

# NEWS REPORTS Oct 10 to Oct 11 - Master Patricia Newton

**Monday 3rd October Election of Lord Mayor & Common Hall inside Guildhall followed by Lunch at Painters' Hall**



One of the most agreeable days in The Livery Calender is to attend Guildhall to witness the right to vote for the New Lord Mayor. This year, following the parade of Masters to St Lawrence Jewry, The Master paraded into Guildhall to lead The Constructors in voting for Alderman and Fletcher David Hugh Wootton to be our new Lord Mayor Elect. Alderman Wootton takes office on the day before to Lord Mayors Show. See above the gathering of Livery Masters waiting to enter Guildhall.



After Common Hall The Lord Mayor and New Lord Mayor Elect (on right) were greeted by The Livery in Guildhall Yard before we all departed for a decent lunch.



Later The Lord Mayor Elect posed for some photographs with The Sheriffs, with whom he will work closely in his year of office.



The Company were delighted to lunch at Painters' Hall under the eye of General Sir Roger Wheeler GCB CBE Master Painter-Stainer. We lunched together with The Masons, Plumbers, Woolmen, Upholders, Horners, Makers of Playing Cards, Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders and Builders Merchants. A quite special luncheon of great fellowship with an excellent menu and wines.

See above The Master engaging in deep conversation with our Clerk Kim Tyrrell.

**Friday 23rd September 2011**

**Lunch in the Long Room at Lord's Cricket Ground in aid of The Worshipful Company of Constructors' Charitable Trust**

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The Company held a luncheon at Lord's Cricket Ground the internationally acknowledged Home of Cricket, and in no venue is more iconic than the Long Room. The walls are hung with the portraits of cricket legends, and one side of the room looks straight out across the hallowed turf towards the Media Centre.

Drinks were taken in the Long Room Bar.



The Guest of Honour was Derek (“Deadly”) Underwood MBE: 86 test caps, 297 test wickets at 25.83, 2465 first class wickets, Past President of the MCC.

The Company is indebted to Past Master Martin Wade and Honorary Member and Former Clerk Tim Nicholson for all the arrangements for the enjoyment of all and raising funds for our Charitable Trust.

A full report is awaited.

### **Tuesday 13th September - News of Honorary Member Lord O’Neil of Clackmannan.**

Members will be pleased to note that our Honorary Member Lord O’Neill has taken over as Chairman of The Strategic Forum for Construction.

Topics of this Forum are wide ranging but recently included; Plan for Growth, Government Construction Strategy and The Low Carbon Construction Action Plan.

### **Wednesday 7th September 2011.**

#### **The Election Court**

Under the guidance of The Master, Patricia Newton The Company held the annual Election Court.

Part of the business that day was to Clothe as a Liveryman Mr Adrain Paye



**Adrian Paye BSc (Hons) RICS CIOB** is also a Royal Warrant Holder. His own business PAYE Stonework & Restoration Ltd is an Historic Masonry Specialists with HQ at Mottingham London SE9. Additionally Adrian Paye lectures for RICS, RIBA and various Colleges and Universities about his specialist subject. Adrian Paye is also a Liveryman of The Worshipful Company of Masons. Proposed by Court Assistant Tony Ward.

The Master then welcomed into The Freedom of The Company the following:



**Susanne Becker Dip QS MRICS** a Chartered Quantity Surveyor. Susanne Becker is an Associate with Rider Levett Bucknall Quantity Surveyors of Cutlers Court Houndsditch London EC3. Additionally Susanne Becker is an APC Assessor with RICS. Proposed by The Master.



**Emily Spink BA Hons Social Anthropology.** Emily Spink is a Business Development Manager with Structuretone. Her Company are Contractors of Aylesbury Street London EC1. Proposed by The Master and Liveryman Gary Dackcombe.



**Julian Seabrook BA Arch (Hons) Dip Arch (Dist) DipEEB RIBA** a Chartered Architect. Julian Seabrook is a Partner in Seabrook Architects of Chesham Buckinghamshire. Proposed by Hon Court Assistant Godfrey Crook.



**Steven Hart BSc (Hons)** a Regional Managing Director of Miller Construction (UK) Ltd. His Company are a National Construction Company with offices in Guildford Surrey. Steven Hart is also a Member of The Goodwood Road Race Club. Proposed by Court Assistant Derek Farrow.

**Royal Charter Youth Award Travel Bursary Update:** A £5000 travel bursary to facilitate 1 months travel abroad to study a construction related subject (project, system of work) with a substantial report to be produced on return. Bursary to be paid as a £4K initial and £1K held till production of report was approved to move forward by The Court.

After the business of The Court which included setting the Quarterage for the year ahead The Court was closed and move to The Company Annual Common Hall.

**Adoption of a Patron Saint:** The Master and Court approved the adoption of a Patron Saint. Having taken advice from the Honorary Chaplain Reverend Cannon David Parrott; St Thomas was proposed and accepted.

### **Wednesday 7th September - COMMON HALL**

Was held at Bakers' Hall, Harp Lane, London EC3R 6DP at 1730 hours. All members were welcome,

The Agenda was:-

1. Welcome – the Master
2. Election of Officers nominated by the Court
3. Report on 2010/11 – the Master
4. Report – Chairman of Trustees.
5. Report – Scholarships and Awards.
6. Report – Sponsorship.
7. Report - Finance matters, including the 2001/10 accounts.
8. Report – Administrative matters - The Clerk.
9. Questions from the floor and discussion.
10. Address by the Master Elect.
11. Conclusion.

The following were elected at Common Hall for the Livery year starting at The Installation Court on 12th October:

#### **To be Master from 12th October 2011 - Doug Barrat FRSA**

Senior Warden Stephen Rigden BSc MSc CEng MICE MCIM

Middle Warden Alan Longhurst BSc BArch RIBA

Renter Warden Victoria Russell LLB(Hons) FCI Arb FCIOB FFB

Junior Warden Graeme Monteith BSc(Hons) CEng MICE FIHT

Court Assistant Ian Mason MRICS

Court Assistant Sir Vivian Ramsey MA MICE

Court Assistant Anthony Ward CEng FI Struct E

Court Assistant Michael Parrett FCIOB CSCI FRSA FIMMM FIOD

Court Assistant Artin Hovsepian BSc(Hons) MCI OB MASI

Court Assistant John Sayers MAPM

Court Assistant Stephen Wells BSc(Hons) CEng FICE FCIWEM

Court Assistant Henry Lamb BSc(Hons) DipIs FCIOB FBEng MAPM

Court Assistant Tim Fitch BSc MSc DIC CEng FICE

Court Assistant Derek Farrow BSc (Hons), MRICS MIDHE

Court Assistant Jon Coles MCI OB ACI Arb

Honorary Court Assistant David Rundle RIBA FCIOB PPASI PPF B HonFGIS

Honorary Court Assistant & Chairman of The Charity Trustees: Kenneth Kent FCIQB MRICS FASI MCMI

Honorary Court Assistant & Hon Treasurer: A Seymour FCIQB FFB

Honorary Court Assistant & Scholarships Chairman: Bob Heathfield PPCIOB

Honorary Court Assistant & Senior Steward: Godfrey Crook MSc FICE FStructE ACI Arb

Honorary Court Assistant Emeritus K Wilson ARIBA

Honorary Court Assistant Emeritus Sir Michael Latham DL MA FRSA HonFREng HonFCIOB HonFICE HonFRIBA HonRICS HonFCIBSE HonFLI HonFRIAS HonFCIPS

Immediate PM P Newton BSc (Hons) Arch Dip Arch RIBA FFB MBAE FRSA DCHS

Stewards Liverymen: Jessica Taylor, Yaeger Rolf, Julian Kent, Andrew Hornby, Douglas Kerr, Simon Wilkinson

Company Illustrator; Henry Stephenson MCSD FSAI FRSA Joint Hon Fellow London SBU.

Almoner & Archivist Past Master John Burrell BSc MICE

**Under item 10 of the meeting The Master Elect Doug Barrat then addressed Common Hall;**

" Doug Barrat, having been elected Master for the next Livery Year thanked everybody for their support and confidence and confirmed his willingness to serve with energy and enthusiasm for the coming year and to maintain the high standards set by previous Masters. He paid tribute to Sir Michael Latham and thanked him for his years of service in the Wardens Chairs and for his experience and wise counsel. He also paid tribute to our outgoing Master Patricia Newton and congratulated her on a marvelous year of office.

He highlighted some of the important issues that are ongoing, the continued emphasis on building the membership, which is the life blood of the Company and the movement from Freedom to Livery and the financial import around that. There was thanks and appreciation for those who manage Scholarships, Charity and Events.

It was hoped that the year would be a happy and harmonious one and made mention that a strong ongoing and regular contact with our widows was so important.

Mention was made of the Masters Week-end to be held in Herefordshire which all were duly invited to attend."

**A Wet & Wild Day in August**



The "3" Clerks Golf competition was started by the then Clerks of the Constructors, Tylers & Bricklayers and the Masons, it has since grown to include the Paviments and Makers of Playing cards, but retains its name. It traditionally "piggy backs" on the Tyler & Bricklayers Golf day.

This year a Team consisting of Junior Warden Alan Longhurst, Liverymen Melville Dunbar & Jonathon Bowcott and the Clerk, Kim Tyrrell contested the trophy in truly atrocious conditions at what we were told was the picturest Golf Course of Knole park in Sevenoaks (Told as we could see very little of it in driving rain and a force 8 Gale.)

Despite this Melville Dunbar was first overall and with the team in close support we lifted the trophy from the clutches of the Tylers & Bricklayers!

### **Wednesday 17th August - Edward Chalkley**

With much sadness we report the passing of Liveryman Emeritus Edward "Ted" Chalkley who died peacefully on 8th August 2011 aged 86. Devoted husband to Doris and much loved Father to Derek and Tony, grandfather to Victoria, Sarah, Robert, Edward, David, Michael and John. Funeral was held at Croydon Crematorium on 17th August. Any further donations to Royal Marsden Hospital or British Heart Foundation c/o Trueloves Banstead Surrey

Ted joined The Company as a Freeman in January 1977 and was clothed a Liveryman in August 1990.

### **Thursday 21st July - Constructors Company Golf Day**

#### **Tandridge Golf Club - Oxted, Surrey.**



On a stunning day on a first class course with 5 star hospitality The Company held its Annual Golf Day at Tandridge Golf Club.

Proceedings included lunch, cakes and tea followed by a Stapleford Score Golf Competition for both Members of The Company and Guests of Members.

The winners were:

(In the absence of The Master on Livery Business prizes were presented by The Immediate Past Master Dr Christine Rigden)



Winner of the beautiful "Peter Allen Bowl" for best score by a Guest - Anthony Nagel. Seen here Freeman Stephen Field receiving the bowl from both Christine and Monica Allen as his guest Anthony had to leave in business.



Second Guest Prize was Richard Oakes RICS a guest of Alan Longhurst



Third Guest Prize was Stephen Cox a Guest of Mr & Mrs Stephen Rigden



Winner (again!) of The Ken Brown Cup for top scoring Livery Member was our former Clerk Tim Nicholson.





Second in The Stapleford Competition for Livery Members was Alan Longhurst.



Third in the Livery Members Competition was Peter Lobban

Many thanks to Alan & Lee Longhurst who organised the golf day again. The evening Country Dinner was again a superb feast and members should consider joining us for a most special feed and convivial hospitality.



### **Thursday 21st July - Scholarship Opportunity for Design Related Research**

The Chartered Institute of Building operates a prestigious Research Scholarship Programme in partnership with the Worshipful Company of Constructors and the CIOB Faculty of Architecture and Surveying [www.ciob.org.uk/events/fasscholarship](http://www.ciob.org.uk/events/fasscholarship).

Scholarships provide a tangible benefit to the scholar and provides the construction industry with innovative thinking, ideas and methods.

The Faculty of Architecture and Surveying Scholarship was established in 2008 in conjunction with the Faculty of Architecture and Surveying and the Worshipful Company of Constructors. The scholarship supports research in the field of architecture and surveying and offers an annual scholarship award of £2,000. The closing date for applications is 12 August 2011.

Past scholar reports include: 'Can BIM Reduce Risk and Create Opportunities in a Declining Market'

'How do Design Managers in Major Contractors, generate, capture and assess Buildability Innovations and what barriers do they face?' 'Design Management Graduates: Fit For Purpose?'

Commenting on the programme, Dr Sarah Peace the CIOB's Scholarship and Research Manager said: "We have been delighted that the research carried out by our scholars has been embraced by their industry and will prove to be of benefit as it relates directly to the specific needs of the employers. A positive platform has been created facilitating further development within the organisation."

If you are interested in applying to become a Faculty of Architecture and Surveying Scholar or would like further information please contact Freeman Sarah Peace CIOB Scholarship and Research Manager on Tel: +44 (0) 1344 630748 or email [scholarship@ciob.org.uk](mailto:scholarship@ciob.org.uk).

Contact person:

Dr Sarah Peace

Email:

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### **Thursday 30th June - Business Networking Event**

The first ever business networking event was launched on 30th June 2011 at the wonderful venue of the sky lounge at the St.Pauls Grange Hotel in full view of two contrasting architectural masterpieces. Wren's St Pauls Cathedral and Piano's the Shard.

Over 100 attended raising a Nett profit of £700 for the Charitable Trust. The weather behaved perfectly with rain only arriving as the event drew to a close.

There were a number of potential new members who were given information packs on how to join the Company.

The Company was most grateful to The Welbeck Group for their sponsorship of the business raffle.

### **Charitable Trust - Rugby Event**

At a separate Charitable Trust fund raising event Court Assistant Mike Parrett aquired tickets for Barbarians-v- South Africa at Twickenham which he then went on to sell way beyond their face value and raised £6,000 for the Charitable Trust. It was also particularly pleasing that our Past Master's wife Anne Trussler was able to realise her dream to attend a rugby match at Twickenham.

Well Done Mike!

### **Thursday 5th May at Tallow Chandlers' Hall -Court Meeting**

The Master Mrs Patricia Newton presided over the Spring Court Meeting at which Wardens, Court Assistants and Past Masters heard of the reports on the company business.

During the meeting Mr Martin Hornby being a Freeman of The Company and The City was clothed a Liveryman



See here Mr Hornby BA (Hons) RMaPS ICIOB a Project Manager with Bovis Leand Lease and with our Royal Charter.

The following were welcomed into The Company as Freemen:-



Bridget Bartlett BA, MBA, FCMI – Chief Operating Officer for the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) also with a most distinguished career in Education.



Jane Wright MA(HE), BSc (Hons) FRICS, ACI Arb, FHEA – Currently (where Jane has held the post for 10 years) Head of the Department of Property & Construction and the University of Westminster.



Christine Baltas Dip in Business CIM – The Marketing Director of Wates Ltd.



Kate Mason BA(Hons) in 3D Design - An Interior Designer, Currently Senior Job Runner for Scott Brownrigg specialising in Architectural Interiors.



David McCoy BSc (Hons), MSc, MRICS –A Chartered Quantity Surveyor, currently an Associate and Director of Doig & Smith whose core business is Quantity surveying.



Peter Newall MEng – A Mechanical Engineer, Currently Senior Project Manager for Mouchel Plc.

**5th May - Annual Companions Luncheon at Tallow Chandlers' Hall**

After The Court Meeting The Master hosted the Annual Companions Luncheon. Members of The Court, thier guests and Members of The Livery attended.

**5th May - Annual Church Service - St Lawrence Jewry next Guildhall**



The Master led The Company in the Annual Church Service conducted by The Company Chaplain Canon David Parrott. The wonderful singing of The Choir of St Lawrence Jewry was a delight. The Master read the lesson Psalm 145 verse 8 to 16 and Canon Parrott delivered a most interesting Address entwining The Builders Key donated by founder Liveryman Kenneth Wholehouse into our thoughts.

*(Readers will note Kenneth was a very proud of being a member of the Company. He started life as a Carpenter and Joiner, became a Clerk of Works and finally the Building Supervisor at the Mather and Platt factory in the Trafford Industrial park in Manchester. Mather and Platt made sprinkler systems and the factory in Manchester was huge and in addition they had property all round the country. He was a member of the Faculty of Building (in Manchester) which led to him becoming a founder member of the Company. Ken was born in Chesterfield and lived to the age of 93. He was active right to the very end. He was in the Royal Engineers and reached Berlin in his time serving in WW2.)*

The Service ended with the lovely hymn *Thine Be the Glory, Risen Conquering Son*, written by the Swiss writer Edmond Budry (1854–1932)

**Thursday 14th April at Merchant Taylors' Hall - 30 Threadneedle Street, City of London.**

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**Presentation by HRH The Duke of Gloucester and Blessing of our Royal Charter followed by the launch of The Charter Legacy Award.**

***The company acknowledges and thanks Deutsche Post Bank for Sponsorship of the new Charter Legacy Award***



The Master Welcomes HRH The Duke of Gloucester



On a glittering evening held in the magnificent Merchant Taylors` Hall The Company received its Royal Charter from HRH The Duke of Gloucester with these words "I present, on behalf of Her Majesty, this Royal Charter, granting rights and privileges to your Company" To which The Master on behalf of The Company responded "I thank you and receive it with great pleasure"

There followed a blessing of this Royal Charter and on The Company from The Company Chaplain Canon David Parrott

The evening commenced with a Royal Reception at which His Royal Highness was introduced to over sixty guests hosted by The Past Masters and Court Assistants.



See here His Royal Highness with The Master and to right Past Master Martin Wade who proposed the progress of seeking a Royal Charter during his year of office greets His Royal Highness (with PM David Hattersley MBE looking on). Also see The Master of The Worshipful Company of Masons Richard Woodman Bailey with Ruth Reed President of RIBA together with her guest Mr Paul Salmon MD of Byrne Bros all three were guests of The Company.



Our Company Guests were welcomed, in much style and in a way only she can, by Senior Court Assistant Victoria Russell. Her speech is reproduced here for your enjoyment and to detail all our special guests:

*Master, Wardens, Your Royal Highness, Lord Mayor locum tenens, My Lord, Alderman, Sheriff, Mr Piers Gough, visiting Masters, distinguished guests and my fellow Constructors.*

*It is said that making a speech is like having a baby: fun to conceive but absolutely hell to deliver.*

*In this instance, I was aiming for a quick, smooth and utterly painless delivery, assisted by alcohol, with the minimum of swearing and very little crying. But as I have to name check no fewer than 35 Company guests, this speech is perhaps more like running a marathon: unforgiving in terms of preparation and a challenge to complete in anything approaching a respectable time.*

*We have a positively sparkling selection of personal and professional guests here this evening, all of whom it is a great delight to welcome. The ladies, of course, both out shine and out sparkle the men – but hey, no surprises there!*

*Our Company guests come from the Royal Household, the City, the House of Commons, the House of Lords, the RIBA and the RICS, in addition to our principal speaker, Piers Gough.*

*Let me begin by welcoming those from the City.*

*Representing the Lord Mayor is **Alderman Sir David Howard**, a stockbroker who himself was Lord Mayor from 2000 to 2001. He is a Past Master Gardener, a Liveryman of the Lightmongers and on the Court of the Hackney Carriage Drivers Company, which became a livery company through his sponsorship. He is here with his wife, Lady Val.*

*The second in our brace of **Aldermen is Neil Redcliffe**, who has a connection with construction in that during the 1980s and early 1990s he ran his own property development, property investment and building businesses. He then honed his entrepreneurial skills by getting an MBA and setting up a commercial foreign exchange business in the City. Neil belongs to the Basketmakers and the World Traders and is here with his wife, Emma.*

***Mr Sheriff Richard Sermon MBE** is accompanied by his wife Rosemary. Richard's particular expertise is in the fields of corporate governance, reputation management, and the promotion of*

*inward investment and international trade. He is Past Master of the Wheelwrights and Chartered Secretaries Companies.*

*The second in our brace of **former Lord Mayors is Sir Gavyn Arthur**, who was the first practising barrister to become Lord Mayor and served in that role from 2002 to 2003. He is now a judge.*

*We are also delighted to welcome **Canon David Parrott**, who is the incumbent at St Lawrence Jewry and Honorary Chaplain to the Constructors, together with his wife Sue. One of David's jobs as our Chaplain is to devise a series of bespoke Graces, each at some point ideally rhyming with the word Constructors.*

*And as ever, it is a great pleasure to see **Billy King-Harman, the City Marshall**.*

*We also have a glamorous gang – to use a technical construction term – of visiting Masters.*

***The Master Draper is Major General Adrian Lyons CBE**. The Drapers are the third oldest livery company and somewhat precociously obtained their first Royal Charter in 1364.*

*I should warn you that the Master Draper keeps a blog at [www.masterdraper.blogspot.com](http://www.masterdraper.blogspot.com) , let's have a look in the morning to see what he has to say about us.*

*We welcome also the **Master Painter-Stainer, General Sir Roger Wheeler GCB CBE**, former Chief of the General Staff, the professional head of the Army, and his wife, Lady Felicity, and the **Master Mason, Richard Woodman-Bailey**, with his wife, Jenny.*

*We therefore now have two Generals, a Sheriff and a Canon, so should be fine in the event of things turning messy later.*

*It is always useful to have a plumber on tap. Tonight we welcome the **Master Plumber, Christopher Sneath**, and his wife Liz. I must however emphasise that there are no drips in the Constructors.*

*Another useful person to have readily on call, although I hope we won't need his services this evening, is a doctor. **Dr Robert Bethel is Master Apothecary**, and is accompanied by Patricia James.*

***The Master Glass Seller, Martin Scarth**, who is actually a chartered civil engineer and chartered builder, is here with his wife, Elizabeth, and the **Master Builders Merchant, Gary Hopkins**, is accompanied by his wife, Beverley.*

***The Master Chartered Architect**, who is also a chartered town planner, is Edward King, here with his wife, Valerie. He completes our octet of visiting Masters.*

*From the House of Lords, we welcome **Lord Gilbert**, who became a Labour Peer in 1997 after 27 years as an MP, for Dudley and Dudley East. He had a variety of different jobs in the Labour Governments of Harold Wilson and James Callaghan and as Minister for Transport introduced the Bill to make the wearing of seatbelts compulsory.*

*From the House of Commons, we welcome **Dr Terese Coffey, Conservative MP for Suffolk Coastal**. After receiving a PhD in Chemistry at UCL, Terese became a chartered management accountant, working most recently as finance director for Mars Drinks UK. Terese is on the Select Committee for Culture, Olympics, Media and Sport and, like the Master Draper, is an active blogger, as well as a Tweeter.*



We welcome also **Peter Goodacre, Past President of the RICS**, and his wife Christina, and **Ruth Reed, President of the RIBA**, accompanied by Paul Salmon. Ruth is a partner in Green Planning Solutions, providing architectural and landscape consultancy advice.

Our two principal guests tonight are also both architects.

**His Royal Highness Prince Richard, Duke of Gloucester** read architecture at Cambridge and subsequently went into practice as an architect in London. A number of the public duties which he undertakes are related to architecture and conservation and he is President of several architectural preservation societies. He is Patron of numerous charities, including several connected with the construction industry. He became a corporate member of the RIBA

in 1972 and is Patron of the Scottish Society of Architect Artists.

He generously shares the title Duke of Gloucester with a steam train running on the East Lancashire Railway in addition to a very large number of pubs around the world, stretching from Toronto to Bondi Beach.

Your Royal Highness, your presentation earlier this evening of the Royal Charter to our Master, and your attendance at our Banquet tonight, are landmark events in the history of this Company. We are honoured and delighted to welcome you, together with your **ADC Captain Mark Grayson**.

We have actually met once before, in 1981. We have in fact danced together, at a ball for the Princes Trust. But time is short, and the story is long, so I will leave it there.

**Piers Gough CBE** established the architectural practice CZWG in 1975. He is widely recognised as an innovative and flamboyant architect and has designed a number of acclaimed buildings and masterplans, making his name initially with his work in the redevelopment of the Docklands and subsequently with regeneration and new build projects around the UK, ranging from the masterplan for the Gorbals in Glasgow to Janet Street Porter's eye catching house in Clerkenwell, the new galleries at the National Portrait Gallery, the Westbourne Grove public loos and flower kiosk, and the iconic and memorably titled 'Bling Bling' building in Liverpool.

Piers was appointed a CBE for services to architecture in 1998 and was elected a Royal Academician in 2002. He designed the Royal Academy's exhibition on Sir John Soane and the Hayward Gallery's exhibition on Sir Edwin Lutyens. He has lectured extensively throughout the world and has been a visiting professor at both the Macintosh School in Glasgow and the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology.

Piers, it is a pleasure to welcome you, together with Micheleene Peter, to our Banquet.

Those of you who have listened so far will have noticed that we have a rather large number of architects amongst our official guests this evening. As most of the architects I know dress purely in black and white, this is perhaps the only place for them to blend in.

I have devoted a lot of thought to the perfect collective noun for architects. Architects of course do have a certain reputation. As Frank Lloyd Wright himself admitted, "early in life I had to choose between honest arrogance and hypocritical humility. I chose the former and have seen no reason to change".

The more pedestrian collective nouns for architects include "a sketch", "a column", "a confusion" and "a fear". Colleagues at work suggest that "a barbarism", "a gargoyles", "a blot" or, dare I

say, “a carbuncle” or even “a vanity” might be more appropriate. All I can say is that I think those are far too harsh.

*I am a construction lawyer. I make my living from dispute resolution. I therefore give thanks for architects every day.*

*I now ask my fellow members of the Constructors Company to rise and drink with me a toast to “Our Guests”.*



Then followed the address from Alderman Sir David Howard as Lord Mayor Lord Mayor Locum Tenens, representing The Lord Mayor. Sir David had been particularly supportive of our Royal Charter application and helped steer a safe path through The City Committees.



Piers Gough CBE was The Masters` guest to propose the toast to The Company "May it flourish root and branch for ever". Piers speculated on the future of design and the built environment wise words most thoughtful and well received.



The Master concluded the evening with her kind words to all, Guests and the work done both on the process over several years in obtaining The Charter and of course to The Clerk for organising and superb event. The Hall and fare with excellent wines, the Royal Reception and the attention to the smallest detail was very much appreciated by all.

## THE MASTERS' SPEECH

*Wardens, Masters, Your Royal Highness, Lord Mayor Locum Tenens, My Lords, Aldermen, Sheriff, Distinguished Guests, Ladies & Gentlemen*

*On occasions of this kind, there are 2 speeches I can make, one is short and one is long. The short one is "thank you" and the other is "thank you very much". Now that I have acquainted you with the content of both speeches, I see no reason for making either!! However, it is certainly a great pleasure to welcome you here tonight to Merchant Taylor's Hall to what would normally be our Ladies Banquet.*

*The Merchant Taylors' Company, or to give it the full name by which it is described in the Royal Charter of 1503, the Guild of Merchant Taylors of the Fraternity of St. John Baptist in the City of London, is one of the Twelve Great City Livery Companies surviving from Medieval times.*

*The Guild was originally a religious and social fraternity founded before the beginning of the 14th century by an association of citizens who were Tailors and Linen Armourers. The Linen Armourers, an allied craft to the Tailors, made the padded tunics or gambesons worn under suits of armour. By virtue of various Royal Charters commencing with that of Edward III in 1327, the functions of the Guild were extended and by about the end of the 15th century it controlled the trade. By the end of the 17th century its connection with the tailoring trade had virtually ceased and it became what it is today - an Association of philanthropic and social character, devoting its energies to educational and charitable activities.*

*Having decided that in order to commemorate the achievement of obtaining our Royal Charter, it is therefore appropriate that tonight we gather to celebrate this milestone in our History. I am delighted to see so many distinguished guests here with us tonight.*

*First, may I take a few moments to say a few words for those who do not know, how this achievement came about and to mention a few key individuals who made it all possible. The Court had considered over several years whether the Company should seek a Royal Charter, but it was not until the Court Session in February 2008 that the then Master (Martin Wade) brought to the Court's attention that our Ordinances required the Company to make application for a Royal Charter "when the time was right".*

*He then having duly decided that "the time was right" proceeded to take the matter to the Court and in May 2008, the outgoing Clerk Tim Nicholson, agreed to take the project on, once he had retired from his post.*

*An extensive list of "non objectors" was drawn up, that is, individuals and organisations whose support would be sought and who would, if asked by Privy Council Staff, give it as their opinion that this Worshipful Company was worthy in every way to petition Her Majesty the Queen, for the Grant of a Charter.*

*The former Clerk, fully supported by the then Master Roger Adcock, consulted with a very wide range of people, businesses and organisations in the Construction industry, confirming and consolidating support.*

*In particular the Company has to thank Sir David Howard (Lord Mayor in 2000) for his detailed review of the Petition Documents and taking the Company's application through the Court of Aldermen. In addition, Keith Lawrey, Clerk of the Guild of Educators and head of the organisations and bodies section of the Foundation for Science and Technology, gave a great deal of time and*

*invaluable assistance in the creation of the necessary documents and steering them through the appropriate channels at the Privy Council.*

*The petition was formally and finally submitted to the Privy Council in May 2009, was well received and was scheduled for initial consideration in December 2009, under the guidance of the then Master Dr. Christine Rigden.*

*On 10 February 2010 we learned that Royal Consent had been granted.*

*Although sounding straightforward, the project took a great deal of time and required painstaking and detailed work, drawing on the advice and support of a very wide range of people and organisations. A successful outcome could never be assumed, and of course would not have been achieved if the Company was found wanting when measured against the strict criteria laid down by the Privy Council. However, the Constructors' charitable and educational work, and the strong support and approval of the Construction industry, married to careful staff work, did deliver the desired outcome.*

*I therefore wish to pay a special tribute to all those in the Company I have made special mention of and to all our supporters, both here tonight and those unable to attend.....THANK YOU*

*The achievement of receiving a Royal Charter is an aspiration of all Modern Livery Companies. The importance of a Royal Charter by its definition implies an achievement of Excellence. We are delighted therefore to have been granted a Royal Charter and even more so to have it personally presented to us by His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester. THANK YOU your Royal Highness, it is indeed an honour.*

*It is appropriate to discuss Excellence, as it is Excellence which will be a principal driving force in delivering the UK economy out of recession.*

*As the Constructors, we have a broad membership of Construction professionals from Surveyors, Engineers, Architects, Contractors to name but a few, and it will be our expertise within these defined disciplines that will be the foundation of the Construction Industry's future. We must therefore as an industry strive for excellence through Education.*

*It was decided that, in order to build on this achievement, it would be appropriate to create a Charter Legacy. This will take the form of an Award, which we are launching tonight and will be our Premier Award to be called "The Worshipful Company of Constructor's Royal Charter Award for Excellence in Construction". This award is only part of the Constructors' Charter Legacy Project which sets out to celebrate, in an on-going way, the award of our first Royal Charter on 8th February 2010. The Award is to be given in honour and recognition of excellence in Construction and recipients of the award are to be nominated by members of the Company. It was deemed important to recognise the broad church of the Constructors' Company and that Excellence in Construction can be very widely defined. In recognition of the fact that our members are drawn from all the professions operating in the Construction industry, the Royal Charter Award is similarly broadly targeted. The Award could relate to excellence:*

- 1. Of an individual over a lifetime's work.*
- 2. Of an individual structure or project.*
- 3. In training or education.*
- 4. In law or other professions that support the Construction industry.*

*Thus the Award could be made to an individual, a project, or a firm and it is envisaged that the Award will be made on a bi- annual basis, with the proviso that it will only be awarded if true Excellence is there to be recognised.*

*Nominations for the award will be short-listed by a panel of members of the Company, and the final selection will be made by the Assessment Panel under the Chairmanship of Sir Michael Latham, together with the current Master and other eminent members of the Construction professions from outside our Company. It is expected that the recipient of the first Worshipful Company of Constructors Royal Charter Award for Excellence, will be announced at the end of November 2011, with the presentation of the Award being made at our Livery & Awards Dinner on 15th February 2012 at Vintners' Hall. In addition to the above, there will also be an award to a young person for achievement in Construction. This will be called the Master's Young Achievers Award.*

*Our view was that, the main Royal Charter Award was marking past achievement, and that it would be important for a modern Livery Company to reward achievement and potential in the younger members of the Construction industry. The intention therefore will be for the recipient to receive a financial reward to, for example, carry out a specific study of a major Construction project in the UK or overseas. This award will occur each alternate year to the Royal Charter Award and I am also aware that this type of Youth award is close to your Royal Highness's heart!*

*Thank you to Court Assistant Victoria Russell, for the eloquent toast to the guests....not an easy task and interesting to see that the relationship between Architects and Lawyers is still a healthy one! It is good to see so many Masters here tonight - I racked my brain to work out what one call's a gathering of so many Masters, and I was reminded of the Master Plaisterer's definition...a MAGNIFICENCE!!! THANK YOU Victoria.*

*Thank you also to my Guest speaker, Piers Gough, for the stimulating and much needed words on Education, and in support of Architects and Architecture. The loyalty of our sponsoring partnerships is of great importance to us. Through your generous support, it assists the Company and the Charitable Trust greatly to reinforce our numerous Scholarships and Charitable aims.*

*With the launch of the two new Awards today, we have now increased the total of our Scholarships and Awards programme from 9 to 11! This occasion provides me as Master to publically acknowledge and congratulate you for your continued benevolence and even more especially through these more turbulent financial times. I would like to thank Wilkins Kennedy, Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors, and Deutsche Postbank for their support. Again, we could not do it without you.....THANK YOU*

*Finally, a personal thank you to the Team, without whose help this evening would not have been such a success.....The Past Masters, Wardens and Court Assistants.....and last but definitely not least, the Clerk!!.....THANK YOU*

*Before you leave, I took a leaf out of my Middle Warden's last speech and decided to look up the 14th April and see what famous events we can share on this momentous day for us.....I found the following.....*

*In 1912 the Titanic struck an Iceberg*

*In 1935 was "Black Sunday" the start of the American Dust Bowl years*

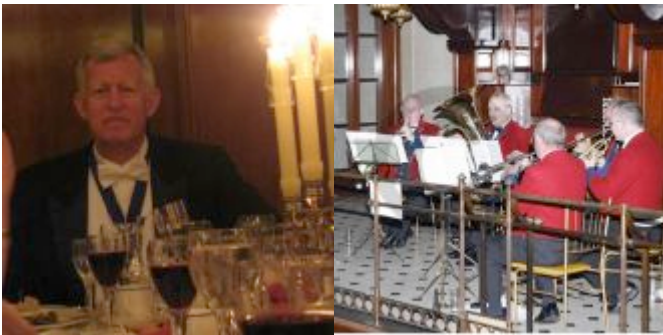
*In 1865 President Lincoln was Assassinated*

*And on a more positive note, it is the birthdate of Sir John Gielgud, Julie Christie and Julian Lloyd Webber!! We are in good company*

*I could not miss an opportunity of one final word, and seeing that there are 4 Architects on the Top Table.....and this is tantamount to a lawyer telling a lawyer joke, but here it is...*

*An Architect is said to be a man who knows a very little about a great deal and keeps knowing less and less about more and more, until he knows practically nothing about everything, whereas, on the other hand, an Engineer is a man who knows a great deal about very little, and who goes along knowing more and more about less and less, until finally he knows practically everything about nothing. A Contractor starts out knowing practically everything about everything, but ends up by knowing nothing about anything, due to his association with Architects and Engineers. bom bom!*

*On that note, I trust that you all had a wonderful evening and would ask that you join me for a stirrup cup. THANK YOU*



See here The Clerk Kim Tyrrell in pensive mood during the evening but he need not be for he had a Triumph on his hands. See right the part of the superb "The Thames Fanfare Brass" who performed wonderful music and a fantastic "Post Horn Gallop" all for the enjoyment of everyone.



The Loving Cup, using our beautiful silver collection generously given by many past Masters and Liverymen, was, as usual, used for this ancient tradition of City Livery Companies. See here amongst others Court Assistant Henry Lamb with one of our Loving Cups. We particularly thank our Former Clerk, Honorary Freeman Tim Nicholson, (On right) who took on the very important duties of administration steering our application through its various stages. Thank you Tim for all you have done.



The attending Past Masters (Richard Rooley, Michael May & David Hattersley MBE were also there and robed but somehow missed the photo!)

Rear;- PM Martin Wade, PM John Burrell, PM John Trussler, PM John Robson JP, PM Roger Adcock

Front: IPM Dr Christine Rigden, The Master Mrs Patricia Newton.



Finally as the guests departed either to the Strip Cup (thoughtfully provided by The Master) or to go home; Lilian and Henry Stephenson (The Company Illustrator) were caught in relaxed mood just before their departure after a very happy evening.

### **Tuesday 30th March - Memorial Service for 1992/93 Past Master Peter Olley**



2pm Wednesday 30th March at St Lawrence Jewry & afterwards at Skinners' Hall

**Friday 4th March - Very Sad News of the Passing of Past Master Peter Olley FICE FISTructE MICE MSocE(Fr)**



Peter's family announce that Peter passed away peacefully at home last Friday 4th March with his family.

There is to be a private funeral on Friday 11th. However a memorial service has been arranged at St Lawrence Jewry for 2 o'clock on Wednesday 30th March to which all are welcome and afterwards at Skinners Hall.

Peter had been Master in 1993/94 on his death he had been a member of The Company for over 30 years. Peter was also a Liveryman of The Fanmakers and a member of The Candlewick Ward. A detailed obituary will follow.

The Master, Wardens and the whole company send condolences to his wife June and the family.

**Tuesday 8th March - Shrove Tuesday so it must be the "Inter Livery Pancake Races" in Guildhall yard.**

#### **Time Out Says:-**

The City Livery Company of Poulterers initiated an annual Shrove Tuesday race in 2004, bringing together teams drawn from livery companies linked in some way with making and consuming pancakes (the Poulterers take the eggs, the Fruiterers the lemons and the Cutlers the plastic forks), as well as invited teams from the Mansion House, Guildhall and Old Bailey. Formerly known as the Poulterers' Race and now called the Inter-Livery Pancake Race, the event creates and then skewers a traditional atmosphere of pomp and ceremony, as competitors dress in their ostentatious regalia as well as fancy dress and comedy hats. The winning team of four gets a commemorative frying pan, and the event is enlivened by a specially composed ditty performed by the Musicians' Company. Surplus money raised from the event and pancake sales is donated to the Lord Mayor's Charity.

#### **Your Constructors reporter says:-**

The habit of eating pancakes on Shrove Tuesday – or Pancake Day as it is now more commonly known – goes back to beyond the year 1000 AD, and the first recipe for making the treat has been found in a cookery book dated 1439.

Shrove Tuesday is the eve of Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent – the period of 40 days leading up to Easter that was traditionally a time of fasting before the second most important date in the Christian calendar. On Shrove Tuesday Christians went to Confession to be 'shriven' (absolved from their sins) then went home to party like there was no tomorrow before being hit by the penuries of Lent. They would empty the cupboards of all the rich and fatty foods they'd have to forgo for the next 40 days – milk, butter, sugar and eggs – by making them into pancakes, and the 'feast' day was born.



The Gunmakers who start each heat with a gunshot, the Clockmakers who time the race, the Cutlers who provide plastic forks, the Glovers who supply the runners' white gloves, the Fruiterers and Poulterers whose lemons and eggs are used to make the pancakes, and the Musicians' Company who provide further entertainment by singing a specially commissioned piece of music.



Middle Warden Stephen Rigden represented the Worshipful Company of Constructors in the annual inter-livery pancake races organised by the Poulterers' Company and held in Guildhall Yard.

After a flying start that saw him ahead at the turn, all went horribly wrong when his chef's hat fell off! By the time the hat was recovered, only a poor "last" was achieved.

It is thought that this could all be part of a wider conspiracy. Court Assistant Victoria Russell was running for the Arbitrators' Company [of which she is a Past Master] – though Victoria won her heat, she was told that she had been disqualified because she was not wearing a gown. However, after she had changed so she was too late to compete in the final of the ladies' race, she was told that she had in fact only been awarded a three second penalty for the offence, and should therefore have qualified for the final. Legal action may be instigated as a result of the psychological stress suffered by Victoria who we understand last won a running race when she was 5 years old.

The conspiracy theory against Stephen & Victoria centres on Immediate Past Master Christine Rigden who was team leader for a team of four from the Tylers' and Bricklayers' Company. The Ts and Bs succeeded in winning the ladies' race [no Victoria], and also won a heat of the Liveryman's race. They might also have won the novelty race [fancy dress related to the Lord Mayor's Appeal Bear Necessities] had their runner had eye holes in his bear costume which corresponded with those in his face.

Further reports may follow as the investigation into the conspiracy continues.



Members might put a note in the diary for next year - its a great day and lots of fun.

Further Members would enjoy the superb Pancake Day Races luncheon in The Guildhall Crypt at only £22.00 each; a masterclass by Cook & Butler!

### **Tuesday 15th February - Past Masters` Luncheon hosted by The Master - The Guildhall Club in Guildhall EC1**



As is now customary each year The Master hosts a luncheon for The Past Masters, Wardens and Honorary Court Assistants. This year was no exception. A small but convivial luncheon in The Guildhall Club provided an excellent forum for exchange of views on a wide range of matters relating to our Company.

See above the gathering for pre lunch drinks and Past Masters John Robson and Past Master John Trussler enjoying a glass of pre lunch fiz.



After lunch itself (without a mention of The Masters` carefully selected superb lamb menu we cannot pass) The Master Patricia Newton, chaired an informative discussion resulting in a number of issues for The Company to consider.

Those attending the luncheon including The Master Mrs Patricia Newton:-

Past Master John Burrell 2001/2002.

Past Master John W Robson JP 2002/2003.

David Hattersley MBE 2003/2004.

John Trussler 2006/2007.

Martin Wade 2007/2008.

Roger B Adcock 2008/2009.

Dr Christine Rigden 2009/2010.

Stephen Rigden Middle Warden.

Kenneth J Kent Honorary Court Assistant and Chairman of The Charitable Trustees.

Arthur Seymour Honorary Court Assistant and Honorary Treasurer.

Kim Tyrrell The Clerk.

The luncheon concluded with a hearty farewell to all and best of wishes to absent Past Masters who perhaps could not attend through indisposition.

**WEDNESDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2011 - Livery and Awards Dinner – Ironmongers’ Hall, Shaftsbury Place, Barbican, LONDON EC2**



**Above - The Hall laid ready for The Master.**

The Livery and Awards Dinner is very much focused on the Construction Industry. As customary we invited the Masters of other industry companies, the leaders of several industry institutions, and, as private guests, friends, colleagues and clients from within the industry. It is the custom that spouses are not invited unless they are themselves connected to construction. A number of Company prizes were awarded and several of our Scholars were present.

The magnificent Ironmongers` Hall provided the setting for the Dinner surrounded by panelled walls, fine stonework and stained glass windows.

The following were the guests of The Company:

Tom Barton, Master Pavior

Robert Bould, Master Chartered Surveyor

Graham Clay, Master Actuary

Kay Linnell, Master Arbitrator

John Robinson, Master Engineer

Edward Taylor Master, Lightmonger

Barrie Torbett, Master Environmental Cleaner

Roger Hewitt, Master Water Conservator

Bridget Bartlet, Chief Operating Officer CIOB

**Additionally from our affiliated Regiments**

Lt Col Mark Budden MBE RE

Sgt Nicholas Connell RE

Sqdn Ldr Mike Alden RAF

Cpl Jay Corn RAF

Many Livery Company Masters were accompanied by their Clerks.



Our Beadle Ted Prior prepares to commence The Dinner



Senior Warden David Fell played wonderful music to smooth the room before Dinner and handing over to our real Musician



The Master pins on husband Richard the Consort Brooch and The Hall awaits The Master.



Jack Neary FRICS CC; Master in 1988/89, Sheriff of The City of London 1985/86 generously donated this beautiful brooch and gold chain for the Mistress to wear during her year in office. This year The Masters Consort (Husband Richard Newton) wears the brooch with similar pride.



The procession into Dinner and The Masters Welcomes her guest Belinda Dickson OBE.



After Dinner The Master and her Principal Guest Belinda Dickson OBE start off the traditional Loving Cup bidding everyone a warm welcome.

**Awards were made to:-**



### **Shafting and Shoring Award 2010/11 - 101 Engineer Regiment (EOD)**

**Sgt Nicholas Connell** is a Territorial Army BDO in 221 Fd Sqn (EOD) (V). He deployed with the Counter-IED Task Force on Op HERRICK 12 for 6½ months and led a mixed regular and TA 4-man EOD team throughout a most testing and bloody tour.

Sgt Connell was based in the Upper Gereshk Valley, supporting a Gurkha Coy attached to 1 MERCIAN in the Danish Battle Group Area of Operations. This high IED threat area, is an isolated Company location and extremely difficult to re-enforce. Sgt Connell's 4 man CMD team, unsupported by integral search and without additional in-theatre training, was committed to supporting this challenging AO.

As an EOD operator, Sgt Connell excelled. With the little support he was under considerable pressure to destroy the IEDs which daily afflicted the Company Sgt Connell seized every opportunity to push the boundaries, single handedly disposing of 7 separate, in-situ IEDs. notably with a mild and unassuming modesty throughout.

Sgt Connell's performance as a Senior Non Commissioned Officer in an isolated and demanding Area of Operation was superlative and, this exceptional soldier has been a true ambassador for the TA and his life saving contribution to the Counter-IED fight in Afghanistan is well deserving of formal recognition.

### **No 5001 Sqn RAF - Award**



**Cpl Jay Corn's** performance throughout 2010 has been nothing short of exceptional. Whether deployed as a member of the Operations Flt construction team overseas or as a supervisor on UK based training exercises, he has consistently performed to the highest of standards. Only recently promoted, Cpl Corn's performance belies his rank; he has shown diligence, loyalty to his team and commitment far beyond that of many of his contemporaries.

Having not had the benefit of the leadership and management training that would come with promotion, Cpl Corn's outstanding natural leadership and managerial qualities shone through.

Instantly likeable and evidently competent, his team followed him instinctively, ensuring complete success in what have proved to be extremely arduous working conditions in support of operations in Afghanistan.

Cpl Corn is an accomplished operator; he thrives in the RAF environment, accepting every task presented as challenge; he leads by example, and inspires those around him. He is most deserving of this award.

### **The David E Tong Cup:**



**Laura Closs** - “Laura received a first class honours in BSc (Hon) Architectural Technology from London South Bank University in 2010. She had previously studied at a Scottish University, & relocated to London as a result of her job with Capita Symonds. While practicing full-time as an architectural technician, Laura pursued her degree part-time and achieved some of the best results amongst her peers. Her dissertation on large scale modular buildings provides a comparison with traditional construction methods for commercial buildings. This was well received by her tutors and was awarded an excellent overall grade. As an Associate Member of CIAT, Laura is keen to improve herself constantly and partakes in design competitions. Her ambition is to become a Chartered Architectural Technologist as well as a Chartered Builder.”

### **The Constructors Prize**



**Luke Meyers.** - Luke is currently working for a private quantity surveying consultant company, Huntley Cartwright. With whom he has trained since June 2004. He recently completed his final year of the BSc (Hons) Surveying Degree at London South Bank University, where he obtained a first class honours degree. Over the past six years Luke has concentrated on developing his skills and experience whilst working on a wide variety of interesting projects. Luke’s next major goal is to complete his RICS APC and become a Chartered Quantity Surveyor.

Luke achieved his highest grades in Measurement where he learnt the core quantity surveying skills that will undoubtedly serve him well in his chosen career. The title for his dissertation was “Has partnering procurement really achieved what was expected?”



During the evening **Sqd Ldr Mike Alden RAF** spoke of the work of RAF Sqdn 5001 in the modern day. No 5001 Sqn provide a range of expeditionary airfield facilities, including Portable Aircraft Arrestor Gear, Temporary Working Environments, liquid oxygen and nitrogen production and environmental conditioning units. The Squadron routinely deploys around the world to provide or maintain these facilities to support deployed air operations. This was most interesting and consummated our new affiliation with the presentation of a beautiful framed watercolour print of 5001 Regt at work. The Master thanked Sq Ldr Alden and looked forward to a long and happy relationship.

**The Middle Warden Stephen Rigden** welcomed and proposed The Guests with a most stylish and humorous speech which was responded to by **Ms Belinda Dickson OBE**.

A wonderful end to the most successful evening in the life of The Constructors Livery Company.

### **Wednesday 9th February - Court Meeting at Ironmongers Hall.**



The Master headed up the Court Meeting at which reports on the business of The Company were received and approved.

The Court were especially pleased to hear to the publication of the new Company Magazine "The New Constructor" with 500 copies being circulated. The Court noted the hard work done by The Editor Liveryman Derek Farrow and expressed their thanks. The thanks and appreciation was also passed to Vinci Construction UK and Costain Plc for the support and sponsorship in its production.





The Court further heard to the upcoming Lords Charity Lunch in The Long Room on 23rd September. Past Master Martin Wade advised World Class Cricketer **Derek "Deadly" Underwood MBE** also a former President of MCC would make the keynote after lunch speech. Further details and booking will now be published.

Other events and matters were updated and reported.

**During the Court Meeting the following were welcomed into the Freedom of The Company.**  
(Further photos to follow shortly)



**Mike Crook (above).** A Commercial Director of SIG Plc who was proposed by his father Honorary Court Assistant Godfery Crook.



**Ann Lander MRICS** - Currently Principle Development Manager with The Hyde Group / Hyde Housing Association who was proposed by The Master



**Suzannah Nichol MBE** - Currently Chief Executive of The National Specialist Contractors Confederation (NSCC) proposed by Liveryman Mike Threadgold.



**Lance Taylor FRICS MCIQB FIOD** - Currently Chief Executive Rider Levett Bucknell proposed by Liveryman Dr Ann Heywood.



**Iain Cottrell** - Currently Managing Director of Dantepark Ltd proposed by Liveryman Alastair Mackie.



**Don Ward BSc FCIQB FRSA** - Currently Chief Executive Constructing Excellence and industry think tank and Best Practice body dedicated to collaborative working and industry integration.



**Stephen Field MA BSc (Civ Eng) CMIM** - Currently Business Development Director with Sykes & Son Ltd proposed by The Master.



**Russell Looker FRICS** - Currently Senior Surveyor with Ainsley & Partners Chartered Quantity Surveyors proposed by Court Assistant Ian Mason.

The Court was closed and all proceeded to The Livery & Awards Dinner.

**Tuesday 18th January 2011 - The Sir Ian Dixon Scholarship Award and the CIOB Faculty of Architecture and Surveying Award - Public presentations held at The Royal College of Pathologists. Carlton Place. London. SW1.**

The company supports NINE current scholarships and on this evening two of the completing scholars made public presentations of their work.

The requirement of each Scholarship is to research the topic, write up a 10,000 word paper and provide a public presentation receives a £2,000 bursary.

The Worshipful Company of Constructors administers these scholarships jointly with the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB).

We are most grateful to Lady Dixon for continuing to fund this scholarship in the name of her late husband Sir Ian Dixon and a former Warden of the company.



The evening opened with the Chair of The Scholarship Committee Bob Heathfield PPCIOB who also gives much time to personally mentoring the scholars from selection and right on through the scholarship. This and each evening is his reward for another job well done.



The evening was hosted by the employers of the two scholars; Killby & Gayford Group Ltd and Vinici Construction UK. We were grateful to Mr Chris Chivers Chief Executive of Killby & Gayford Group Ltd and to Dr Rennie Chadwick Managing Director, Technology Division, Vinici Construction UK for attending and both kindly speaking to introduce and thank each Scholar.



This years scholars were:

Left: **Claire Woodhouse BSc MSc** from Killby & Gayford Ltd who presented her research entitled **"Can Construction and Heritage Work Together?"**

Right: **Brendan Keilthy BSc (First Class Hons)** from Vinici Construction Uk who presented his research paper entitled **"Design Management Graduates - Fit for Purpose?"**



See here Vice President of CIOB Alan Crane CBE talking with Claire after the conclusion and on the right see The Master of The Worshipful Company of Constructors Patricia Newton RIBA with both Scholars.



A formal gathering with Lady Dixon, Alan Crane CBE, The Master and Professor Bob Giddings to all of who we are grateful in making the evening so successful.

**Tuesday 4th January - Sir Ian Dixon and CIOB Faculty of Architecture and Surveying Scholarships announced.**

Together with the CIOB we have announced two more scholarships.

This years Sir Ian Dixon Scholars are Richard Fyfe from Sir Robert McAlpine and Richard Mosely from Volker Fitzpatrick.

Members will know the scholarships take 12 months of study then writing up a 10,000 word dissertation followed by a public presentation. Each scholar receives a £2,000 bursary.

Richard Fyfe is researching Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme and its implications for the UK construction industry. Richard Mosely has chosen to research the barriers to recruiting skilled labour within the UK construction.

We also announce with the CIOB's Faculty of Architecture and Surveying scholarships on the same basis to Richard David of Willmot Dixon and Alistair O'Reilly from Laing O'Rourke. Richard is looking at how to prevent reciprocal workflow from entering the construction phase and Alistair is researching innovation in construction waste minimisation and re-engineering building design through BIM.

Freeman Dr Sarah Peace of the CIOB leads the institutes scholarship development and to whom The Company is indebted for her leadership.

### **Wednesday 8th December Court Meeting and Luncheon at Tallow Chandlers' Hall.**

The Pre Christmas Court took place in the Jacobean Court Room of Tallow Chandlers Hall. Apart from the normal business of Court we were delighted to welcome into the Freedom of the Company Mark Farrar the Chief Executive of CITB Construction Skills. In addition Immediate Past Master Dr. Christine Rigden outlined her teams ideas for fundraising on behalf of the Charitable Trust and more details will be forthcoming to the membership in the early New Year.



Mr Mark Farrar BSc(Hons), FCA, AMCT (Associate Member of the Corporate Treasurers), Proposed by Sir Michael Latham took over as Chief Executive of CITB-ConstructionSkills in September 2008.

Mark was previously Corporate Services Director within ConstructionSkills. In this role, he was accountable for managing the CITB-ConstructionSkills Grant and Levy system as well as other support services functions.

Following an early career in the Royal Navy, Mark trained as a Chartered Accountant before moving into the Financial Services Sector where he held senior positions in Barclays Bank and Norwich Union.

In 2000 he moved to Cefas, a Government owned science and environmental research body, where he was promoted to Chief Executive and lead a major restructuring in 2004.

Mark is also a Trustee of the Buildings Research Establishment, a Board member of WISE (Women into Science, Engineering and Construction) and a member of the Public Sector Advisory Board within the ICAEW.

### **Luncheon**

Court was followed by lunch and some 54 of the Company sat down in the Hall and enjoyed a most convivial lunch with the benefit of enlivened conversation and no speeches!



### **Carol Service at St Lawrence Jewry**

The Company Carol Service at St Lawrence Jewry, was taken by The Rev David Parott and saw an uplifting performance by the choir and an enthusiastic rendering of old favourite Carols by the Company.

Yeoman Yaeger Rolfe capped off an extremely engaged year with the Company (having walked with The Master in The Lord Mayors Show) by reading the first lesson and was succeeded by Renter Warden Doug Barrat, Middle Warden Stephen Rigden, Senior Warden Sir Michael Latham and finally by The Master.

A collection was taken on behalf of CRASH and through generosity raised some £412 from the 50 or so of the Company present.



See here Rev David Parott

**Monday 22nd November - The Clerk, on behalf of The Company, attended the funeral of Sapper William Blanchard from 101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal), serving with the Counter-Improvised Explosive Device Task Force, who was killed in Afghanistan on Saturday 30 October 2010.**

The Company is affiliated with 101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) and sends its respects to his wife Suzanne his children and family and friends of Will Blanchard.



The Clerk, Kim Tyrrell, attended the funeral of a remarkable man, William Blanchard in Portsmouth Cathedral. Will Blanchard was quite a man, in "real life" he was a 40 year old highly qualified (MSc) Health Physicist working at the Institute of Naval Medicine. 2 years ago he desired a new challenge, when he approached 101 they wanted him to go straight to Officer selection and training but he wanted to do a tour as a Sapper before he took a commission. As you know he was shot whilst part of the EOD task force in Afghanistan.

The Service was conducted by the Bishop of Portsmouth which Will Blanchard's Father as a Canon preaching a sermon which spoke to all in the packed Cathedral. The Service was supported Master & Clerk by the Fan Makers and Pattern Markers (both affiliated to 101), also the Deputy Lord Lt and Lord Mayor of Portsmouth.

#### **The BBC reported as:-**

Sapper William Blanchard, of 101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment, was killed in the Nahr-e Saraj North area in southern Afghanistan on 30 October. Sapper Blanchard, 39, from Gosport in Hampshire, was part of the Counter-Improvised Explosive Device Task Force.

His funeral, with full military honours, took place at Portsmouth Cathedral at 1300 GMT. Members of the regiment lined up outside the Anglican cathedral as the coffin was carried inside, followed by Sapper Blanchard's widow Suzanne and his son and daughter, Tom and Lucy.

Mourners at the funeral wore orange items because it was Sapper Blanchard's favourite colour. The sermon was delivered by his father, the Reverend Canon Laurie Blanchard, who is the canon of Ely Cathedral in Cambridgeshire.

Outside the cathedral, Giles Cowling, a colleague at Sapper Blanchard's workplace, the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory, said: "He was an incredibly big-hearted person, respected and liked by those he worked with. "He loved life and had an incredible drive and enthusiasm for what he took on."

Sapper William Blanchard had been deployed to Afghanistan in September. Lt Col Mark Budden, commanding officer of 101 Regiment, who flew in from Afghanistan for the funeral, said: "He was an exceptional person. He was more mature than the usual sapper but he brought a host of experience with him from his civilian employment. Energetic, enthusiastic, dedicated, committed, selfless - that's Will."

His widow Suzanne Blanchard said: "Will was a wonderful husband, son, brother, father, brother-in-law, son-in-law and friend.

"Sorely missed; always in our hearts, never forgotten by his devastated family, friends and colleagues and his beloved wife."



## Friday, Saturday & Sunday 19th to 21st November TEAMBUILD Competition



### 2010 winners announced!

Teambuild 2010 challenged teams to plan, design and deliver a world-leading research, leisure and education development. Based on the very real project of Nirah, an astounding proposal for a site in Bedfordshire, teams were set a series of taxing scenarios at all stages of the construction process, watched and scored by eminent Judges from all fields across the construction industry. Nine teams made it through to the hotly-contested finals, and impressed throughout with their professionalism, and dedication.



The winning team, who received the overall prize donated by The Company was presented by The Master. The team who impressed the judges with their commitment, teamwork and good humour, their clear strategy and skilled problem-solving, were Synergy, a group from Wates' Luton office and Morgan Sindall Professional Services in Stratford-upon Avon.

**Team members as seen above with The Master and Chairman of Judges and Organiser Past Master Richard Rooley, were Dave Bucknell (CIOB), Peter Capron (RIBA), James Clayton (RICS), Lauren Harris (CIOB, RICS), Katrina Taylor (CIOB) and Kate Wyatt (CIOB, RICS).**

The Winners of the Judges Prize, awarded for their thoroughly professional attitude, teamworking, an preparation throughout the weekend, were Spatial Engineering Solutions, a team from AECOM.

The Procurement Strategy Prize was awarded to BEmore, a mixed team with members from Expedition, Balfour Beatty, BDS Partnership, Edward Cullinan Architects, and Treasury Holdings.

The Overall standard of the event was extremely high, and all of our nine finalist teams should be congratulated on an immense achievement. Further details of each of the finalist teams is published on our website.

“The only way to achieve a good building these days is by working in partnership across the whole construction sector. It seems to me that Teambuild is just the right kind of initiative to encourage our young professionals to embrace this way of working.” **Sir Nicholas Grimshaw CBE PRA, Chairman of Grimshaw**



The Judges and Working Party Members included senior staff from The Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects, CIBS, ICE, IStructE, CIOB, Client Director of NIRAH the project used, Speedy Hire Plc, RICS, BDP, Foster & Partners. Members of The Company also included Liveryman Richard Schofield, Yeomen Alex MacLaren and Yeoman Richard Whitfield



Here see PM Richard Rooley in full flow welcoming the 60 team members from all parts of the construction industry to the 19th Annual TEAMBUILD.



Judging the construction layout phase wearing PPE kindly supplied by Speedy Hire Plc one of the commercial partners of TEAMBUILD

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Teambuild 2010 challenged teams to plan, design and deliver a world-leading research, leisure and education development. Based on the very real project of Nirah, an astounding proposal for a site in Bedfordshire, teams were set a series of taxing scenarios at all stages of the construction process, watched and scored by eminent Judges from all fields across the construction industry. Nine teams made it through to the hotly-contested finals, and impressed throughout with their professionalism, and dedication.

The winning team, who impressed the judges with their commitment, teamwork and good humour, their clear strategy and skilled problem-solving, were Synergy, a group from Wates' Luton office and Morgan Sindall in Stratford-upon Avon. Team members were Dave Bucknell (CIOB), Peter Capron (RIBA), James Clayton (RICS), Lauren Harris (CIOB, RICS), Katrina Taylor (CIOB) and Kate Wyatt (CIOB, RICS).

The Winners of the Judges Prize, awarded for their thoroughly professional attitude, teamworking, an preparation throughout the weekend, were Spatial Engineering Solutions, a team from AECOM. The Procurement Strategy Prize was awarded to BEmore, a mixed team with members from Expedition, Balfour Beatty, BDSP Partnership, Edward Cullinan Architects, and Treasury Holdings.

The Overall standard of the event was extremely high, and all of our nine finalist teams should be congratulated on an immense achievement. Further details of each of the finalist teams is published on TEAMBUILD website.

The only way to achieve a good building these days is by working in partnership across the whole construction sector. It seems to me that Teambuild is just the right kind of initiative to encourage our young professionals to embrace this way of working. Sir Nicholas Grimshaw CBE PRA, Chairman of Grimshaw Now in its nineteenth year, the competition continues to attract the brightest young professionals from some of the best construction practices around the UK and Ireland. It is an exhilarating, fast-paced, challenging and exhaustive test of skills, leadership and collaboration.

This years competitors represented 20 top employers. After a gruelling pre-qualification selection, nine teams of six members were invited to a weekend-long final event at Eynsham Hall in Oxfordshire. The selected teams were given a brief based on a real site, Nirah, presenting a masterplan on the opening evening. Several quickfire challenges spread over an intense weekend took them right through the design process, finishing with the construction stage.

Ronnie Murning, Project Director of Nirah and past PM for the Eden Centre, attended the competition as a judge and commented on the very high standard of teamworking and innovation he saw.

Synergy were presented with a £1500 prize from Patricia Newton, RIBA, Master of the Worshipful Company of Constructors. The team was commended for showing excellent group dynamics, skills in co-ordination, integration, presentation and leadership in what was a very closely fought competition. The judges' discretionary prize of £1000, awarded this year for consistent professionalism and teamworking, was awarded by Richard Schofield (RICS, APM) to Spatial Engineering Systems, a team hailing from AECOM offices, who hadn't met face-to-face until the week before the competition

The winner of the procurement strategy prize was BEmore, who received a £1250 prize from Ian Head, Deputy Master of the Worshipful Company of Architects. The competition is supported by professional built environment Institutions, commercial sponsors, and employers. This year SpeedyHire sponsored the Construction Stage, providing teams with PPE, model construction vehicles, and advice on site organisation and logistics.

**Monday 22nd November 2010 - Joiners & Ceilers Livery Banquet at Apothecaries Hall**



The Master attended (together with Middle Warden Mr Stephen Rigden) another fine Livery Banquet at the Apothecaries Hall in Black Friars Lane as a guest of The Master Joiner & Ceiler. Seen here chatting to The Master Mason Mr Richard Woodman-Bailey.

Over 80 guests enjoyed an excellent evening with the venue, the menu, the wine, the speeches and the entertainment by students from the Guildhall School of Music, making the evening quite splendid

### **Saturday 13th November - The Lord Mayors Show - City of London**

**Alderman Michael Bear (pictured) is London's 683rd Lord Mayor**



The history of the Lord Mayor's Show dates back to 1215, when King John granted a charter allowing the citizens of London to elect their own mayor.

Every year since, the newly elected Mayor has travelled from the City of London to Westminster to pledge allegiance to the Crown.

This year marks the 683rd Lord Mayor's Show, and these days it is more of a celebration than a show of loyalty. Join in the fun as around half a million people turn out to watch as the colourful procession travels 1.7 miles (2.7km) across London.

The Master lead our float together with "The Modern Companies" (those formed post 1945) in this year's The Lord Mayor's Show:- In unexpectedly cheerful weather the procession set off at 11am from Mansion House to the Royal Courts of Justice, where the Lord Mayor takes an oath of allegiance to the sovereign before the Lord Chief Justice and the judges of the Queen's Bench Division. The procession started on the return journey from Victoria Embankment at 1 o'clock and returned to the Mansion House at 2.30pm. The procession filled the whole area between Bank and Aldwych.

Luckily after last years cancellation the wonderful firework display went ahead at 1900hrs over The Thames.

Constructors, and their families and friends turned out to watch the parade, and to get together at The Little Ship Club to enliven themselves. Liveryman Andrew Hornby (ably supported with his son Edward) arranged the social day for The Constructors and hosted the luncheon venue for Walkers and Watchers alike.

Photographs show The Master, with Senior Warden Sir Michael Latham and Yeoman Member Yaeger Rolfe in the procession.



Watching and lunching included:- David Hattersley, John & Anne Trussler, Godfrey Crook, Roger Lilley, Graeme & Kirsteen Monteith, Andrew & Edward Hornby, and our Learned Clerk, Kim Tyrrell.



See here Our Clerk Kim Tyrrell explaining the finer points of the luncheon wine to John Trussler! Plus Graeme Monteith topping up Roger Lilley's glass



The fireworks are difficult to capture but here Andrew Hornby has done well and many thanks to him for a splendid social occasion.

**A Message from The Master Patricia Newton BSc (Hons Arch), Dip (Hons) Arch, RIBA, FFB, FBAE, FRSA**



**It is a great honour to have been elected as your 34th Master Constructor of the Worshipful Company of Constructors.**

**I follow in the footsteps of Dr. Christine Ridgen who has paved the way for the females in the Company, by becoming the first Lady Master since our inception!**

**I was born in Central London in 1960 and for those who do not know, I am half Italian, with roots firmly embedded in Northern Italy. I was schooled and raised in London and Italy and graduated from the University of North London with a Bachelor of Science in Architecture followed by a Postgraduate Diploma in Architecture and became a Chartered Architect in 1989.**

**My professional career took me into other areas such as Expert Witness work, culminating in becoming a Member of the British Academy of Experts and being one of the first wave of students to attend the MSc course at Kings College in Construction Law and Arbitration in 1993. Having worked for several large International Practices, I fulfilled one of my lifelong ambitions, that of running my own practice, which I set up in 2001, and which I now run with my husband Richard who is a Chartered Surveyor. We spend most of our time commuting between our offices in London, Hertfordshire and Ipswich, but will be based in London for the year ahead.**

**I am also a member of the Faculty of Building and a fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.**

**My first involvement in the City Livery life came in 1995, when I became a Freeman of the City of London and a Livery member shortly after. I have always been a keen participator in all the organisations and of the clubs that I have been a part of, and am also a member of the City Livery Club and Candlewick Ward Club.**

**I am also a Dame Commander of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, of one of the few remaining and recognised Papal Orders, working closely with the Latin Patriarch, the Order assists with the reconstruction and provision of schools in Palestine .**

**In addition to this, I have also pursued a very active sporting career throughout my life and have only recently had to “hang up my boots” from playing Netball. I am proud to have represented, three Counties, played at Regional level and attended England trials along the way. I am also passionate about Education, and have been a School Governor for over 10 years at St. Edmunds College in Ware.**

**This year, I hope to build on the good work of our recent Master and despite the current recession, I am looking to continue to promote numbers within the Livery and to raise our profile within the City. We have some exciting events this year, not least of all the Royal Charter celebration Dinner to be held at the Merchant Taylor’s Hall on the 4th April 2011,**

**which will be attended by HRH the Duke of Gloucester and with the world renowned Architect, Piers Gough as guest speaker. In November we will again be attending the Lord Mayors Show and will be joining the Modern Liveries Company Float. I hope that many of you will be there to cheer us on!**

**Richard and I look forward to meeting as many of you as we can over the forthcoming year, and I would like to thank you all for your support and consider it a privilege to be part of Constructors.**

**Wednesday 13th October - The Installation Court followed by The Installation Dinner at Skinners` Hall by kind permission of The Master Skinner.**



The Constructors Court Meeting, to conclude the year of office of our outgoing Master Dr Christine Rigden, included admitting new members and Clothing a new Liveryman: See photo above as Dr Rigden prepares to handover to the new Master.

**Liveryman:**



Clothed a Liveryman Mr Jonathan Bowcott BSc (Hons) MRICS ACI Arb - Managing Director of MBM Consulting Ltd.

**Freeman:**

The Following were admitted to The Company as Freeman.



Mr Paul Lyons ICIOB a Divisional Bid Manager with ISG InteriorExterior Plc



Mr Steven Le Boutillier MCIOB a Divisional Director with ISG Plc



Mr Philip Wildman OBE Honorary RICS, FRGS, BSc. College Administrator of The Building Crafts College. Stratford.



Mr David Johnson BA (Hons) a Business Development Manager with N G Bailey Ltd.





Mr Roger Fisher BEng MICE MaPS ACI Arb Deputy Chairman of AKS Ward Construction Consultants.



Mr Peter Bull MBE a Crafts Instructor of The Builder Training Centres



Mr Ian West Ad Dip QS a Director of W P Projects Ltd



Dr Ian Livsey BSc PhD MBA FRSA FRSC FCMI FIoD Chairman of Summitskills

**The following we admitted as Yeoman Members:**



Mr Tom Baldwin BSc (Hons) ICIOB AIEME a Construction Manager with Kingierlee Ltd of Oxford. Tom is a former Sir Ian Dixon Scholar.



Mr Jonathan Crouch BA Hons currently studying for his MSc & undertaking his APC for RICS membership. A Trainee Quantity Surveyor with Wates Construction Ltd (The father (Peter) of Jonathan is a Court Assistant of The Wheelwrights Company and Clerk to The Broderers' Company.)

Following this business there followed the disbandment of the Old Court and Installation of The New Court.



The New Master Patricia Bessey-Newton RIBA FFB BAE FRSA was installed as Master for the year 2010 / 2011.



See here Mrs Bessey-Newton being robed by The Beadle and inspected by the outgoing Master Dr Christine Rigden



Mrs Bessey-Newton then took the Masters' Chair and proceeded to install her Wardens and Court Assistants.



The Master installed Mr Tony Ward C Eng FIStructE into his seat as Court Assistant No4 giving him a year of office 2018/19



The Master then closed the proceedings requesting all reconvene for the Installation Dinner which followed shortly.

Above the New Master and Wardens

Wardens installed were:-

Senior Warden Sir M Latham DL MA

Middle Warden Mr Stephen Rigden BSc MSc CEng MICE MCIM

Renter Warden Mr D Barrat FRSA

Junior Warden Mr Alan Longhurst BSc BArch RIBA

Court Assistants were installed:-

CA 1 (M 15/16) V Russell LLB(Hons) FCI Arb FCIOB FFB

CA 2 (M 16/17) G Monteith BSc(Hons) CEng MICE FIHT

CA 3 (M 17/18) Sir V Ramsey MA MICE

CA 4 (M 18/19) A Ward CEng FStructE

CA 5 (M 19/20) I Mason MRICS

CA 6 (M 20/21) M Parrett FCIOB CSCI FRSA FIMMM FIOD

CA 7 (M 21/22) A Hovsepian BSc(Hons) MCI OB MASI

CA 8 J Sayers

CA 9 S Wells BSc(Hons) CEng FICE FCIWEM

CA 10 H Lamb BSc(Hons) DipIs FCIOB FBEng MAPM

CA 11 T Fitch BSc MSc DIC CEng FICE

Honorary Court Assistants :-

Hon CA 1 D Rundle RIBA FCIOB PPASI PPF B HonFGIS

Hon CA 2 K Kent FCIOB MRICS FASI MCMI (The Chairman of T

he Charitable Trustees)

Hon CA 3 A Seymour FCIOB FFB, (Hon Treasurer)

Hon CA 4 Godfrey Crook MSc FICE FStructE ACI Arb

Hon CA 5 R Heathfield PPCIOB

### **The Installation Dinner - Skinners` Hall**

**The most important dinner event of our livery year. Celebrating the Installation of our new Master and Court and to look forward with enthusiasm to the year ahead.**



Guests gathered for a drinks reception. See here Liveryman Mr Michael Ankers OBE (Chief Executive of the Construction Products Association) with his wife Lorina for instance enjoying the opening session of our evening.



The Clerk Kim Tyrrell and Beadle Ted Prior support The Master before entering The Hall.

The Company hosted our official guests as:

Mr John Robinson - Master Engineer

Mr Peter Ellis - Master Turner

Mr Michael Christopher - Master Tyler & Bricklayer

Mr Paul Ridout - Master Joiner & Ceiler

Mr Michael Wren - Master World Trader

Many were accompanied by their Clerk.



After a superb meal of Kedgeree, Tournedos Rossini, Fruit Posset accompanied by matched wines from our cellar. All specially selected by The Master for our enjoyment the Loving Cup was enjoyed by all. Above The Master starts our own Silver Loving Cups underway.



Renter Warden Doug Barrat cleverly wove his words around a welcome to our guests culminating in the toast to The Guests. Following which Mr Julian McCathy C Eng BSC (Hons) MCIBSE MEI

AMIMechE, the personal guest of The Master, accompanied by his wife Mrs Carys McCarthy, rose to propose the response and final toast to "The Company". His words of advice and wisdom on our industry were especially well received.



At the end of the evening the beautiful flower table arrangements found deserving homes!

A TRIUMPH!

**May 2010 - Freeman Donald Mahon takes over the Chair of The CIOB London Region.**