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Masters Report July 2023

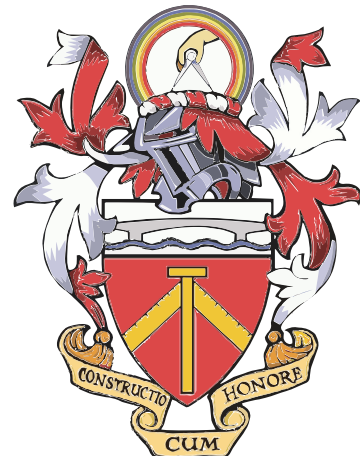
Dear fellow Constructors,

With the summer holidays and the City of London including the Livery movement going into hibernation for the month of August, I thought it important to update you on the incredible amount of progress and activity that has taken place within our Livery Company.

The Constructors Company is in great shape and growing in both numbers and influence thanks to the generous support and activities from so many members.

We are making great progress on our 5 Year Plan: "Constructors - the - Future":

1. Individual Membership (led by Warden Derek Farrow)
2. Corporate Membership (led by Court Assistant Deborah Pullen)
3. Being A Recognised Force Within The Construction Livery Group, The City Of London And The Wider Construction Industry (led by Warden Tim Fitch)
4. Broadening The Appeal of Membership Through Clear And Demonstratable Value (Warden Henry Lamb)
5. Increasing our Charitable Giving and Social Impact (Court Assistant Andrew Hornby)



Please see some of the activities of recent months that are driving forward the above plans. There are simply too many to mention but here are some highlights.

Firstly, as you will no doubt be aware we are continuing to grow as a Livery Company. We predict that we will have grown by between 70 and 80 new members this year and can I take this opportunity to welcome all our new Members and wish you well for the future in your Livery careers!

Below are the pictures of our new Freeman and Liverymen from last three Courts since March



*"Move forward.
Good things are
up ahead."*

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS - EVENTS



I was delighted to be with the Lord Mayor to present Martin Gettings the Master Constructors Certificate at the Master Certificate Award Ceremony at the Mansion House on the 27th March. Martin created and chaired our Climate Action Committee which has grown into a powerful force for good in the City of London and is leading the Livery Climate Action Group in driving sustainability in the City of London. A most deserved award!



The Big Curry Lunch in Guildhall on the 30th March saw 35 Constructors supporting the Lord Mayor in support of the city and National Service Charities.



A remarkable
£435k
was raised



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I am sure that like me, you were glued to your TV to watch the Coronation of King Charles 3rd on the 6th May.

In addition to seeing the Lord Mayor processing into Westminster Abbey we were responsible, along with other Livery Companys, for providing and funding the Anointing Screen which was centre stage for the most sacred part of the service. This is a tradition that goes back many centuries that the screen is provided by the London Livery Companys.

I am aware that the screen is now pride of place in the Coronation exhibit in Buckingham Palace that is open to the public during the summer.



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The 11th May saw the Company Gala Dinner on HMS Belfast. There were 144 Constructors and guests onboard the ship with the Commander of HMS Lancaster Cdr Chris Sharp as our guest of honour. The magnificent sum of £32k was raised on the night with proceeds going to our Charitable Trust, our Climate Action Committee and other Company Initiatives. I would like to thank all those who so generously donated money and action prizes to those who attended and purchased the auction lots and to those who worked so hard to make the evening such a great success.

On the 19th of April, The Worshipful Company of Constructors and the Worshipful Company of Insurers came together to run a joint event called “Constructing an Insurable and Sustainable Future”. This event was a great success and created the space for the two companies to come together and discuss how they could further the Climate Action Agenda. This was a great example of us using our Livery expertise and having a meaningful debate influencing the construction industry. Please see the report on the Company website.



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Back to the topic of Sustainability it was a very proud moment for us that after several years of hard work understanding and reducing the Companys Carbon footprint the Climate Action Committee were able to offset our residual carbon and announce that we have become a Net Zero Carbon Livery Company on the 30th May.

I believe that we are the first Livery to have got to this point. I would like to thank Rob Beales and Paul Sheedy, the joint Chairs of our Climate Action Committee and Steffan Raw- Rees and the Climate Action Team for all the work they have undertaken to make this happen!

We are also supporting other Livery Companys with their journeys in sustainability and offering free expert guidance to all the Livery Companys with Halls. This a truly remarkable set of activities that support the City and wider Livery movement.

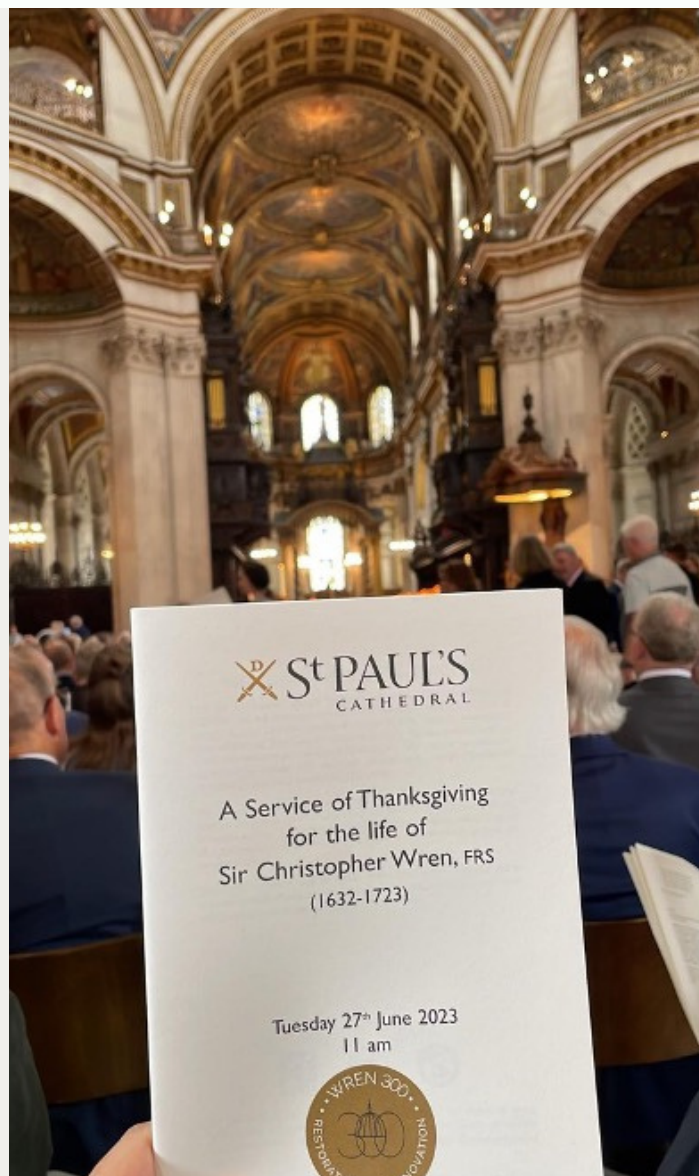


Our most prestigious Sir Christopher Wren Summer Banquet at Drapers Hall on the 7th June was attended by nearly 200 members and guests. We were delighted to welcome Alderman and Company Member, Sir Andrew Palmley Lord Mayor Locum Tenens. Accompanying Sir Andrew were Sheriffs Alderman Alistair King and Andrew Marsden and their Consorts. We were also delighted to welcome visiting Masters. The feedback from the evening was very positive with wonderful food and the Post Horn Gallop being mentioned most often in addition to the spectacular venue!

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On the 27th June 40 Constructors joined the congregation of over 1600 to celebrate the 300th Anniversary of the death of Sir Christopher Wren in the presence of His Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester and the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs.

Sir Christopher Wren and his legacy has a very close relationship with the Constructors Company and we were very proud sponsors of the event.





The Masters Weekend took place in Portsmouth on the last weekend in June. We had a large group attending the 3 day informal break with the highlights being our afternoon aboard the HMS Queen Elizabeth Aircraft Carrier and the black-tie dinner aboard the HMS Warrior. The HMS Queen Elizabeth visit was kindly arranged by HMS Lancaster our affiliated ship as Lancaster is stationed in Oman. Lt Cdr Max Wilmot and a team from HMS Lancaster and Lt Andrew Turner and his team from HMS Queen Elizabeth led our tour allowing us access to many parts of the ship.



Wishing you all a great summer and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Common Hall on the 14th September.

Best wishes David

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS - CLERK VISIT

Visit to SW London ACF Camp

Rollestone Camp Salisbury Plain - 28 July 2023

The Clerk visited SW London ACF Summer Camp. Representatives (Master +2) of the WC of Fletchers and Arbitrators also attended.

The camp had moved from Okehampton Battle Camp to Rollestone at very short notice. What was striking from previous visits I have made over the past 11 years was the enthusiasm and imagination of the staff. This, as ever translated into positive reaction from the young people.

Approximately 250 cadets were in attendance with about 60 staff. Due to the cancelation of Okehampton provide training areas for Ukrainian soldier. Sadly, this happened at the 6 week stage when the cancelation for Adventure Training Contracts was.



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The Stances we were taken to were:

The 4 Star (all cadet training is in star grades 1 lowest 5 highest), firing the new L98 rifle, this is a single shot semi-automatic version of the SA80 A2. The practice was a run-down of 100m (without the weapon) to the firing point then exposures of ETR (Electronic target range) targets at 100, 200 & 300m. The detail adopting the fire position indicated. We only saw a demonstration at 100m but the shoot is akin to the annual personal weapons test for non-infantry troops.

The 1 star indoor range. This uses the cadet air rifle firing at a target about 20ft in front of them.

The weapon is an air rifle but with a magazine of 10 rounds and a bolt action.

This enables this to be used to teach the principles of marksmanship to young people who are not old enough or large enough to use the L98.

The 3 Star CQB (Close quarter Battle Range). This uses an M14 lookalike Paintball gun (Biodegradable paintballs). The stance took an individual through a wooded area with targets appearing and being engaged in a suitable fire position.

The 2 Star CIS (Radios) stance. This was a classroom session where the cadets were being taught about the Cadet tactical radio its use care and storage. The radio is based upon the old Infantry individual radio and enables more advanced training to take place.

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Other activities included, at 3 & 4 star level, patrolling (day & night) and ACF and DOE (Bronze) level expeditions. This was a well run and impressive Summer Camp well supported by staff and the Deputy Lieutenant of Croydon.

We are welcome to extract some from the ACF social Media. SW London ACF Facebook SW Share point. I have asked for photos which I expect soon.

14 Company were mixed with all the other Companies, I did see Steve to chat to. All in all a most diverse and effective organization



THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS - CLERK VISIT

The Company's formal events have seen a resurgence this year with record numbers at the L&A Dinner and a goodly number at the Sir Christopher Wren Banquet

The Company's numbers are rising thanks to the efforts and effectiveness of the Membership boost group to the extent that at the end of March we had our first "Joining Court" dedicated to New Joiners alone.

This was a proof of concept and may well become an occasional event as our Company expands. Be under no doubt this is a fun

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Forthcoming Events:

Court, Common Hall & Informal Reception 14 September 2023 - Wax Chandlers Hall

This year's Election Court, Common Hall (Company's AGM) and informal reception will take place in Wax Chandlers Hall on 14 Sept 2023. Common Hall will start at 1700 and the Reception on completion of Common Hall. All Members may attend, but only Liverymen may vote. Guests may be invited to the reception but whilst it is free to Members a cost of £30 a head will be made for guests, a Flyer will be distributed to which you should respond if you wish to attend.

Installation of New Master Terry Withers St Lawrence Jewry - 12 October 2023, 05:30PM

As is custom the Master will be installed in St Lawrence Jewry at 1730 on 12 Oct 23. The installation is an integral part of the Company's annual Church Service. All Members may attend whether or not they are attending the Installation Dinner.

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Installation Dinner Grocers' Hall
12 October 2023, 06:30PM

This year we return to Grocers' Hall. The Hall is limited in capacity (162 spaces) and the flyer will be produced at the end of July.

This a great opportunity to get the New Master's year off to a great start, all Members and guests may attend and as usual it is on a "first Come basis".

You can find all the
forthcoming events at
the link attached at
the QR Code



THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS - MEMBERS PAGE



JEM MUSSELWHITE

During the covid lockdown I started doing some writing about my life in construction and the finished product is called “Builder’s Nipper” which is exactly what I am.

The associated website is www.buildersnipper.com and the rather lengthy tome takes a humorous look at my construction related life experiences and career.

I could write a lot more and probably will do as I move through my 60’s and semi- retirement in 3 years’ time.

I definitely have a book in me and would very much like to expand my after dinner speaking activity to include this and other amusing stories.

My writing is an honest and unexpurgated summary of my time in the construction industry I grew up in. It contains nothing offensive but is true to life, and I hope humorously summarises some of the notable events and things I’ve encountered along the way.

At nearly 63 now, I have grown up a lot and must have done reasonably well despite everything to become the Chartered building professional I am today. Many life lessons learned indeed!!

There have been highs and lows along the way, but I can honestly say I’ve largely enjoyed the journey.

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS – MEMBERS EVENTS

Tower of London

Members and guests attended a private tour of the Tower of London, followed by drinks in the Tower's private Yeoman Warders Club and the spectacular Ceremony of the Keys.

The Company would like to extend its thanks to **Andrew Hastie** for organising the event and Yeoman Warder, David Coleman for an informative and fascinating tour.



THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS – MEMBERS EVENTS

The Annual Inter-Livery
Clay Shooting Competition!



To find out who placed where
in the competition and the
full day report, written by **Jn.
Warden Henry Lamb**, you can
visit our website



THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS – MEMBERS EVENTS

Networking event fbe and WCoC

The Worshipful Company of Constructors is delighted to announce that we have renewed our historic affiliation with the **Forum for the Built Environment** (fbe). To celebrate this momentous occasion, FBE kindly invited us to join them at a Networking Drinks event on 26 April.

The event was a wonderful opportunity to relax and network with old and new friends, overlooking the stunning views of the Thames and Tower Bridge, while enjoying a chilled glass of wine at the Butlers Wharf Chop House.

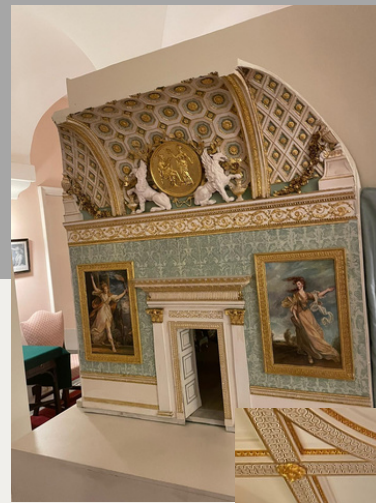


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Spencer House Tour and Lunch

An adventure at the London's most magnificent 18th century aristocratic palace tour visit of Spencer House and dining with decadence at the elegant private rooms of Davy's Wine Merchants, St James's, London.

Special thanks to **Jn. Court Assistand Juna Margariti** for ogranising this exceptional day.



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Guildhall Visit

A tour of Guildhall and its impressive architecture, which dates back to the 14th century. They also explored the crypts, learning about the history of Guildhall and admiring the beautiful artwork.

Thanks to everyone who attended and a huge thank you to **Paul Singh** and **Andrew Hastie** who made this event possible. We hope you all enjoyed the event and thank you for joining us!



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Canal Boat Trip

A tour along the Grand Union Canal travelling through Islington tunnel taking in many historic and modern sights of interest, followed by food and drinks in a local hostelry.

Special thanks to **Jn. Court Assistantf Craig Harding** for organising this breathtaking evening.



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Level 30 & 39 at One Canada Square

A visit at One Canada Square for an exclusive viewing of the Canary Wharf Models, a guided explanation of the work put in over the last 3 decades to transform the area from disused docks to a thriving area for commerce, retail and now residential. Followed by drinks and canapés

Special thanks to **Liveryman Paul Sheedy** for organising this astonishing event.



THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS – MEMBERS EVENTS

Informal Networking Event

Join us every second Wednesday of the month at
our Informal Networking Event

Balls Brothers Austin Friars, 10-11 Austin Friars,
London, EC2N 2HG

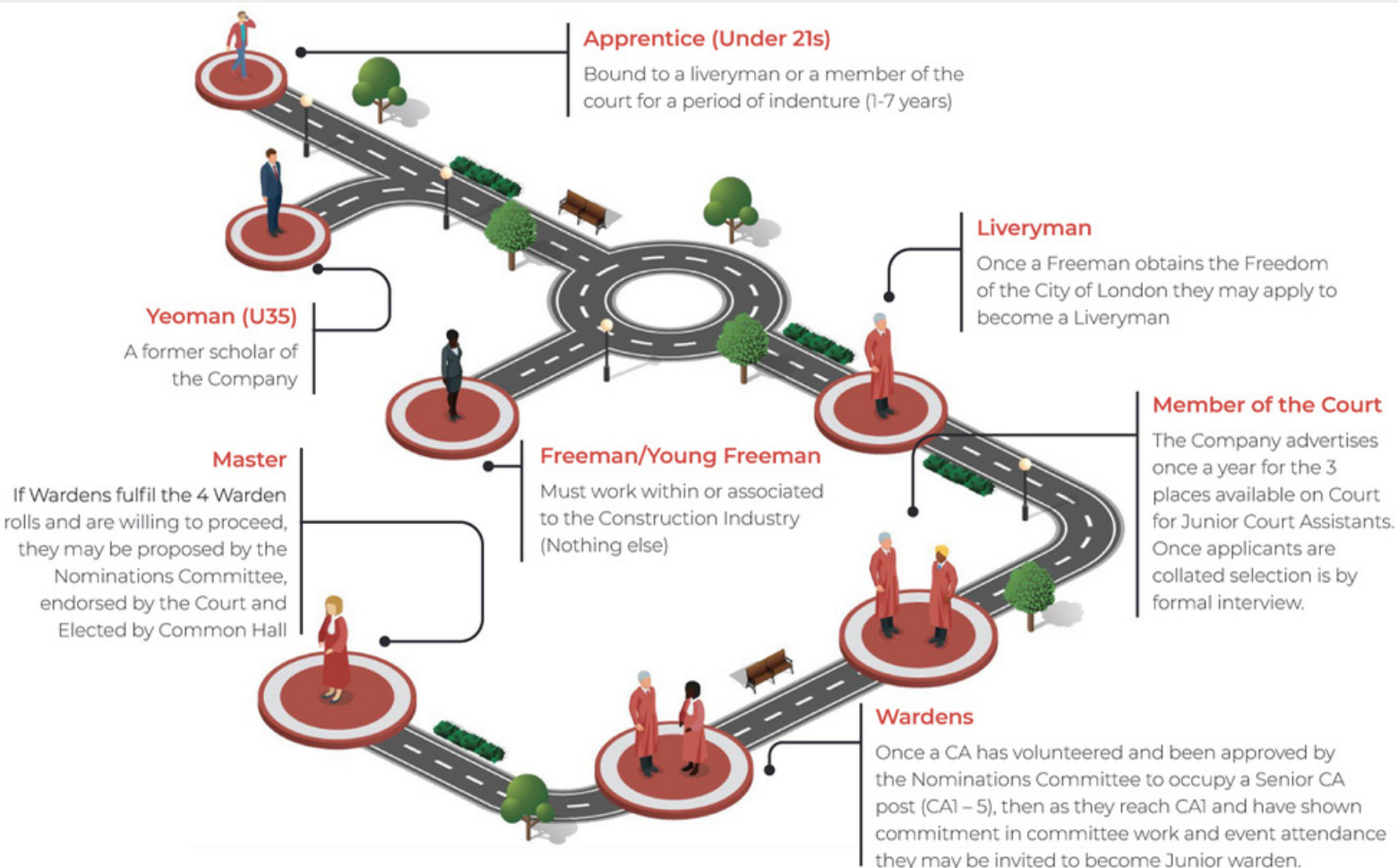


THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS - NEW MEMBERS

How to become a member



If you're interested in joining
as a Freeman or Yeoman,
please complete the forms
that are available online



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