

B - News Report from December 2012 to April 2013- Master Stephen Rigden

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



27th March - Speaker for Constructors Charity Dinner on HMS Belfast announced



The Worshipful Company of Constructors

Charity Dinner aboard HMS Belfast 5th September 2013

The Worshipful Company of Constructors is delighted that

Vice-Admiral Sir Neville ('Ned') Purvis KCB

MA, CCMI, FInstD, FRSA, MIIRSM

Has accepted our invitation to speak at this event.

Sir Neville joined the Royal Navy in 1953 where he specialised as a submariner until his retirement in 1994 following which he was appointed Director General of the British Standards Institution thereafter Chief Executive of the British Safety Council and more recently a Trustee of the Wellington Trust a charity formed to preserve the sloop HMS Wellington. Sir Neville is a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Mariners and a Commander of the Confrerie du Sabre d'Or.

25th March - News from HMS Lancaster, Commander Steve Moorhouse Royal Navy

As my Ship's Company look forward to a well earned period of Easter Leave, I thought it timely to update you on the recent activity of your ship.

As you know, LANCASTER's programme in the latter part of 2012 was dominated by regenerating the fighting capability of the ship following an extensive refit. In October we completed an intense 6 week period of Basic Operational Sea Training (BOST), designed to test every aspect of the our operations at sea. On successful completion of this significant milestone we turned our attention to helping train and assess the next generation of Warfare Officers and Navigators; supporting the Maritime Warfare School's Principle Warfare and Specialist Navigating Officers' Courses.

Christmas Leave offered a brief respite and some valuable time with families, and we returned to our ship in the New Year ready for yet more training. Directed Continuation Training (DCT) ran from the end of January to the end of February and was an intense 4 week period designed to prepare the ship for her specific tasking. In LANCASTER's case this is Atlantic Patrol Task (North), more commonly referred to as APT(N).

APT(N) will see us away from UK waters for almost 7 months, from the end of May until Christmas. During this time our mission will be to re-assure British Overseas Territories, be ready to assist the Caribbean Islands in case of hurricanes or other natural disasters and to conduct counter narcotic operations; helping to stem the flow of drugs into the UK by intercepting smugglers in the earliest stages of the process. Of course throughout this period LANCASTER will be at immediate notice to deploy on contingent operations anywhere in the world to support Her Majesty's Government aims as required.

I'm pleased to say that prior to our deployment there is an opportunity to embark our affiliates for a day at sea on the 16th of May. Your affiliate's officer will be in touch very shortly with the logistical arrangements for the day, but in broad terms we will sail from Portsmouth at 0930 and arrive back alongside at 1600. Unfortunately, numbers for the day are a little restricted but I am able to offer 40 places to the Constructors and I would ask you to confirm numbers and names as soon as you can to your designated affiliation officer.

I wish you all the very best for the Easter Period and look forward to meeting you again in May.

15th March The 71st Service of the United Guilds of the City of London held at St Paul's Cathedral

The Master led The Wardens and a large number of Members in worship at the annual United Guilds Service.

The Lord Mayor led the Livery Companies in worship.



The Sermon, a very thoughtful interpretation of the earlier lesson Matthew 20. 1-16. The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard. A God who is "just," then, is inclined to show special generosity to the poor and outcast. No wonder the respectable people get anxious. With the first being last and the last being first. The assembled 2000 liverymen appreciated the Sermon and a greater understanding of the teachings in The Bible.



The Master and Wardens inside St Paul's (no photos allowed) after the UGS. Liveryman Ian Meek is on the far right behind Renter Warden Graeme Monteith.



Outside The Master and Wardens watch The Lord Mayor leave.



Once The Lord Mayor had departed all decanted to Painters` Hall to lunch in company with The Master Painter-Stainer.

4th March - Reception onboard HMS Lancaster our affiliated Ship by the kind invitation of Commanding Officer Steve Moorhouse RN.

Timed to follow on from H M The Queen visit to HMS Lancaster earlier in the day Commander Moorhouse and his officers hosted some of the ships affiliates to a reception and Ceremonial Sunset Ceremony to end the event. 20 Members of The Company joined The Master for a splendid evening.



HMS Lancaster was moored up inside Canary Wharf as can be seen. One of The Royal Navy`s Frigates a 'Duke' class Type 23. She is known as "**The Queen's Frigate**", the Duke of Lancaster being an honorary title of the Sovereign. She is also known as The Red Rose Frigate, after the emblem of Lancashire. The Queen launched the ship in May 1990.



The officers so generously provided a libation and canapés from the galley served by naval staff. All visitors were made most welcome and left all visitors with a sense of pride in the very fine people of our Royal Navy protecting our Nation`s Interests. Later Commander Moorhouse invited the visitors to the rear helipad to see the Sunset Ceremony undertaken by the Ships Crew and Royal Marine Buglers and Drums.



The Master here with Lt Cdr Larry Holmes RN the MEO of HMS Lancaster who so kindly co-ordinated with our Clerk Kim Tyrrell our attendance.



The Master Stephen Rigden, with Cdr Steve Moorhouse RN just before going out onto deck for the Sunset Ceremony.



The reception inside the helicopter hanger.



Four of The Constructors party of 20. (from left) Messrs Kent, Hattersley, Robson and Michael Rigden.



The Ceremonial Sunset at 2015pm



Great backdrop with Canary Wharf and ship`s helicopter.



Each ship usually has its own beer - Lancasters` unique beer and label.

1st March

The Master & Mistress attended the Masons' Company Master's Banquet at Mansion House.

28th February - Past Masters and Senior Members Luncheon at Guildhall Club

A goodly number of Past Masters, Honorary Court Assistants, Stewards and Executive Committee members met for luncheon in Guildhall Club. The Master had selected hearty fare for the assembled company to enjoy. Following an excellent repast, the good fellowship continued with a stroll to Liveryman Iain Meek's "Champagne Cult" near Liverpool Street and further refreshment of a liquid kind.



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27th February

The Master had lunch with Jerome Munro-Lafon, managing director of URS, sponsors of the Constructors' Lecture. This year's lecture will be held on 15th May at City University; the topic will be HS2.

26th February

The Master & Mistress attended the Lynn Painter-Stainers' Exhibition and Dinner at the Mall Galleries.

21st February

The Mistress attended a Lady Masters' lunch, with the Master as her guest. The Master and Mistress later attended a City Livery Club social event visiting the ING art collection.

18th February

The Master was entertained to lunch with HM Judges at the Old Bailey as a guest of Sheriff Nigel Pullman. Around 16 judges, including a High Court Judge and the Recorder were present.

The Master later attended at Mansion House to hear a speech by the Deputy Prime Minister, Nick Clegg.

12th February - The Master presided over the 193rd Session of The Court at Stationers' Hall, Ave Maria Lane, London.

After opening proceedings The Master Clothed as a Liveryman of The Company:-



Guy Hammersley BSc MSc CGeol FGS Hon FABE the Chief Executive of BRE Ventures Ltd

As Chief Executive of BRE Ventures Ltd Guy is responsible for leading the BRE Group's newest company with its mission to successfully exploit new green and clean technologies. BRE Ventures' innovation portfolio already includes three new joint ventures and has a rapidly growing pipeline.

Guy is also an Executive Director of BRE Group Ltd and in this capacity led the successful establishment of BRE Training and the creation of the BRE Ireland joint venture, of which he is Executive Chairman.

Guy took on the challenge of Associate Dean at the newly created University of Luton to build commercial links with industry in science, technology and design. In this role he

created a diverse and successful programme of collaborations, working mostly in the construction and manufacturing sectors, from multinationals to SMEs.

Guy's career started with the John Laing Group in 1977, initially as a Geologist with Ground Engineering Ltd and then as a Geomaterials specialist with the Laing Technology Group (LTG). He became a leading expert in the field of concrete durability and aggregates where he was involved in major projects in many countries.

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



Kathryn Bagster B Eng (Mech) Hons a Business Development Manager and Mechanical Engineer with Morgan Sindall a London Contractor based in Golden Lane EC1. Kathryn is introduced by the Junior Warden Ian Mason.



Paul Marsden MEng CEng MICE C P Eng MIE Aust a Commercial Manager (Construction) with Bechtel Corporation based in Brisbane Australia. Paul is welcomed by direct application to The Company.



Paul Mason HND a Company Director/Project Manager with R G Falla Ltd a Construction Company of Rue de la Gache, Guernsey CI. Paul is introduced by Liveryman Barry Symons.



Denis Riddell a Lecturer & Managing Director of Desir Design Ltd a Building, Contracting and Development Company of Route De Portinfer, Guernsey CI. Denis is introduced by Liveryman Barry Symons.



Jane Walden BA (Hons) Cert Ed the Head of Adult Education at Guernsey College of Further Education in Route Des Contanchel, Guernsey CI. Jane is introduced by Liveryman Barry Symons.

The Court Meeting continued with reports and discussion on the management of The Company. This included updates on upcoming events, scholarships and Charitable Trust giving. The Master announced early details of our major fundraising dinner to be held on-board HMS Belfast and many other interesting and progressive items of business.

The Court closed and arrangements were made for the Livery and Awards Dinner which followed.

12th February - Livery & Awards Dinner, Stationers` Hall, Ave Maria Lane. EC1



Our annual business dinner where members invite business guests to dine with us as we recognise the work done during the previous year of many of our Scholars and to strengthen our Bonds with our Military Affiliations.



The evening commenced with a personal welcome from The Master and Senior Warden followed by a short reception to greet our guests.



Apart from our award winners The Company Guests included:

Alan Crane CBE President CIOB
Lady Valerie Dixon
Sqd Ldr Dave Leigh RAF
Professor Barry Clarke President ICE
Professor Peter Matthews Master Water Conservator
Karl Davies Master Arbitrator
Douglas Oakervee CBE Chairman HS2
Roger Southam Master Chartered Surveyor
David Scahill Master Engineer
John Harding Master Lightmonger
Major Den Day RE OC 17 Field Squadron RE (EOD)

All were welcomed in great style by The Mistress of The Company and Past Master Dr Christine Rigden



Awards were made to our Sir Ian Dixon Scholars, our Constructors Prize with Westminster University, our David Tong Cup Award to a South Bank University Scholar and finally the International Research Award for Young Constructors.

Details of these awards and for future applicants go to our informative web page here:



Military Awards are made to individuals nominated from HMS Lancaster, 101 Regiment RE, 5001 Regiment RAF all as follows:-

[The David E Tong Cup](#)



CAROLINE LAU HING FAN

Caroline graduated from London South Bank University in July 2012 with a First Class Honours Degree, coming top of the BSc full-time course in Architectural Technology.

The Constructors' Prize



ANTHONY TRAINOR

Anthony graduated from the University of Westminster in June 2012 with a First Class Honours Degree in Building Engineering.

Shafting & Shoring Cup



CORPORAL SCOTT SAWARD

Corporal Scott Seward, a Royal Engineer Search Team Commander, was deployed to Helmand between August 2012 and February 2013. Throughout this period he has conducted operations to clear IEDs within the insurgent stronghold of Yakchal and on the main supply route, Route 611.

As a Corporal of only 2 months' in rank, and with no previous search experience, Scott has been exceptional. With his positive approach and unswerving dedication to the development of others, he has been in a class apart.

Understanding the vital role of Counter IED training within Patrol Bases, Saward set about ensuring both his Counter-IED Team, and host units, were given the best facilities and training opportunities; he was at the epicentre of an activity whirlwind. The transformation of the facilities at Patrol Base Lashkar Gah Durai is solely down to Scott's ability to create momentum where none existed before.

Although other Patrol Bases had well established training areas, Saward identified that the ones at Lashkar Gah Durai were inadequate for the highly specialised requirements of the Warrior armoured infantry Company. He immediately re-designed the layout and directed the construction work. Ambitious in scope, with no additional resources, and to the tightest of timelines, he produced a superb facility that exceeded the requirements of every user, and immediately put it to good use. This life-saving facility, and the training he delivered, has undoubtedly played a major role in choking the steady trickle of Warrior IED casualties - there have been no IED strikes on Warrior vehicles since his arrival at Lashkar Gah Dur-eye.

In addition he has demonstrated superb command skills on a daily basis. With an intuitive understanding that a Counter IED Team is heavily reliant on vehicles and equipment, and recognising that he was by far the most competent of the Task Force Junior NCOs in the Patrol Base, he took decisive ownership and responsibility for the protected mobility fleet of not just his own call sign, but that of his partnered teams – trebling his workload.

Although not glamorous, his ruthless focus on equipment care ensured the permanent and unstinting readiness of the Counter IED capability in that area for the seven tasks to which they were deployed. Not only that, his vehicle and equipment husbandry methods were adopted as best practice across the EOD and Search Task Force, and during his team's 'off' rotation in Camp Bastion, he made himself an indispensable part of the Task Force, delivering training and mentoring to other teams. These actions had an immeasurable impact on EOD and Search deployability across Central Helmand, made possible by Scott's sheer force of character, energy, devotion to duty and desire to achieve exceptional results.

Scott has proved to be exceptionally gifted as a leader, and with technical ability of the highest standard. Zealously applying all his effort to further the provision of Counter IED training across Task Force Helmand, and at the same time remaining poised to deploy to demanding and dangerous IED incidents at a moment's notice, he has been a shining example across the Task Force. He has steadfastly maintained the highest of standards and his efforts to improve a complex vehicle care programme have been outstanding.

[Air Commodore Dow Trophy](#)



CORPORAL ANDREW "BOD" FLEMING

Corporal Andrew 'Bod' Fleming joined 5001 Sqn in 2005. Since then he has served in operational theatres from Iraq, the Balkans & Afghanistan as well as undertaking tours of duty in the South Atlantic and Cyprus. No matter where he has served and whatever the task entails, success is always assured if Bod is involved.

So impressive have been his endeavours that he was selected, ahead of many of his more experienced peers, to take on acting Sergeant rank in 2011 and lead a team of technicians in the construction of Technical Working Environments.

Responsible for the organisation and leadership of deployed construction teams is a particularly demanding job both professionally and personally. Despite taking him away from his family for protracted periods, routinely at very short notice, Bod has consistently delivered exemplary results that would be the envy of many an experienced Sergeant.

He has always put the needs of the RAF and 5001 Squadron before his own. Indeed, Bod was recalled early from another task to take a lead role in the deployment and operation of equipment in support of the 2012 Olympics.

An extremely high-profile and time-sensitive operation, Bod was tasked as one of 3 Team Leaders, to install a Portable Aircraft Arrestor Gear system at RAF Northolt, which was an essential requirement for the operation of Typhoon aircraft providing Quick Response air cover to London.

This is just one of a myriad of examples that could have been cited to describe the unparalleled level of commitment and professionalism that Bod Fleming consistently exhibits in all that he undertakes. For his commitment to the Squadron since arrival, and performance undertaking duties of a higher rank, Corporal Fleming is awarded the Air Commodore Dow Trophy for 2012.

[Royal Charter International Research Award for Young Constructors](#)



NATACHA REDON

This award was conceived as part of the legacy established by the Company following the grant of our Royal Charter in 2010. The award, run in collaboration with BRE Trust, is given

to an exceptional young individual from the construction sector, to undertake an innovative, topical study relating to construction, in a country or countries of their choosing. Excellent applications were received from candidates as far afield as New Zealand. After a rigorous process of selection, Natacha Redon was chosen.

Natacha epitomises the international nature of this award being fluent in French, German, and English and having a basic knowledge of Japanese! She is a Junior Project Manager working for Turner Townsend, currently based in their Munich Office, but has also worked in the Austrian and Northumbrian offices, of this International Company.

Natacha possess a wide array of International Qualifications commencing from her French Baccalaureate, and graduated last year with first class honours BSc in Building Project Management from Northumbria University. Having spent her sandwich year with Turner Townsend, she was retained by them and has already been involved with well-known European clients, such as Siemens, Osram and Marsh Mercer, and is currently collaborating with a practising Architect Mark Siddall to publish her dissertation “Improving the performance in energy efficient buildings through innovative project management”.

This subject will form the basis of her project for this award. She aims to create a performance model that will embody accepted good practice in energy efficiency, skills development and low capital cost, concluding in establishing a “code” for best practices compatible with low-energy construction. Natacha hopes to be able to capture global best practice and compare with that of EU countries. The results of her research will be published by the Constructors and BRE in 2014.

We are pleased that her employer, Turner Townsend, have pledged their support and cooperation in this innovative & exciting project.

Natacha, can only be described as a rising star, and she is a most worthy recipient of this award.

Natacha, it gives me great pleasure to ask you to come forward, and accept the 2013 Royal Charter International Research Award for Young Constructors.

Report Continues:



As most traditional City Livery functions we offer a Loving Cup to all our members and guests. See here award winners partaking their first Loving Cup Ceremony using our historic

"Engineers Cup" and solid silver three handled vessel quite heavy when full of the secret liquid!

The Master had invited his colleague from their time working together on the Hong Kong Mass Transit System and now Chairman of HS2 amongst a number of public and executive appointments to propose the toast to The Company which he did with great style including lifting the lid just a tiny amount on those days ago working with The Master and a tale of lost cars!



The Dinner concluded with a generous Stirrup Cup and even more of Lee Brace`s Sloe Gin to see us all home safely.

12th February - Annual Pancake Races in Guildhall Yard



The Master with the President of the City Livery Club Judy Taylor-Smith at the Livery Pancake Races held on Shrove Tuesday in Guildhall Yard. The Master came second out of 11, being beaten by a short nose by a much younger slimmer man.

11th February

The Master met with Christine Townley of the Construction Youth Trust who outlined the work of the charity.

7th February

The Master attended the inaugural meeting of our Charity Fundraising Committee, where the decision was made to hold a black tie dinner on HMS Belfast. The event will take place on 5th September 2013.

6th February

The Master & Mistress attended a musical evening followed by a reception at St Vedast's Church in aid of the Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund.

5th February

The Master attended the Construction Liveries' Group presentations of Master Craftsmen certificates, followed by lunch at Tallow Chandlers' Hall.

The Master & Mistress later visited HMS Belfast, on which it is proposed to hold a charity fundraising event on 5th September.

1st February

The Master attended the College of Estate Management Property Awards' Lunch at Haberdashers' Hall.

31st January

Having been invited to be members, the Master & Mistress attended the first meeting of Alderman Fiona Woolf's Lord Mayor's Appeal Committee. God willing, and subject to election in September, Fiona should be Lord Mayor in 2013/14.

30th January

The Master, Mistress, Wardens Victoria Russell and Ian Mason, Immediate Past Master & Clerk were pleased to lunch with new members Mike Alden, Susanne Becker, Steve Brawley, Tom Daly, David Fawlk, Paul Hodgkinson and Philip Hudson at Butchers' Hall. As well as being a pleasant social event, the occasion was also extremely useful in helping all parties to get to know each other.

29th January

The Master attended the Plumbers' Lecture at the Royal College of Surgeons. The subject of the lecture was the world's forests. The Master, who planted a five acre wood and seven acre wood on his farm, which he has always looked upon as two small woods, was impressed to learn that by the accepted definition, he is the proud owner of two forests!

28th January

The Master attended the Chartered Surveyors' Livery Dinner at Butchers' Hall. The beef was "beyond excellent".

25th January

The Master attended a lunch at Vintners' Hall hosted by Searys.

24th January

The Master & Mistress, together with fifteen members of the Company and their guests visited Guy's Hospital Old Operating Theatre. Members were most impressed by the stoic behaviour of the Master when laid upon the operating table!

22nd January

The Master & Mistress, together with David & Ann Rundle, in full evening dress, attended the Farmers' Banquet at Clothworkers' Hall.

17th January

The Master attended meetings of the Executive Committees.

16th January - Master & Mistress at Mansion House to launch to Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch



Not a dreadfully good photo I'm afraid, but shows, my good self with my three Masters - not a lot of ladies can claim that! L to R: Master Constructor, self, Master Mason (David Blake) and Master Tyler & Bricklayer (David Cole-Adams). Attended a reception at Mansion House, LM and both Sheriffs in attendance, to launch to Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund (ABF). - from Christine.

15th January - Sir Ian Dixon Scholarship - Presentation Evening



Held at Arup Offices in London W1 and hosted jointly by Laing O`Rourke and Arup two SIDS Scholars completed their 2011/12 scholarship with the public presentation of their research. In front of a full house of industry leaders including The President of The Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) and Executive Directors of their respective employers.



It was firstly announced that Lady Dixon was unable to attend due to flu but that she had sent her best wishes to both scholars for a happy and successful evening. We remain indebted to Lady Dixon for her ongoing and continued funding of this important scholarship in the name of her husband Sir Ian Dixon. Sir Ian was a Liveryman and Warden of The Company and President of CIOB.

Andrea Charlson from Arup and Pamela Egbochuku from Laing O`Rourke spoke for 30 minutes each then answered detailed questions from the audience. They did spectacularly well and impressed everyone.

A marvellous end to 18 months research and preparation. Lady Dixon would have been delighted.



Andrea Charlson MEng (Hons) CEng MICE ICIOB a 28 year old Engineer presented her research "Designing for the Deconstruction Process: Using BREEAM Innovation Credits to Increase the Reusability of Structural Frames"



Pamela Egbochuku MSc BA (Hons) ICIOB a 31 year old Procurement Manager with Laing O'Rourke presented her research "Has the adoption of the NEC 3 Engineering and Construction Subcontract achieved satisfaction?"



Alan Crane CBE FCIOB and President of CIOB rose to express his admiration of the research and presentations. The quality of what they had done was obvious such that Alan Crane moved both scholars forward in their professional status.



Finally to close the evening The Master, Stephen Rigden BSc MSc CEng MICE MCMI took the floor to thank **Bob Heathfield PPCIOB** in particular for mentoring both scholars for 18 months, to the Staff and Directors of CIOB for their work in supporting and administrating the scholarship and to Lady Dixon for her ongoing support of this industry leading Scholarship.



Lady Dixon attended The Company Livery & Awards Dinner in February to make her personal presentations to both Scholars to bring their scholarship in the name of her husband, Sir Ian, to an end.

Not forgetting our host companies for the hospitality and for supporting both scholars over the last 18months.



The Master Stephen Rigden with CIOB President Alan Crane CBE and Bob Heathfield PPCIOB with SIDS Scholars Pamela and Andrea.

Excellent professional photography of this event by Adam Jefferson

[Link below to Ian Jefferson web site for more information.](#)



7th January - International Research Award for Young Constructors

The Master attended a meeting of the assessment panel for the International Research Award for Young Constructors at which a shortlist of candidates was drawn up.

The Master attended the Plaisterers' Company Annual Dinner for Masters and Clerks at Plaisterers' Hall. This, the largest of the Livery Halls, was filled by the Masters and Clerks from 53 Livery Companies enjoying the Plaisterers' generous hospitality.

5th January - Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress' Children's Christmas Party

The Master and his two grandsons, Harry [7] and Jake [6], attended the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress' Children's Christmas Party at Mansion House. All children in fancy dress were presented to the whole civic team who were in full regalia, and the entertainment included singing, dancing, comedians, Punch & Judy, and animals including an armadillo and giant tortoise [which did unspeakable things on the carpet of the Egyptian Room!]. Tea was served and the Lord Mayor leading a conga around Mansion House. The day finished with many hundreds of balloons descending from the ceiling of the Egyptian Room. Harry amassed a very impressive collection of 30 balloons. Mansion House had to open both doors to allow him to exit! See photos.



31st December - The New Year`s Honours List



The New Year`s Honours List is published today in recognition of the achievements and service of extraordinary people right across the United Kingdom. A Knighthood is announced for **David Wootton**, Late Lord Mayor of London. A recognition of his commitment to the City and to the promotion of its work and services throughout the world. A knighthood has recently not been as automatic as it was in the past.

The Master and Company of Constructors extend their warmest congratulations to Sir David on his award.

11th December - City Livery Club Christmas Lunch