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THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS - THE MASTER

**Master's Report
February 2024**

The last few months have, as can be expected, included a great number of magnificent occasions.

To start with, I was invited by Alderwoman and Sheriff, Dame Susan Langley, to attend the Old Bailey and have lunch with His Majesty's Judges. It was interesting, to learn about how the Judges switch off from the horrors that their duties expose them to. After this we were invited into Court for the afternoon session. They and the jurors carry a massive responsibility; we should be thankful for their service.

In late November, the Mistress and I were invited to attend the Army Cadet Force, 14 Company South West London's Christmas Camp Competition. These young affiliates are enjoying a stellar period, having won 'Champion Company of 2023', "well done". It was just disappointing to discover that they could trebble in size, due to the high demand from the local community, if it were not for a shortage of trainers to support this expansion.

Check out the amazing work in action by watching the video on the WCC YouTube channel.

Liveryman Amos Simbos, founder and CEO of Black Professionals in Construction, invited the Mistress and me to their BPIC Awards Dinner. >

This was a well presented function, highlighting the great work that their members are producing, enthusiastically supported by their generous sponsors.

Our festive lunch at Ironmongers' Hall was again well supported with the merriment being continued, over at our new networking residency, The Lord Raglan.

Our Christmas Carol Service was well attended in the lovely, newly-refurbished, St Lawrence Jewry Church. As usual, we were raising money to support CRASH. We were very pleased that our new Liveryman and CRASH CEO, Francesca Roberts, was able to attend and receive the £600+ that we raised for them. Having attended their recent celebratory evening, I can testify to the fantastic work that they do.

The 23rd January was the most hectic day of my tenure so far. I was invited to attend the University of London, City Graduation Ceremony at the Barbican Centre. This started with a lunch at noon, followed by witnessing a few hundred amazing young people receive their degrees from the "new" Rector of the University, the Lord Mayor, Prof. Michael Mainelli.

There was no rest for the wicked as the Mistress and I were straight off to Haberdashers' Hall, for the Architects' Annual Banquet. This was a marvellous evening, with the Lord Mayor as their Guest of Honour.

Continuing a theme, Paul Sheedy and I met with the Insurers, to see what we are going to do with the paper that was written after our joint event last year, discussing the “risk” associated with new building techniques. I have also chaired a meeting with 10 of the 18 Masters of the Construction Livery Group, to discuss potential ways that our Companies could support their Chair and our, PM Tony Ward, in the future.

There are some exciting events to look forward to. We have the fundraising evening with former SAS hero, Robin Horsfall, my Master’s weekend to Henley-upon-Thames and a potential trip to the War Graves in France. I hope to see as many of you at these events as possible.

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS - COMPANY

Charitable Trust

Have you heard about the WCC Charitable Trust's "Constructing our Future" initiative?

This initiative aims to provide students aged 8-16 with inspirational experiences in the construction industry, showcasing the vast array of fascinating careers it has to offer.

Check out the amazing work in action, by watching the video on the WCC YouTube channel.



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THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS - WARDENS



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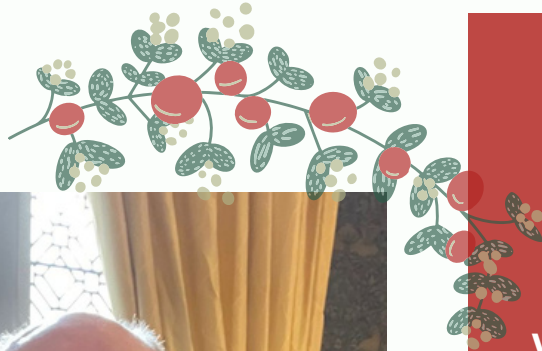
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"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to serve as the Senior Warden of the Worshipful Company of Constructors this year. As we enter the new Livery year, I am eagerly looking forward to providing support to our new Master, Terry Withers, and working towards the successful implementation of our ambitious five-year plan.

This plan is specifically designed to prioritise our membership, bolster our impact on the Construction industry, and make significant contributions to our charitable causes. Being a Modern Livery Company, this plan ensures we are prepared for the future. Exciting times lie ahead for the Constructors Company, and I am honoured to be a part of it"



THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS - EVENTS



WCC members, Wardens and Master Constructor enjoyed a festive lunch at Ironmongers Hall — an excellent opportunity to embrace the holiday spirit, catch up with fellow Constructors, and interact with prospective members.



THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS - EVENTS

Inter-Livery Events

Mid July	Inter-Livery Golf Day	Verulam, St Albans Held by Marketors
Late July	Ray Jeffs Golf	Hartley Wintney Held by Livery Schools Link
Early Sept	Inter-Livery Tennis	Queen's Club Held by Feltmakers
Late Oct	Inter-Livery Quiz	Guildhall Club Held by Tax Advisers
Late Oct	Inter-Livery Real Tennis	Queen's Club Held by Brewers

Early Jan	Inter-Livery Ski Championship	Morzine Held by Ironmongers
Early Feb	Card Games Evening	Variable venue Held by Playing Card Makers
Shrove Tuesday	Inter-Livery Pancake Race	Guildhall Yard Held by Poulterers
Early March	Inter-Livery Bridge Competition	Drapers' Hall Held by Playing Card Makers
Mid May	Inter-Livery Clay Shoot	Holland & Hollan Held by Envr. Cleaners

Mid May	Inter-Livery Sailing Regatta	Cowes, IoW Held by City Livery Yacht Club
Late May	Inter-Livery Golf	Walton Heath Held by Coachmakers
Late May	Great XII Sailing Challenge	Seaview, IoW
Early June	Inter-Livery Rifle Shoot	Bisley Held by Bakers
Mid June	Inter-Livery Croquet	Variable venue Held by Founders

Please note that events are subject to change and members should check the organisers' website for more details.

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS - CITY EVENTS

Annual Christmas Lights Switch On

The 695th Lord Mayor of the City of London Prof. Michael Mainelli kickstarted Christmas at the City of London's iconic hidden gem, Leadenhall Market.

The Christmas lights were switched on at 6pm, complete with pyrotechnic fountains.

With thanks to Liveryman Christopher Breiner for organising the Constructors' gathering and drinks after the ceremony.



THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS - MEMBERS' EVENT

INFORMAL NETWORKING EVENTS

These informal networking events are organised by Junior Court Assistant Rianne Scott and take place every second Wednesday of the month at 6.30 p.m.

The Lord Raglan on St Martin's Le Grand in the City, has been selected as this year's venue for these events. If a company would like to sponsor one of these evenings, please get in touch.

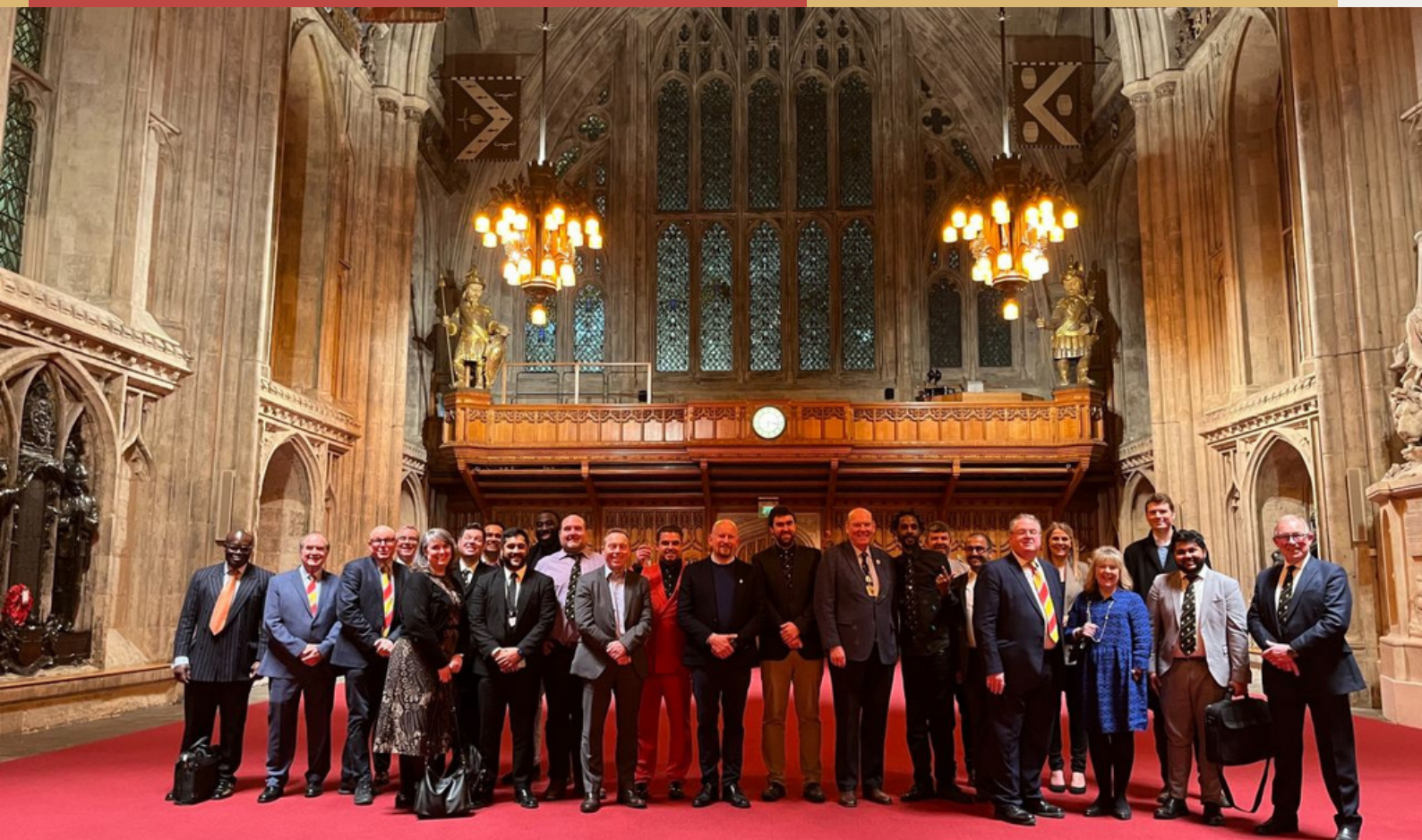
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THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS - MEMBERS' EVENTS

Guildhall Visit

Constructors' were treated to a double whammy of history with a private tour of the old 'Custom House', followed by a fascinating tour of Guildhall! For the second time in two years, members enjoyed a glass of bubbly and a guided private tour of the medieval Guildhall. Both tours were hosted by Senior Court Assistant and 'Common Councillor', Paul Singh, the latter under the banner of WCoC 'NewGen'



THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS - MEMBERS' EVENTS



On Thursday 26th of October 2023, Liveryman Christopher Breiner organised a visit to 'All Hallows by the Tower' for a tour of The Oldest Church in the City of London.

In attendance were our New Master, Terry and Mistress Constructor Alison Withers, Renter Warden Henry Lamb, Chairman of Merchandise & Events Committee, Stewart Owen, Simone de Gale, Liveryman from the WC of Chartered Architects, David Jones, CEO of the FBE, Leo Elbourne of St Helens Bishopgate, Michael Dalton, Past Master Glazier, Stuart Eu from the WC Chartered Accountants and fellow Constructors James Wilson, Luke Birkett, Oliver Reutter and Russell Looker.

All Hallows-by-the-Tower is an ancient Anglican Church overlooking the Tower of London.

Constructors enjoyed a guided tour of The Oldest Church in the City of London, Founded in 675 AD. We discovered more than 1,300 years of history, while journeying through the ancient Crypt and Museum.



All Hallows has a long-standing and active connection with Livery Companies, with their vicar being chaplain to The Worshipful Company of Bakers, The Company of Watermen and Lighterman, The Worshipful Company of World Traders and the Tower Ward Club.

Constructors and their guests made a generous donation of £80 towards the Grade 1 listed church.

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS - MEMBERS' EVENTS

Custom House Tour

A private tour of Custom House exclusively for members of the Constructors Company and their guests was arranged by Senior Court Assistant Paul Singh.

The tour showcased the building's rich history alongside its utilitarian but elegant architecture.



THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS - CLERK'S REPORT

The Company's formal events experienced a resurgence in 2023, with record numbers at the L&A Dinner and a sizeable cohort 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.

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THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS - CLERK'S REPORT

February Events:

Court and Livery & Awards Dinner **15 February 2024 - Drapers' Hall**

This year's Livery and Awards Dinner was held at the majestic Drapers' Hall.

Attendees were part of an evening filled with celebration, honouring the accomplishments of our Prizewinners, Military Affiliates, and Scholars.

Guest Speaker – Roger Bailey Thames Tideway

Roger was appointed to the board of Thames Tideway in 2021 to strengthen the board's commissioning and technical focus, as the project moves towards its completion and handover stages. In the early part of the Thames Tideway project's development, he was instrumental in defining the project requirements and agreeing on the technical interaction between the Tideway asset and the existing Thames Water sewer network. Roger is a chartered civil engineer with more than 30 years of experience in the planning, design and construction of complex infrastructure projects in the UK and internationally.







THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS - FUTURE EVENTS

The Lord Mayors Big Curry Lunch
18 April 2024 - Guildhall

Court and Companions' Lunch
09 May 2024 - Vintners' Hall

Sir Christopher Wren Banquet
12 June 2024 - Goldsmiths' Hall

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THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS - MEMBERS' PAGE



JOHN JUDGE
OPERATIONS DIRECTOR
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The WCoC was introduced to me by Tim Fitch, and I was surprised to have never heard of the City Livery Companies before.

I enjoy engaging with individuals with similar technical interests and learning from them. Having participated in the support of other charities, I became increasingly interested in the Company as I learned more about it.

Though I have not been able to attend many events, I am looking forward to 2024 and supporting the company.

Thank you for the warm welcome!

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CONSTRUCTORS - MEMBERS' PAGE

My name is John Curlewis and I was made a Freeman and Liveryman with the Worshipful Company of Constructors on the 7th September 2023, having previously been made a Freeman of the City of London in December 2022.



My late Father was a Liveryman with the Worshipful Company of Plumbers and so I knew a bit about Livery Companies and how they operated, but it wasn't until my brother-in-law had invited me to become a Freeman of the City of London that I started to realise my ambition. Originally he wanted me to join his Ward, but I knew that The Constructors were always my chosen route.

I have attended several social events and have found everyone to be very welcoming and friendly and I felt at ease straight from the beginning. Whilst I live in Horsham, West Sussex, I often travel to The City, which is a direct train journey via Thameslink, making the journey quite enjoyable (when they run!)

I absolutely love working in and visiting The City, the vibe about the City is electric and somehow I feel "at home" whenever I visit. As a louvre and brise soleil (solar shading) consultant I am very interested in climate change and helping companies reduce solar glare, thereby reducing heat gains within the building.

Until February 2023 I was a 50% owner of a construction company based in Worthing offering supply and installation of louvre and brise soleil systems. However, since 1st March I have been a freelance consultant offering design and quotation services, partnering with one of the UK's leading suppliers.

I enjoy working from home, but also know how to relax by following football and more importantly I play indoor and outdoor bowls (for 2 years) at my local clubs, indeed this was my breakthrough year outdoors, where I competed in two club finals, where I won the handicap singles match 21-18 after being 11-18 down and starting 7 shots down in handicap.

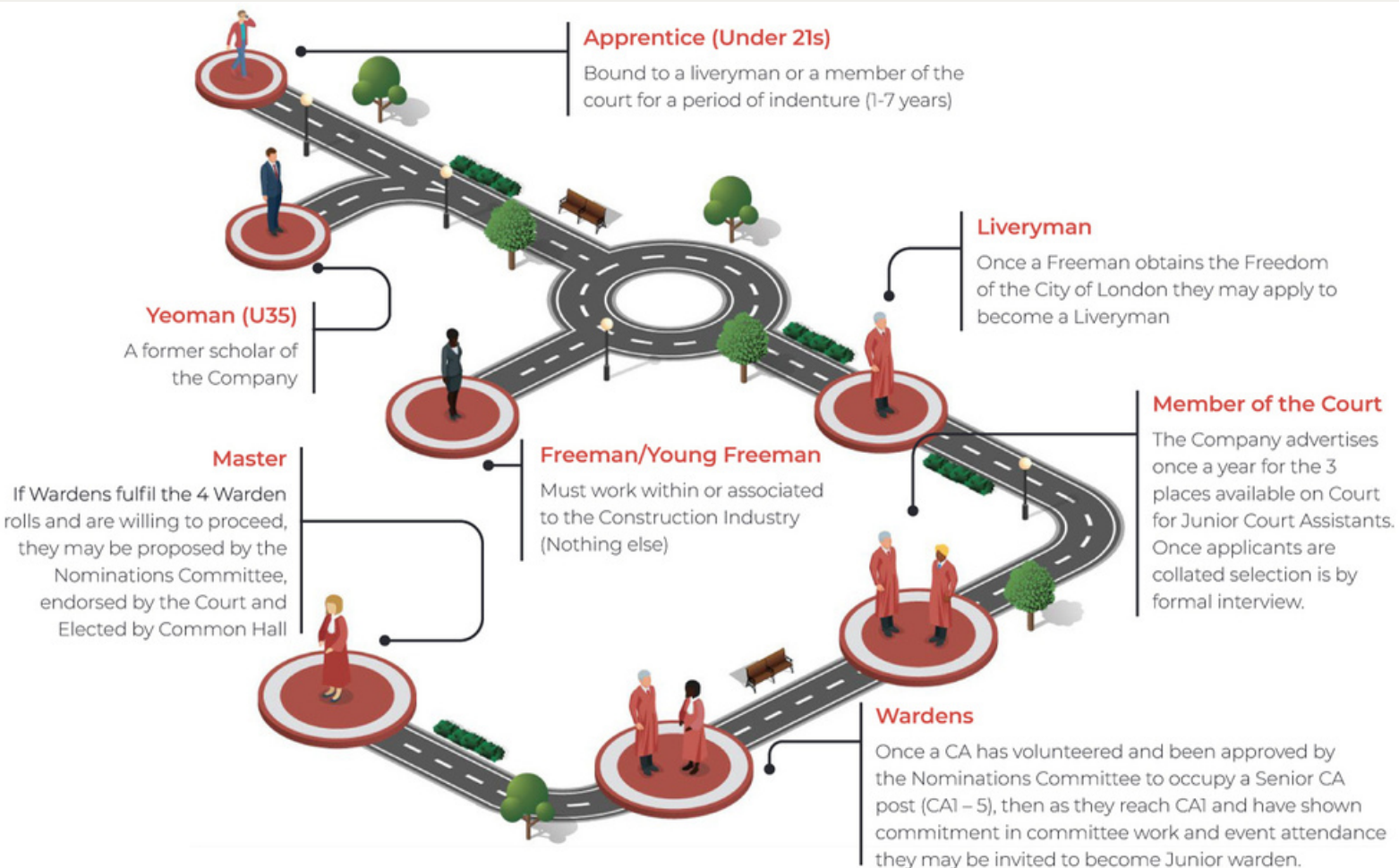
I look forward to being very involved with the Constructors and look forward to joining one of the many Committees that might seek my assistance. I look forward to meeting more members and getting to know how the Constructors can help develop my business as well as me providing assistance in return.

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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