and I attend the United Livery Guilds Service at St Pauls Cathedral, and afterwards at our now traditional Lunch at the Painter Stainers Hall, where we joined with a goodly number of other Livery Companies to enjoy the spring fare.



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## Livery Schools Link

The Livery Schools Link is a web based Volunteering Platform to help young people in schools.

Giving back is a big part of being a member of a Livery Company and we are delighted to announce that we are taking part in the next phase of the newly launched Livery School Link Volunteering Platform. This technology driven concept lets teachers and schools put out requests for volunteers with ease and transparency.

Many young people in school struggle to find careers they are interested in; as people with a successful career at different stages of experience, we can help by going into schools and maybe inspiring them to explore our career paths.

Are you interested in helping with...

- Motivational Career Talks that inspire the next generation. Would you like to give a talk to a class or an entire year group on topics such as how you moved from education into work and share your unique career insights and advice?
- Supporting Career Days at a school. This would mean having café conversations/speed networking in small groups, mock interviews and providing CV tips and advice.
- Becoming a Governor: You can also find out about governor roles and how to get involved.

Livery Schools Link and their partners are promoting the platform to schools and teachers to encourage requests for volunteers. Once the requests come in, volunteers will be emailed about any matching opportunities they have registered an interest in.

Our co-ordinator is HCA John Sayers,, who can give you more information should you require it. We see this is an excellent initiative and would positively encourage your support. You can also find out more on the Livery Schools Link website - <https://www.liveryschoolslink.org.uk/for-volunteers>. You will clearly see where you can sign up and create your volunteering profile.

# Recent Events

Over the last three months we have held several functions, but in this Newsletter we are concentrating on two particular events that are representative of our increasingly vibrant Scholarship and Awards programme — the Sir Ian Dixon Scholarship and the Sustainability Scholarships.

## Sir Ian Dixon Scholarship Presentations



From left to right, Rebecca Tompson (President of CIOB), Alexander Stephens, Lady Valerie Dixon, Tony Ward (Master), George Holder and Bob Heathfield.

The Sir Ian Dixon Scholarship Presentations took place on 17 January 2018 by courtesy of Bouyges UK at their new HQ building near Waterloo. The recipients of the awards were George Holder of Costain and Alexander Stephens of Bouyges UK. We were pleased to welcome

Lady Valerie Dixon to present the awards. There was a large audience, including many from the CIOB and the Company, who are the co-sponsors of the awards, along with the Sir Ian Dixon Legacy.

This year's topics were most interesting and forward looking.

George addressed the pursuit of Innovation in construction, showing that management standards are influential when creating an environment that supports innovation and concluding that whilst we were beginning to embrace innovation on a large scale, the Industry must continue to accelerate the pace of change.

Alexander addressed the use of “additive manufacturing” in construction, showing that the use of modern large-scale 3D printing techniques could produce benefits for the Architect, Structural Engineer and the Contractor as well as for the eventual user of the building. He used real-life examples to show that, whilst there were technical limitations at present, structures could now be created that were impossible a few years ago. He also showed that complex geometries could now be produced at a relatively low cost and could therefore be included in a cost-effective design.

## Sustainability Scholarship Presentations

Two of the three Sustainability Scholarship Presentations took place on 21 March 2018 at the Coin Street Neighbourhood Centre on the Southbank. The evening was well attended and the presentations were made by Rob Maasz of Gatwick Airport, whose subject was “delivering sustainability throughout the project life cycle” and Peter Jenks of Richardson Decorating Contractors, whose subject was “a sustainability evaluation of the use of solvent-based versus water-based trim paint”. Both presentations were based on their detailed scholarship papers, which can be provided on request by Members to the Editor. The third scholar, Hannah Clement of Kent County Council wrote a paper on “The Business Case for Organisations in the UK Construction Industry to set Science Based Targets”. She did not present on the evening, but will do so in a CIOB organised webinar, which will be available on the CPD portal of the CIOB website early in May 2018.



The photographs show (from left to right) Rob Maasz, Peter Jenks and Hannah Clement being presented with their awards by the WCC and the CIOB.

## Forthcoming Events

30 Apr	Constructors' Lunch Ironmongers' Hall	25 June	Election of Sheriffs
10 May	Companions' Lunch	25 June	Lunch at Painters' Hall
16 May	Inter-Livery Clay Pigeon Shooting – Northwood	4 July	Court Lunch
18-20 May	Master's Weekend in Bath	19 July	Constructors' Golf Day
7 June	Sir Christopher Wren Banquet	27 July	Constructors' Sailing Day
19 June	Networking Event	2 Sept	Constructors' Charity Car Rally
21 June	Visit to Freemasons' Hall	3 Sept	Constructors' Lunch Ironmongers' Hall

Where the above details are in **BLUE** a Flyer has already been issued, and bookings should be made in accordance with the instructions contained in the Flyer. We are always looking for people to arrange our technical visits and informal events. If you are able to assist in this way, please contact [Andrew Hornby](mailto:andrewjhornby@gmail.com) (andrewjhornby@gmail.com).