

C - News Report from April 2013 to October 2013 - Master Stephen Rigden

30th September - Election of Lord Mayor of The City of London



The Master, Stephen Rigden, led The Wardens and other Livery Members into Guildhall to cast their vote in the election of The Lord Mayor.

This was the last official duty of our Master in his year of office in casting a vote for Alderman Fiona Woolf. The Lord Mayor Elect, as she is known after today's election, does not take office until the Silent Ceremony, which is held in Great Hall, Guildhall on Friday 8 November, the day preceding the Lord Mayor's Show (Saturday 9 November). The Lord Mayor's Banquet, at which the Prime Minister speaks, follows on Monday 11 November at Guildhall.

After these Civic proceedings The Master led our attendance at luncheon in Painters`Hall at the kind invitation and permission of The Master Painter Stainer. Following which all adjourned to The Little Ship Club.

17th August - The Master & Mistress host a Summer Garden Party for all Members at home



Stephen & Christine generously hosted over 76 to their home laying on a continuous supply for excellent food and beverage. An interesting programme of activities too! Shooting and Croquet competitions were held and the noted winners were:



In the Clay Shooting Competition:- The lady winner was Nicola Savastano, wife of Matthew Savastano, and for The Gentlemen Michael Rigden took the honours.

In the Croquet Competition Andrew Hornby's son, Eddie Hornby beat off over 50 competitors to win the competition.



Then we come to the superb cake baked and iced (how did she do that??) by Lorraine Fawl, wife of David Fawl who surprised Stephen & Christine with this beautiful cake. How to gain Brownie Points with The Master?? bake a cake! Obviously. (So kind and thoughtful of Lorraine & David)

24th July - The Worshipful Company of Distillers International Wine & Spirit Competition

The Master Stephen Rigden and Mistress Christine Rigden attended this annual event at the invitation of The Distillers Company together with The Junior Warden Ian Mason. They had the opportunity to taste and sample 200 of the top award-winning spirits and liqueurs from the 2013 competition. A tasting lasting nearly three hours needs fortitude.



It also needs a steady hand and it`s tough work but then somebody has to do it!

22nd June - A Royal Baby Celebrated onboard HMS Lancaster our affiliated Frigate.



Commander Steve Moorhouse, HMS Lancaster's Commanding Officer said: "As 'The Queen's Frigate' we were particularly delighted to hear the fantastic news of the royal birth, and everybody on board HMS Lancaster sends their warmest congratulations and best wishes to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge."

28th to 30th June - Masters` Weekend in York

The Master's Weekend

YORK

28-30 June 2013

Historic York, founded by the Romans, was the Viking city of *Yorvik* for over 100 years, and has been the most prosperous and powerful city in northern England for over a thousand years. Amongst many other things, it is famous for its Minster, well preserved medieval buildings, and city walls.

The 2013 Master's Weekend will be based at the four-star Royal York Hotel, conveniently located immediately adjacent to the Railway Station. York can be reached by direct train from London Kings Cross in less than two hours.

PROGRAMME

Thursday 27th June

Some members, including the Master, arrive at the Royal York Hotel.

Friday 28th June

Afternoon A visit has been arranged to York Minster's stone yard where up to thirty stone masons can be seen at work. We will be guided by Rebecca Thompson, the Superintendent of Works at the Minster, who will be Master of the York Guild of Building in 2012/13. Numbers are limited for this visit.

Evening York's renowned National Railway Museum is the world's largest. A drinks reception amongst historic steam engines in the Great Hall, will be followed by a hot buffet on the atmospheric Royal Platform. We will be joined by some members of York's Guild of Building.

Saturday 29th June

Morning York Minster: A selection of specialist private guided tours has been arranged. An opportunity to see the hidden Minster where visitors do not usually go: the Chapter House roof, Mason's loft, or the top of the East front via the scaffold. Ground level tours are also available.

Lunch Free choice.

Afternoon Free, with suggested self-guided tours of the city walls, city pubs, visits to the Yorkshire Museum, Barley Hall, Merchant Adventurers Hall, York Dungeon, the Yorvik Centre, Clifford Tower, the Castle Museum, or try a boat trip on the River Ouse.

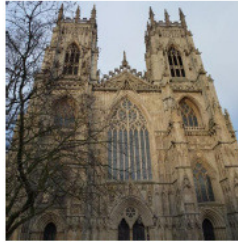
Evening Black tie civic reception and dinner at York's historic Mansion House. We understand that an ancient tradition requires the Lord Mayor of York to have a silver chamber pot placed on the table in front of him at dinner – I do not know whether this facility is available for general use!

Sunday 30th June

Morning York Minster – Sung Eucharist at 10am.

Lunch Historic 14th Century Bedern Hall, home of York Guild of Building. York is famed for its Mystery Plays, and after lunch we are privileged to be able to witness the Guild of Building's Mystery Play – Creation [and it only takes 15 minutes!].

Afternoon The formal programme is over, but for those staying longer, the city and the surrounding area have much to offer, including Castle Howard, or possibly a trip by steam on the North Yorkshire Railway.



The weekend started with visits to The Stonemasons Yard, a workplace that has existed in York for over 800 years. The Superintendent of Works to The Dean and Chapter of York Minster Rebecca Thompson MCIOB kindly hosted us for our many and several visits.

On the Friday evening we attended the "National Railway Museum" for both a reception amongst the trains then dinner on The Royal Platform beside the superb Royal Train Collection.



See guests arriving for the Reception and a look at the train collection. On the right is The Master in front of the stately "Dominion of Canada"



We proceeded to dinner all laid out for us on The Royal Platform in front of The Royal Train Collection. This was stunning and the meal and wines matched the amazing surroundings. See on right Liveryman David Fell and his wife Rita at the table ready to dine.



Saturday proved quite special as we had the great privilege of being guided all over York Minster (in smaller groups) lead by The Superintendent of Works to The Dean and Chapter of York Minster Rebecca Thompson MCIQB. Rebecca proved a captivating guide and her detailed knowledge of the structure and restoration work left us all amazed at the extent and craftsmanship involved. "God`s Work" indeed.



The Master took a number of opprtunities to explain to your reporter the finer points of the rather clever and very special carvings.



We finished our tour and ride up the scaffold in The Stone Yard with all thanking Rebecca for her time and wisdom.



Most finished the tour with the 248 circular stone stair climb to The Central Tower. Time to view the Minster as on high and to reflect on a simply extraordinary visit.



Next in the evening we dined a in The York Mansion House as guests of The Rt Hon, the Lord Mayor of York Councillor Julie Gunnell. The 624th Lord Mayor of York.

York's Lord Mayor is second only to the Lord Mayor of London in precedence. The Mansion House is the Lord Mayor's residence during their year of office.

See above right the regalia and insignia of York's Lord Mayor worn on ceremonial occasions but on display as we dined.



We dined in the magnificent Stateroom which embodies the history and splendour of the Mansion House in its banqueting glory. It is a fine example of a Palladian interior, featuring exquisite carving and gold leaf gilding, and is dominated by impressive portraits of former Lord Mayors and royalty that adorn the walls.

Displayed in the Stateroom are a set of Gold Chains which were bequeathed to King James 6th Scotland in 1612 by Sir Robert Watter. These are the second oldest set in the country after London, and every Mayor since 1612 has worn them.

The Rt Hon, the Lord Mayor of York Councillor Julie Gunnell spoke after dinner to welcome us to York and to tell us about this fine city and its traditions. The Master thanked the Lord Mayor for her kind words and generous hospitality.



After Sunday Church in the Guild Church of York we were treated to a "Mystery Play" in The Deans Yard with the Minster as a backdrop. A play showing how the word of God was explained in the fifteenth century. All created, written and performed by members of The York Guild of Building. Mrs Rebecca Thompson is also Master of this 60-year-old guild in the current year.



To end the formal part of our weekend we lunched in the restored 16th C Hall of The York Guild of Building, envious of such a wonderful facility right in the city centre but nevertheless a superb lunch to conclude a superb weekend. Many thanks to both Stephen & Christine Rigden for all their hard work arranging everything for us leaving nothing aside for our comfort and enjoyment.

26th June - City Networking Event in aid of Charitable Trust

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On a stunning warm afternoon The City of London's only multi-discipline Livery Company held, for the third year, a Networking Event offering a chance to meet and greet an eclectic mix of professionals from the Construction sector, stakeholders and related professions. It was an opportunity to gather and exchange views/information on current events and future issues facing the construction industry. It is the premier networking event for the Construction sector and related professions.



This summer afternoon event at the stunning venue of the Sky Lounge at St Paul's Grange Hotel, 10 Godliman Street, London EC4 directly opposite St Paul's Cathedral with unique views of the City skyline.

This was also an opportunity to learn more about our Livery Company, how it works and how to join and offered an opportunity to raise some funds support the Company's charitable works.

A small registration fee of £10 was asked of attendees to cover costs, the surplus from which, each year goes to the charitable endeavours of the Worshipful Company of Constructors

Over 150 attended and we gratefully acknowledge our sponsors CMT Design & Construction.



See here The Master at ease after our event knowing it had been a resounding success for everyone attending and raised over £1500 for The Company Charitable Trust to fund causes like our Scholarships for young construction professionals.

24th June - Election of Sheriffs and Luncheon



Following the election of the two new Sheriffs in Guildhall by the members of The City Liverymen they pored out of Guildhall and mostly all departed to special luncheons throughout The City to consider the days work. See above The Master Stephen Rigden with his wife Christine leaving Guildhall.

There are two Sheriffs of the City of London. The Sheriffs are elected annually by the Liverymen of the Livery Companies, and it is a requirement for a Lord Mayor of the City of London to previously have served as a Sheriff. This time the following were elected:

Sir Paul Judge, Alderman and Marketor

&

Adrian Waddington CBE, Citizen and Actuary



The Constructors were privledged to lunch in Painters` Hall and at a reception before lunch designed to enable old friends to meet after voting and to wash the dust of The City streets from the mouth. On left The Master with Past Master John Robson JP and Renter Warden Graeme Monteith. On right The Master with Master Mason John Burton MBE (Awarded in Birthday Honours) with Dr Dick Reid.



Luncheon followed, were The Worshipful Company of Painter-Stainers hosted Liverymen and Guests from eight other Livery Companies to a very fine lunch and balanced wines.

30th May - Sir Christopher Wren Dinner - Mansion House

A message from Gerald Sharp Photography:-

A quick line to let you know images from your Mansion House Banquet are now on our website, archive disk to follow.

If your members could be reminded of our web facilities in the next general communication that would be appreciated.

Hope all OK, any queries please let me know

Kind regards,

Stuart at Gerald Sharp Photography

<http://www.sharpphoto.co.uk>

16th May - Visit to HMS Lancaster in Portsmouth.

Report by Court Assistant John Sayers

A bright sunny and calm day greeted Constructors and other Affiliates on 16th May when visiting HMS Lancaster berthed alongside in Portsmouth Docks when us civilians were to be treated to a view of the Royal Navy in action.



Sadly, the CO informed us that we would not in fact be able to leave port as a bearing on the stabiliser had demanded divers to repair the ship immediately but with exceptional kindness they had arranged at short notice, a private visit to HMS Victory with its 100th Commanding Officer greeting us on board.



The 250 year old famous battleship was of course Admiral Nelson's ship and sadly his place of demise. The ship is in remarkable condition for its age and Constructors were taught some of the origins of common phrases prevailing today, from "no room to swing a cat" and "letting the cat out of the bag" to the dining origins of 'a square meal' (the ships' plates) and its timber border called (on the) fiddle. More basic opportunities were demonstrated within the toilet accommodation where the only plentiful source of sanitisation was achieved with salt water and the frayed end of rope called the 'toe rag' which also had a more modern unsavoury application in "you little toe rag"



A generous lunch was followed by a series of practical demonstrations of Bridge procedures, Aviation, Ship Boarding by Commandos and a simulated ship's attack in the Ops Room. We

had the opportunity to speak to young Officers of the Watch and Junior ratings when visiting the Galley kitchens, Sick Bay and a 26-man Mess.



The Navy's most modern warships Dauntless, Duncan and Diamond were also in port and the opportunity to visit Diamond's vastly bigger Bridge and Ops Room was eagerly accepted. These ships cost £1 Billion each and are state of the art. Radar systems that are so advanced, one ship could "take-over" the Air Traffic Function of a major international airport if ever so required. The readiness of the Ship's company was a revelation and a humbling reassurance that these ships can be deployed to anywhere in the world at short notice.



As we were being enlightened, the silent shell of the aircraft carrier, Ark Royal, was towed past us en route to its final resting place for scrap.



'Our Ship', HMS Lancaster, shortly departs for the Caribbean on a 7-month trip and all the crew were raring to go. Our safety is truly in their hands. The CO has promised us news bulletins for the Company's continued interest.

15th May - Constructors` Lecture at City University

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Constructors Lecture 2013

Engineering High Speed Rail for Great Britain

Professor Andrew McNaughton FREng

The Constructors Lecture in conjunction with the Worshipful Company of Constructors returns to City University London this year with generous support from URS.

In his lecture Professor Andrew McNaughton, Chief Engineer and Technical Director of High Speed Two Ltd, will outline the characteristics of high speed rail, discuss the reasons to go ahead with high speed rail in Great Britain and ask why now. He will talk about how plans have been developed specific to our needs and discuss the engineering and construction challenges of achieving the government's aims in the most densely populated country in Europe.

Wednesday 15th May 2013 6.30pm
Oliver Thompson Lecture Theatre, City University London, Northampton Square, London EC1V 0HB

Tea and coffee will be available from 6pm and the lecture will be followed by hot food and a drinks reception

Book your place online at <http://tinyurl.com/constructors13> or visit our events page, www.city.ac.uk/events

19th March (sorry its late, waiting for photos) The 2012 FASS Scholarships Public Presentations.

The 2012 Faculty of Architecture and Surveying (FASS) Scholars provided by The Chartered Institute of Building and The Company made their public presentations in front of a distinguished audience



Wes Beaumont, Kier

How can the Government Construction Strategy be realised in practice?

Wes is a construction management professional with experience in both pre-construction and on live construction projects across multiple sectors. He is currently part of the core team leading BIM implementation in Kier Construction's northern operations.

Wes represents the CIOB on the BIM 2050 group and is also involved in several working groups attempting to link both the supply and delivery sides of the industry using

BIM and Lean processes.

Wes' research interests include the adoption of lean principles to create better outcomes for the socioeconomic environment and the implementation of new procurement systems. He believes that the industry must endeavour to accept changing roles and focus on creating construction professionals rather than functional individuals.

About Kier

Kier Group is a leading construction, services and property group specialising in building and civil engineering, support services, public and private house building, property development and structured property financing.

The Group employs over 10,000 people worldwide and has an annual revenue of £2.1bn.

Kier Group operates through three main divisions, each focused on being best in its class. Our activities span building, civil engineering, surface mining, facilities management, residential and commercial property

investment and PFI project investment.

Kier Construction comprises a UK-wide network of regional contracting business and major projects expertise in the UK and overseas. Kier Services provides a full life-cycle service for buildings in both public and private sectors including reactive and planned buildings maintenance, grounds maintenance and a host of other services. Kier Property is a highly successful private house builder and commercial property developer with an infrastructure investment arm specialising in the delivery of Private Finance Initiative projects.

Wes Beaumont from Keir - presented his research: "How can Government Construction be realised in practice?"



Philip Taylor, Skanska

Enabling successful knowledge transfer across a large construction organisation

Until recently, Philip was employed by Skanska UK implementing its new eCommerce procurement platform, with previous experience in design, preconstruction, and live construction projects within the civil engineering sector. In February, he left Skanska UK to join British Airways as a project manager within the BA.com and mobile applications department.

Philip became interested in knowledge management

About Skanska

Skanska is one of the world's leading project development and construction groups. The UK operation is one of the country's top 10 contractors.

Working collaboratively with customers, partners and our supply chain, we make a positive difference to society.

In the UK, Skanska is famous for building iconic structures like 30 St Mary's Axe (the Gherkin), Heron Tower, Barts and The Royal London hospitals and the Q Eil Bridge. Just as important are our extensive service-based contracts: upgrading London's gas infrastructure, a wealth of

through a previous role within Skanska UK's innovation department. While researching and developing processes to aid innovation within the business it became noticeable that key barriers to the success of innovation projects were the lack of understanding of where to find the correct knowledge and how to transfer it. From this research he hopes to show why knowledge is such an important asset, and provide a template to enhance transfer across such large and diverse organisations.

facilities maintenance contracts, long-term street lighting projects, and landscaping for the London 2012 Olympic Park in Stratford.

By combining our skills and experience in construction and infrastructure development, we have become a UK leader in delivering projects in healthcare, education, defence, transportation and municipal services, delivered through both private and public investment. Specialist in-house teams provide world-class foundations and piling expertise, as well as mechanical and electrical services for buildings and infrastructure.

Philip Taylor from Skanska - presented his research: "Enabling successful knowledge transfer across a large construction organisation."



After the highly successful presentations Wes and Philip stood with The Master of The Company Stephen Rigden, The President of The CIOB Alan Crane CBE and Bob Heathfield a Past President of The CIOB and Hon CA of The Company but probably most importantly the Mentor of both these Scholars having seen the through eighteen months of research and preparation of this successful scholarship.

Please note the superb support of Kier in this scholarship for Wes as part of his research Kier arranged for Wesley to spend a month in the USA to see how Turner (a large construction group) utilize BIM. He also visited Norway to see how a local government authority use BIM. Thank you Kier in making such a quality piece of work see the wider reality.

2nd May - Court Meeting followed by The Companions Luncheon at The City Guildhall Club.

The Master presided over the 194th Session of The Court in The Alderman`s Court, Guildhall. At which important business of The Company was conducted including adopting the budget for year 2013/2014.

The meeting opened with a prayer followed by a moments reflection on the loss of Past Master Robert Wharton, Mrs Brenda Wilson (wife of HCA Emeritus Keith Wilson) and Liveryman Bill Wright. All who have passed away in recent weeks.

The Master Clothed as a Liveryman of The Company:



Mr Andrew Crispin FCIQB a Company Director of Walter Lilly & Co Ltd of Croydon Surrey.

The Master then proceeded to admit as Freemen of The Company the following:



Mr Terry Withers Managing Director of The Admiral Scaffolding Group Ltd of London SW19.



Professor Bob Giddings BA BArch MA DPhil RIBA FCIQB FFB The Chair of Architecture and Design who teaches and researches at Northumbria University in Newcastle Tyne and Wear. Bob is proposed by Hon Court Assistant Bob Heathfield with whom Bob Giddings works on our Sir Ian Dixon and FAS Scholarships.



Mr Nicolas Morris MCIOB MAPM CEnv ACIH a Commercial Manager with Groveworld Ltd a residential property Developer of London N1.



Ms Kate Wyatt BA (Hons) MSC MCIOB RICS a Bid Manager with Wates Construction Ltd of London. Kate is also involved with The Trustees of Teambuild and is proposed by both Past Master Richard Rooley and Past Master Roger Adcock



Mr Paul Delahunty BA (Hons) Accounting & Taxation APM Cert in Project Management. A Business Development Manager with Quad Contracts Ltd of London SE1. Paul is proposed by Past Master Patricia Newton.

The Master then admitted to Yeoman Membership:



Mr Vinnothan Balakumarasingham (Vinno) MEng (Hons) ACGI Imperial College London a Civil Engineer with AECOM the International Engineering Consultancy based in Croydon Surrey. Vinno is also involved with The Trustees of Teambuild and is proposed by The Master and both Past Master Richard Rooley and Past Master Roger Adcock

After The Court Proceedings The Master hosted a Companions Luncheon with Members of The Court in The Guildhall Club.



Once a year The Court invites the Companion Members to dine and renew old acquaintances plus a good catch up on the news! This year in The Guildhall Club provided a more intimate luncheon than of recent past and was enjoyed by all.

26th April - Past Master Robert V Wharton BSc PPCIOB PPFB FHKIE MCIarb FAIC

The Company has heard to the sad news of the passing of Past Master Bob Wharton. Bob seen here enrobed as Master with The Mistress of The Company his wife Gillian in 1997. Bob had also been President of The Chartered Institute of Building, Past President of The Faculty of Building, and retired after a life in the construction industry as Chairman of High Point Plc.



Details of Robert's funeral were as follows: - Date, Thursday 2nd May 2013, 1130am, Place St. Bartholomew's Old Church, Church Road, Edgbaston, E15 3TA.

The church is next to Edgbaston Golf Club, situated between Priory Road and Edgbaston Park Road.

11th April - Private Tour of Westminster Abbey



Organised by The Company Social Committee members joined in a private tour of the inside of The Abbey. A rare and great privilege to see behind the scenes of this world famous church, host to State occasions, resting place of the Unknown Soldier and Memorial Place of the famous.

Afterwards the members and guests took wine and supper at the Farmers Club in Whitehall Court SW1.

5th April "The New Constructor" Magazine posted to every Member of The Company

