

# NEWS reports from Jan08 to Oct09 Master Martin Wade then Master Roger Adcock

**29th September - Election of the Lord Mayor at Guildhall and Luncheon thereafter (with the kind invitation of The Master Painter-Stainer) at Painters Hall.**

The Lord Mayor is elected by Common Hall, a body of representatives of the City's Livery Companies. Common Hall is summoned by the sitting Lord Mayor; it meets at Guildhall on Michaelmas Day (29 September) or on the closest weekday. Voting is by show of hands. Liverymen of The Constructors Company attended in strength to cast their vote as is their right as Liverymen.



Lord Mayor Elect Alderman Nicholas John Anstee in Guildhall Yard after his election to take office in November



The Lord Mayor of The City of London Alderman Ian Luder talks with The City Marshal Billy King Harman. (The origin of the City Marshal can be found in letters patent of Queen Elizabeth I dated 1595 which gave powers to a marshal to maintain order in the City.) in Guildhall Yard after the election hustings were concluded.

Members gathered to greet and acclaim our new City Officers including CA Elect John Sayers with Sheriff Peter Cook here seen also on a beautiful warm lunchtime in Guildhall Yard at the start of his year in office.



Following the hustings members joined eight other differing companies in the company of The Painter-Stainers Company in their magnificent Painters Hall for a reception and a delightful luncheon.

Members are grateful to The Master Painter for his generous hospitality.

See here above members dining in the Great Hall. Liverymen Messrs John Sayers, Alastair Mackie, Tony Ward and Doug Kerr with thier guests obviously enjoyed the occasion!

### **16th September - Presentation of Sherival Chain to Sheriff Elect Peter Cook**



Following his election in July as one of our two Sheriffs for the year ahead the most beautiful Badge of Office, especially designed for Peter incorporating his new Coat of Arms created by The College of Arms, was presented to Peter and a ladies badge of office to his wife Julie at a moving ceremony in Plaisterers Hall for all his supporters.

Lee Brace - Master Scrivener and past Constructors Clerk (see news 15th July) attended with our Master Roger Adcock. Lee obviously wasted no time in passing advice on something or other.

(photos used from Gerald Sharp photography for drafting purposes only at this stage.)

### **9th September Election Court at Pewterers Hall in The Court Room**

On the occasion of our Election Court the new Master, Wardens, Court Assistants and Officers for the next livery year commencing 14th October at The Installation Court were elected to be put forward at the following Common Hall for Members.

On this happy occasion four new Liverymen were clothed at The Court Meeting.



Liveryman Alastair Mackie (top left), Liveryman Keith Lindup (top right), Liveryman Robert Jones (bottom left), Liveryman Roger Lilley (bottom right).

The Court admitted four new Freemen of The Company at that meeting:-



(from left) Matthew Rawson, Elaine Lawford, Francis Murray and Brian Neave.

Immediately after The Election Court Common Hall was convened in Pewterers Hall.

### **9th September - Common Hall at Pewterers Hall in The Livery Room.**

The Company Common Hall, held each September, is an opportunity for Members to elect the new Master, Wardens, Court Assistants and Officers for the upcoming year.



The Master (seen here flanked by Dr Rigden and Sir Michael Latham) gives a report (above) on the year in a way of annual reporting, thereafter the newly elected Master Elect gives an address as to her expectations on the year ahead.

(Members will need to view activities upcoming on this web site to see a detailed version.)



Newly elected Master Elect Dr Christine Rigden BSc PhD FGS CGeol (seen above) addressing Common Hall.

The other Wardens elected at Common Hall were:-

to be Senior Warden Mrs Patricia Newton RIBA FFB BAE FRSA

to be Middle Warden Sir M Latham DL MA

to be Renter Warden Mr Stephen Rigden BSc MSc CEng MICE MCIM

to be Junior Warden Mr Alan Longhurst BSc BArch RIBA

The following Court Assistants were elected for office:-

CA 1 (M 14/15) D Barrat FRSA

CA 2 (M 15/16) Ms V Russell LLB(Hons) FCI Arb FCI OB FFB

CA 3 (M 16/17) G Monteith BSc(Hons) CEng MICE FIHT

CA 4 (M 17/18) Sir V Ramsey MA MICE

CA 5 (M 18/19) R Heathfield PPCIOB

CA 6 (M 19/20) I Mason MRICS

CA 7 (M 20/21) M Parrett FCI OB CSCI FRSA FIMMM FIOD

CA 8 (M 21/22) A Hovsepian BSc(Hons) MCI OB MASI

CA 9 J Sayers

CA 10 S Wells BSc(Hons) Ceng FICE FCIWEM

CA 11 H Lamb BSc(Hons) DipIs FCI OB FBEng MAPM

CA 12 T Fitch BSc MSc DIC CEng FICE

Honorary Court Assistants are:-

Hon CA 1 D Rundle RIBA FCIQB PPASI PPFB HonFGIS

Hon CA 2 K Kent FCIQB MRICS FASI MCFI

Hon CA 3 A Seymour FCIQB FFB, (Hon Asst Treasurer)

Hon CA 4 G Crook MSc FICE FStructE ACI Arb

Hon CA 5 M Evelyn-Wood FICES FCIQB, (Hon Treasurer)

Committee PMs M Wade FRICS FCIQB

J Trussler PPCIQB FRICS

Immediate PM R Adcock FCIQB FFB

Committee Chairmen & Reporting (to GP & the Court) Wardens.

Scholarships and Awards; Chairman Bob Heathfield, Reporting Warden, Sir Michael Latham.

Events; Chairman Doug Barrat, Reporting Warden Stephen Rigden.

Sponsorship; Chairman Mike Parrett, reporting Warden, Alan Longhurst.

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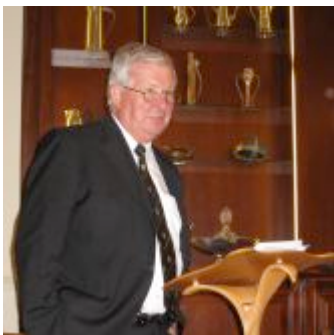
Stewards 2, 3, 4 J Kent MCIQB, J Coles MCIQB ACI Arb, A Hornby.

Almoner & Archivist J Burrell BSc MICE

Following which reports were given by Officers of the Company:-



The Chairman of The Charitable Trustees Honorary Court Assistant Kenneth Kent reported on the CT activities and funds available.



Honorary Court Assistant Mark Evelyn-Wood our Hon Treasurer gave his report and the Quaterage for the year ahead was approved.

**9th September - Socialising at The City Pipe Restaurant** a few minutes walk from Pewterers Hall a two course Supper was wine will be served.



A convivial evening in our traditional way for members to bring their guests to mix and mingle with The Master, Master Elect and Wardens with Court Assistants and Court Assistants elect. The very best way of celebrating an important event in our yearly calendar.

**7th September - Three Clerks` Challenge.** Inter Livery Golf Match - The match between the Paviers, Tylers` & Bricklayers, Makers of Playing Cards and ourselves was held at Knole Park GC Sevenoaks Kent.

A specially selected team (By our Clerk - "Sorry Master you are not good enough for my team!) of Tim our Clerk, Junior Warden and Golf Captain Alan Longhurst plus Liverymen Andrew Jones and Melville Dunbar.



18 testing holes around the deer park in four balls on full handicap. The trophy is known as the "Three Clerks Trophy" as the Clerks of the Constructors, Tylers and Bricklayers with the Paviers initiated this as a competition amongst ourselves a few years ago, before deciding to expand it to an inter Company match. We have played twice at Lamberhurst, and once each at Warley Park and Enfield, and the Constructors have won all but Warley Park. But this time, at Knole, The Constructors won by a most handsome margin. All the team played to or bettered thier handicap so the trophy returned home to Tim`s shelf in his office for another year.

The day was organised with great expertise by Mr Barry Blumsom Clerk to The Tylers` and Bricklayers Company and hosted at the most wonderful Knole Park Golf Club by a T&B Past Master for which all attending were most grateful. After the golf dinner (of steak and kidney pie followed by bread & butter pudding no less) the awards were presented.



Here we see Tim Nicholson our Clerk picking up the top prize for the day presented by The Master of The Tylers` and Bricklayers Mr Ian Mitchell Grimshaw. Mr Barry Blumsom won The Pavioirs top prize too.



Our successful Constructors Team: Messrs (from the left) Jones, Longhurst, Nicholson, Dunbar.



Finally the "Three Clerks"! from left Mr John White (Pavioirs), Mr Tim Nicholson (Constructors) and Mr Barry Blumson (Tylers` and Bricklayers)

## **2nd September - Visit and Private Tour of The Old Bailey followed by Supper**

35 lucky Constructors and thier guests were most privileged to be welcomed to the Old Bailey by **Sheriff George Gillon FRICS CC** - (below) (who we welcomed as one of our civic guests to our Ladies Banquet in April accompanying The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.) After Sheriff Gillon introduced the Old Bailey and explained his duties the tour itself began in the famous Court Number One, known as "the murder room" where some of history`s most notorious killers have been tried.



Our Guide was **Mr Charles Henty, The Secondary of London and Under Sheriff** at the Central Criminal Court an officer of The City of London Corporation to whom we are grateful for his time. By way of background to our guide: Charles spent the past 10 years as Staff Officer to the Lord Mayor in Mansion House. He has served nine Lord Mayors, including two solicitors and one barrister. Educated at Summerfields and Eton before joining the Coldstream Guards, Charles saw active service in the first Gulf War and Northern Ireland, retiring as a major in 1994. Married to a Civil Servant with 2 children.

Clearly the Old Bailey is in safe administration under Mr Henty and our members and guests enjoyed a most illuminating and enjoyable visit to the court rooms and below stairs. Everyone glad they had not been there on any other official occasion!



Here we see members in "The Dock" of Court 3

Our tour concluded at approximately 1930pm after which we took a 5 minute stroll up Giltspur Street to The Butcher's Hook & Cleaver on West Smithfield, where we had the mezzanine area reserved for the evening. This Ale & Pie House offered the full range of a "pie tasting plate" so of course we sampled their full range (including vegetarian).

Our evening was **organised to perfection by Liveryman Andrew Hornby, Director, ARCADIS Project Consultancy Services** to whom we all pass our grateful thanks.





Here we see Members and guests in The Butcher`s Hook taking their well earned liquid refreshment.

The curious may wish to visit [www.capitalpunishmentuk.org/newgate.html](http://www.capitalpunishmentuk.org/newgate.html) to find out how many were sentenced to death at The Old Bailey.

The Old Bailey site itself is most interesting [www.oldbaileyonline.org](http://www.oldbaileyonline.org) insert your own surname to see the naughty folk with your name! The Master found his namesake Matthew Adcock was sentenced to Death in February 1717 for stealing 9 linen sheets!



**The Old Bailey** occupies the site of the main Roman West Gate to their ancient City of London, now called the Square Mile business district and the administrative boundary of the modern City of London Corporation. Used as a prison (like many fortified gates) it was renamed New Gate in the 12th century, holding prisoners under the jurisdiction of the Sheriffs of London and Middlesex. Replaced in 1423 by “Whit’s palace” under the terms of the famous Lord Mayor Dick Whittington’s will. A Court or Sessions House was built separately in 1539. Both Newgate prison and the nearby Sessions House were demolished in 1902 and on the site was built the present building, designed by E W Mountford and opened by His Majesty King Edward VII in February 1907.

Until the late 18th century up to 50,000 prisoners were sent west on carts for hanging at Tyburn (at the far end of Oxford Street). From then until 1868 hangings took place in public outside Newgate itself. Newgate was famous for its disease with many – including the occasional Judge and Lord Mayor - dying of gaol fever (typhoid) and other illnesses.

In 1834 a general reform of the law established the Central Criminal Court and extended its jurisdiction to Greater London, with the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs retaining a strong role in the administration of justice. The last execution on the site took place in 1902. The current building has seven courts in the 1907 wing (including the No1 Court and the No2 Court, often used for terrorism trials) plus a further 12 Courts in the 1972 wing.

**23rd July - Company Golf Day and Summer Dinner at Tandridge GC Surrey**

A superb day with a big turn out of Constructors and guests were greeted with the course in perfect condition having benefited from the last few weeks rain. We had blue skies all afternoon.

**First there was the Golf. -**

The Masters` three ball were last away but halfway round at cream tea time that naughty man Glan Blake-Thomas insisted on large vodka Pimms for the Ladies three ball. Shocking but fair we thought! Diane May, Rosemary Lilley & Anne Marriner did not hesitate. But taking it with you on the next hole - well! Everyone else concentrated on their golf and Nick Parrett with his team from Wilkins Kennedy demonstrated great aplomb.



**Then there was the Summer Dinner. -**

After a great day on the course many Constructors and guests joined the golfers for our Summer Dinner. The quite special Carvery and dessert table served up by TDC did not disappoint. A lovely way to round off the day.



**Finally the Prizes:-**



To rub it in on his return our Clerk **Tim Nicholson** walked away with the **Ken Brown Trophy** as top score of a member of The Company. Well done Tim (Once again) and return the cup to your mantelpiece! See here Tim with Cup presented by **Nick Parrett of Wilkins Kennedy** one of our Industry Partners. Runner up was Liveryman **Andrew Jones** making a welcome return together with his own guests..

Our Ladies Prize was won by **Dianne May**

This year we were delighted to receive a magnificent and generous trophy donated by one of our Industry Partners - AET. Here see, on the left in white, **Anne Marriner** Marketing Manager **Advanced Ergonomic Technologies Ltd** together with **Monica Allen** who presented the beautiful cut glass "Peter Allen Rose Bowl" to **Richard Higgins** guest of Constructor Melville Dunbar.

The Rose Bowl is named in the memory of Past Master and founder member Peter Allen who as both a member of TDC and a very low handicap golfer did so much work on the development of the Golf Society. Monica Allen attended the dinner with Justin her 13 year old Grandson from Philadelphia USA.

Thank you to Junior Warden Alan Longhurst for organising our day - appreciated.

**23rd July - Henry Stephenson - Presentation of Masters` Weekend watercolour drawing**



After each Masters` Weekend, as a beautiful memento, member and Court Illustrator Henry Stephenson generously and thoughtfully makes a gift of a framed picture of the most notable building we visited. Sketched and water coloured a treasured and wonderful gift for which every Master is most grateful. The fine building Henry chose is of Knole House from the interior courtyard.

Here see Lilian presented the gift wrapped picture and later The Master thanking Henry for his generosity and kindness.

### **20th July - Appointment of New Clerk - Tim Nicholson**

We welcome back our former Clerk Tim Nicholson to his former role.

Please see the side tab on web site for full details of contact information and some further background information on Tim introducing him to the members of the company.

### **15th July - Honorary Freeman Lee Brace installed as Master of The Worshipful Company of Scriveners of the City of London**

Former Clerk to The Constructors and one of our Honorary Freemen Lee Brace was installed as MASTER of The Worshipful Company of Scriveners of the City of London at Tallow Chandlers Hall in the City.

Now retired from full time employment and wondering how he found the time etc, Lee was for 23 years a Legal Advisor to the City of London Magistrates. Master Parish Clerk in 1992/93 and our Clerk 1995 to 2003. His hobbies include singing, cooking, gardening, DIY and travelling. You can, if you so wish, hear him singing with the Alleyn Singers in St Paul`s Cathedral on the 6th (evening Eucharist) and 31st August (Evensong). He is an Orthodox Christian and when living in London sang with the Russian Cathedral Choir. He now lives near Canterbury with Arthur and 3 French Bulldogs, supports many charities and is active in village life.

The Scriveners Company is ranked 44th in precedence and members lists date back to 1392. The early history of the Company was mainly concerned with its efforts to establish control over the practice of all those writing legal documents in London. especially conveyances of real property. On 12 January 1498 there was a further major revision of the ordinances, to regulate the Company's corporate and social life and, equally importantly, to require every apprentice to be tested before the Wardens to ensure satisfactory knowledge of grammar - an essential professional attribute. (Constructors duly noted!) We are very pleased and proud to have Lee Brace amongst our kin during his year as Master.

[www.scriveners.org.uk](http://www.scriveners.org.uk)

As their name implies the Scriveners have always been, by definition, writers and they were originally known as Writers of the Court Letter. Their occupation was the writing of confidential documents such as wills, charters and legal documents. By contrast writers of books, and, particularly in the early years, church service books,



were generally members of the Stationers' Company. Nowadays the Scriveners' connection with the legal profession is through the scrivener notaries, who have traditionally practised in the City of London and are obliged to become members of the Company upon qualification.

Members of the Scriveners' Company come from a wide range of professional backgrounds and include solicitors, barristers, patent attorneys, genealogists, financial advisers, teachers, civil servants, members of the clergy and a wine consultant. The Company is also the traditional "home" for calligraphers, members of the College of Arms and those with interests in heraldry.

The Company's motto is *Scribite Scientes* - "Write, ye Learned Ones".



Here in October 1995 we see Lee taking over as Clerk to The Company from retiring Clerk and then Master Tony Appleton

With grateful thanks to The Learned Clerk, Mr Paul Elliott, of The Scriveners Company for his permission to reproduce words and information from their web site on Lee and the history of The Scriveners Company.

#### **4th July - Bauakademie Biberach. Germany**

#### **MBA in International Real Estate - Graduation Ceremony.**

At the personal request of Liveryman Barry C Symonds Msc FRICS FCIOB FBEng Head of Department: Property, Surveying & Construction. Faculty of Engineering, Science & the Built Environment London: South Bank University. The Master & Mistress headed off into German to present a paper at the graduation ceremony on London Real Estate and to present out 30 MBA Certificates in International Real Estate. LBSU through Barry has an unique link with Bauakademie Biberach setting new and ever increasing high standards in European real Estate Management. A detailed and respected course in both German and English with visits and studies in both countries. Barry is a fluent German Speaker and has personally set up this valued partnership with Biberarch.

The Ceremony was held at **Schloss Ummendorf**. A stunning restored Castle located in one of the most beautiful parts of Germany near The Bodensee. Barry was accompanied by his wife Rosemary and we were kindly directed and care to our every comfort by Barry's colleagues Lynne Michael (A New Zealand lecturer in his Department) & Dr Gheorghe Multescu. Gheorghe is a Course Director for the LBSU BSc Hons Surveying and has attended our last two Livery Dinners as a guest.

It is difficult to explain the sheer joy of this weekend other than to sincerely thank Barry and Rosemary of thier every care and attention to all our needs.



The presentation of a paper and the gift of our Company Arms to The Course Director.



Some of the Graduates celebrating afterwards.



On the left Barry and Rosemary Symonds party at Schloss Ummendorf. Centre and right just part of a stunning weekend in Germany.

**7th July - Royal Garden Party; Buckingham Palace.**



Every year The Master with The Mistress are privileged with an invitation to a Royal Garden Party. Usually a choice of dates: this year The Mistress (thank goodness – not The Master`s fault!!) chose 7th July. It started to rain as they queued to get in and stopped as by divine intervention as The Queen and Prince Philip appeared on the Terrace.

Time to take a really excellent tea with superb cakes! but then torrential thunderstorms left the first Buckingham Palace garden party of the summer a washout.

The annual social event was deluged by rain from two heavy storms as the Queen mingled with guests. An estimated three quarters of an inch of rain - 18 millimetres - fell in around ten minutes soaking the crowds and sending them scurrying under marquees or into the palace for shelter. Then hail stones, some almost half an inch wide, fell for around five minutes and left the manicured lawns of the royal residence virtually white with ice.

After leaving the Garden absolutely soaking wet (more so than The Lord Mayors Show!) they waited for the storm to pass inside The Palace itself. The Courtyard was flooded and walking to Victoria Station it bucketed down again. They arrived to find Victoria Rail Station closed for nearly three hours due to flooding.

Actually a wonderful day for both and The Queen looked stunning in her beautiful coat and hat.

#### **14th June - Charity Abseil for Treloar's School at Riverwalk House, Millbank**



Congratulations to Freeman Jason Waddy who a day after David Pollock abseiled down for The Lord Mayors Appeal - Treloar's School and raised over £600 for his daring and brave abseil.

**Very Brave Jason in his day job is Project Manager, Transforming Tate Modern** as a Gardiner & Theobald Management Services executive he is based at the Tate Modern Project Office.

Many of you will know Treloar's is a non-maintained special school for children aged seven to 16 with physical disabilities from all over the UK and overseas. The school has places for 110 residential students and up to 40 day students. One of the largest and most successful schools of its kind in the UK, our aim is quite simply to develop the talents and potential of every one of our children to help them get the best out of life.

Currently, 70% of their students have cerebral palsy but we welcome children with a wide range of physical conditions, including those with associated sensory or cognitive difficulties. Around 90% of our students are in wheelchairs and 40% have little or no natural speech. They also cater for students with degenerative or life-limiting conditions.

Thank you Jason and if anyone wishes to top up the fund raised by Jason simply go to [www.justgiving.com/jasonwaddy](http://www.justgiving.com/jasonwaddy)

### **13th June - Charity Abseil in aid of funds for "Arts for All"**



Congratulations to Freeman **David Pollock, Chief Executive of the Electrical Contractors' Association**, who bravely abseiled (quite rightly in his best Dinner Jacket) off Riverwalk House, Millbank, on 13th June to raise money for Arts for All. We have supported this Charity for a few years and are delighted David decided to make it his Charity too. The background is: Arts For All is a community creative centre based in Shoreditch in the East End of London. They run creative clubs and classes for local people, and aim to build confidence through creative achievement. They run exciting clubs for all ages, working in many different art forms and materials.

An important part of their work is with local children and young people. With junior art and craft clubs and youth work as a priority, Arts For All is enriching lives. They encourage children to develop creative hobbies and interests, in an atmosphere of fun and laughter; and offer a colourful, vibrant place for them to call their own!

They believe strongly in inclusion and, at Arts For All, people from many different social and cultural backgrounds unite in friendship and creative exploration.

If any Constructors would like to recognise David's efforts and make a contribution, please send your cheque (payable to Arts for All) to Caroline Barlow, Arts for All, The Tab Centre, Godfrey's Place, London, E2 7NT.



Well Done David - Braver than most of us!

Founded over 100 years ago, the Electrical Contractors' Association (ECA) is the UK's largest and leading trade association representing electrical, electronic, installation engineering and building services companies. We work closely with government and key national bodies to improve industry standards and procedures. Our comprehensive, progressive and innovative services are highly respected and renowned throughout the industry.

### **18th June - Riverboat Trip UP the Thames from Westminster Bridge to Kew**



A "full boat to Kew" was how Commodore (for the evening) Graeme Monteith had explained to everyone waiting at Westminster Pier. He had indeed laid on a Mid Summer Evening Cruise Up the River into the unchartered waters of The Thames above Chelsea Bridge.

We enjoyed an interesting commentary on the way and were astounded as to the development of flats for many a mile West from The City.

While we travelled the crew of the good ship "*Babcock*" cooked our BBQ and we ate heartily after a few measures and tots to warm the blood on almost Mid Summer Day!  
Our delicious fare was topped off with the advertised Strawberries and Cream.

Thank you Graeme for all these arrangements we left in the gloom of the evening happy and content for which we remain grateful.

**Graham Pye**



Graham Pye

With great sadness we report the passing on Friday 12th June 2009 of Graham Pye. A Liveryman of this company having taken Livery in June 1992.

Graham, known to so many in such a wide variety of projects and interests, will be greatly missed by us all for his kindness, knowledge, friendship and it is so difficult to think that he will not be around to discuss the way forward on many different subjects, including his favourite - wine.

Graham Pye is the Chairman and Managing Director of the Pye Group of Companies. He has twice been President of the House Builders Federation - in 1985 and 1990.

He is a past Chairman of the HBF's Land and Planning Committee and a Council member of the NHBC, where he was a Director from 1998 to 2004. He is a member of the HBF Affordable Housing Working Group.

He is also Chairman of the Joint Housing Design Awards Committee of the ODPM, RIBA, RTPI and NHBC. He is the President Elect of the European House Builders (UEPC).

Graham played an important role in the development of The Constructors and was known by so many of high spirits and great fellowship. We shall miss him greatly.

Our thoughts and condolences to the whole family.

Funeral arrangements have now been made and Notices will appear in The Oxford Times, The Times and The Telegraph this week. However, details are as follows: -

Tuesday, 30th June, 2009 at 11.30 a.m. at Harris Manchester College, Mansfield Road, Oxford, OX1 3TD.

The service will be followed by cremation at Oxford Crematorium, but for family and close friends only.

Everyone else is welcome to stay in College where refreshments will be served with a chance to celebrate the life of Graham who has been such a great influence on us all.

Family flowers only or donations, if wished, to either The Association for Post-Natal Illness or The Organic Research Centre may be sent c/o S & R Childs Funeral Services, 69 London Road, Headington, Oxford, OX3 9AA.

There is to be a Memorial Service on Saturday, 3rd October 2009 at Christ Church, Oxford at 11.00 a.m.



Graham Pye with The Master at our Installation Dinner.

From Times Online

September 9, 2009

**Graham Pye: housebuilder and Deputy Lieutenant of Oxfordshire**

Although a highly successful business, the family firm was not sufficient to contain all of Graham's energies and talents. Twice he was called upon to serve as president of the House Builders Federation, in 1985 and 1990; a rare distinction which reflected the respect in which he was held by his peers. During his long association with the Federation he particularly influenced attitudes relating to planning and the provision of affordable housing. He chaired the Federation's Land and Planning Committee and the Affordable Housing Working Group. In the mid-1980s, he undertook pioneering work on the issues of the affordability of housing and ways in which the problem could be tackled. In subsequent years he helped to produce guidance notes on how affordable housing could best be delivered. This work proved to be of lasting importance.

Graham also championed good-quality design for residential development and played a leading role in establishing the highly respected national Housing Design Awards. He felt that education in the house building industry was important, and he worked hard to set up a module on Residential Development at the University of Reading; he lectured on this course for many years.

He was active in housing and development issues in the wider European arena. From 2005-2007 he served as the president of the European Union of Developers and House Builders, having previously chaired the Design and Development Committee. Among his many achievements, he contributed to the establishment of a European standard for building and construction materials, which helped to create an efficient and reliable market for these goods.

Pye was also Deputy Lieutenant of Oxfordshire. Among his many community-supporting activities was his love for, and encouragement of, music — to the great benefit of the county. Several years ago, Music at Oxford ran into financial and other problems, and was rescued chiefly through Pye's efforts. He sorted out the charity, reorganised the finances, and ensured a high standard of musical concerts, which have attracted outstanding musicians and been supported by large audiences.

Through his leadership and generosity the musical life of Oxford has been greatly enriched; a fact acknowledged by the University of Oxford, which awarded Graham an Honorary degree for his services to music.

His support for music was only a small part of his vast support of charities, schools, colleges, and universities. He was a member of Harris Manchester College's Board of Regents and chaired the college's buildings and grounds committee. He understood the need for long-term commitment, and took great pleasure in seeing good things blossom and develop.

It was a measure of his support for education that Harris Manchester College, Oxford, University College Oxford and Oxford Brookes University all elected him to honorary fellowships.

He died after a short illness and is survived by his wife, Yvonne, his constant companion for 44 years.

**Graham Christopher Pye, housebuilder, Deputy Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, was born on November 21, 1939. He died on June 12, 2009, aged 69**

## 13th June - The Queen`s Birthday Honours List

It is announced today, June 13th 2009, that two of our Liverymen have been recognised in The Queen`s Birthday Honours.

**Michael Gordon Ankers** BA MSc MRTPI - **OBE** - Chief Executive Construction Products Association, for services to the construction industry.



Here see Michael & Lorina Ankers

The Construction Products Association represents 85% by value, of all manufacturers and suppliers of construction products in the UK, including 24 of the largest companies in the industry, as well as 43 sector trade associations. Collectively, the industry provides 20% of goods manufactured in this country. The Association acts as a single voice to promote and campaign for the construction product manufacturers and suppliers, in order to support a growing and profitable industry.

and

**Herbert Howard Baggaley** - **OBE** - Chairman Baggaley Group, for services to training and to business.



Howard is the grandson of the company's founder, and has worked at Baggaley for over 50 years after serving his apprenticeship within our Joiners shop coming through the ranks to become a director in 1966, and then Chairman in 1970. In 2008 he took a step back from the Construction side of the business, but remains as Baggaley Group Chairman.

He has led Baggaley to the forefront of the construction industry within the Midlands and Yorkshire. Highly motivated towards the development of both his own staff and the construction industry generally, Howard is a national Board Member of the Construction Industry Training Board (CITB).

We all send hearty congratulations to you both.

#### **4th June - Swiss Wine Tasting with The Worshipful Company of Architects of London held at The Swiss Embassy**

An educated team attended The Chartered Architects function which was indeed great fun event. Held inside The Embassy with specially imported Swiss wines followed by Gruyere cheeses and to round off cheese puffs cooked for us by Armin Loetscher - the Executive Chef at the San Moritz Restaurant in Wardour Street.

This was an interesting collection of wines ranging from a very quaffable white Merlot from Ticino through a couple of unusual, classy (and pricey) varietals a Humagne Rouge 2003 and a Cornalin 2003) both from the Valais region to a blended red of some considerable character from the same region.

The tasting was finished off (along, possibly with some of those present) by a curious strawberry dessert wine of impressive strength which was liked by some and regarded by others as a 'waste of good strawberries'! Not one for the feint hearted.



Thank you Master Chartered Architect Ian Head (here we see in striped Architects Shirt (present from The Mistress) with Anne the Mistress of The Chartered Architects) for inviting The Constructors to take part and broaden our wine education - we were awash - no delighted to have the opportunity.

[architects-livery-company.blogspot.com/2009/06/continuing-thirst-for-knowledge.html](http://architects-livery-company.blogspot.com/2009/06/continuing-thirst-for-knowledge.html)

#### **The Masters` Weekend 29th - 31st May 2009**





58 interesting and interested souls decamped to Sevenoaks Kent for a weekend of fun and fellowship.

Friday afternoon Golf at Knole GC started off a wonderful weekend organised by Golf Captain Alan Longhurst.

After "Happy Hour" at our hotel we moved onto a Curry Banquet on Friday evening. Saturday morning saw us all walk through the beautiful Knole Park to Knole House for our private tour.

Lunch followed then off to Ensham to "Eagle Heights" to see the Raptors and a flying display of Birds of Prey including Eagles all organised by Ian & Sue Mason!

A Champagne Reception funded by Killby & Gayford Ltd preceded The Gala Dinner. Lesley Barrat made such beautiful flower table decorations with flowers from Hereford. Without our MC Doug Barrat we would have been disorganised! As can be seen from its own separate tab we held a Charity Balloon Race wherein the beautiful displays of balloons, by Janet Wade, were sold off for our Charitable Trust. Victoria Russell kindly organised the selling and launching off into the warm night air. (Balloons are being reported in already in The West Country).

Sunday morning and away in a coach to Lamberhurst Vineyard for a wine tasting (as if we needed it!) and tasting 10 different Ice Creams all organised by David & Rita Fell.

Cream Tea and home for a rest.

### **19th May - Constructors City Lecture**

Held on 19th May 2009 with the kind permission of Professor K T V Grattan FREng of The School of Engineering & Mathematical Sciences at The City University our Annual Constructors City Lecture was given by CEO of BAA Ltd Colin Matthews.

Colin was appointed BAA's Chief Executive Officer in April 2008. He is an experienced FTSE100 CEO who has led a number of service and industrial businesses in several countries. Prior to joining BAA, Colin was Group Chief Executive of Severn Trent plc, Managing Director of BA Engineering for British Airways plc, and later Executive Director of Lattice Group plc and Group Chief Executive of Hays Group plc.

BAA Airports Ltd. is the owner and operator of seven British airports and the operator of several other airports worldwide, making the company one of the largest transport companies in the world. Colin Matthews Lecture was entitled "Building Quality in Heathrow".

Sponsored by Costain Plc again this year we thank The Directors of Costain for their continued support and in particular Group Business Development Director Stephen Wells and Darren James MD of Infrastructure Operations at Costain who both ensured we met our joint objectives.

Colin Matthews delivered a fascinating insight into the plans and strategy behind operating Heathrow Airport and how it is to change and grow. The audience were treated to a professional and intriguing lecture, which afterward the main paper progressed into a most detailed and probing question and answer session.

We are grateful to Colin Matthews for his time and paper: a most suitable speaker and subject on the occasion of The City University centenary of research and study of aviation.



Top Left from left - Stephen Wells, Colin Matthews, The Master Roger Adcock, Darren James.

Godfrey Crook asks a question

The Master presents Colin Matthews with a Company Commemorative Plate

[www.city.ac.uk/news/archive/2009/05\\_May/110509.html](http://www.city.ac.uk/news/archive/2009/05_May/110509.html)

### **6th May - Court Meeting**

On Wednesday the 6th May the Court met at Pewterer's Hall for its May meeting.

James Doran was admitted as a Yeoman



Paul May, Terry O'Neill, Andrew Hudson, Dr Colin Rickard, Dr Sarah Peace and Robert Sykes were all admitted as Freemen. Alexandra MacLaren was also made a Freeman (no picture).



Paul May, Peter Lobban OBE, Robert Sykes and Mark Lewczynski were all admitted as Liverymen



Paul May and Robert Sykes were able to undergo a 'double' ceremony as they were both already Freemen of the City of London.

We welcome them all into the Company and hope they will enjoy many years of happy membership.

**6th May - Court and Companion's Lunch**



On the same occasion we held our Court and Companion's lunch when those who are the spouses of deceased members are invited to dine and meet old friends - of course they are able to come to any occasion but this is one especially for them. Three of our seven Companions were able to attend - Mrs Monica Allen, Mrs Muriel Booth and Mrs Hannah Houstin Lacey.

Some 52 dined in the dining room at Pewterer's Hall and the Master welcomed them and all the new members who had been admitted at the ceremony before.

It had been planned that the Court might need to resume after the lunch due to the heavy workload of court business. In the event it was all completed in good time and the diners were able to relax and imbibe fully knowing that it was safe to do so.

Many of the diners retired to the City Pipe Wine Bar to continue the festivities of the day and continue catching up on the latest news.....



### **Annual Ladies` Banquet - Friday 3rd April**

Photographs of our event are available from Gerald Sharp [www.sharpphoto.co.uk/online/view.php](http://www.sharpphoto.co.uk/online/view.php)



This year was held by permission of the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor at Mansion House on Friday 3rd April at 1830hrs. The Lord Mayor Alderman Ian Luder with The Lady Mayoress and The Sheriffs honoured us with their presence. The Masters personal Guest and keynote speaker was Simon

Dyson MBE FCA, a former National President of RTBI and now Chairman of The Anthony Nolan Trust the Masters own charity. Simon is also Group Finance Director of Associated Newspapers. During the evening The Master presented a cheque for the ongoing goods works of the Trust after Simon Dyson had proposed the toast to The Company.

The Anthony Nolan Trust "The charity that takes back lives from Leukaemia".  
[www.anthonynolan.org.uk](http://www.anthonynolan.org.uk)

Speeches:-

The Master Proposed the Toast to The Lord Mayor, The City of London Corporation and The Sheriffs

The Lord Mayor responded to the Toast

Senior Warden Dr Christine Rigden Proposed the Welcome to Our Guests

Mr Simon Dyson MBE proposed The Toast to The Worshipful Company of Constructors

Attendees:-

Our attendance totalled 250 and we were delighted to host many Civic, Livery and Industry dignitaries at our table in the magnificence of The Egyptian Hall.



Other attendees included:

Rt Hon The Lord Mayor Alderman Ian Luder  
The Lady Mayoress Lin Luder  
Mr Alderman and Sheriff Roger Gifford  
Mr Sheriff George Gillon

Robin with Caroline Arculus – Master The Worshipful Company of Glass Sellers accompanied by his Clerk Col Audrey Smith  
Louis Armstrong CBE – CEO Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors  
Simon Dyson MBE with Jane Dyson – Chairman The Anthony Nolan Trust  
Ian Head with Ann Head – Master The Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects accompanied by his Clerk David Cole-Adams  
Geoff Lister with Pauline Lister – Past President of The Federation of Master Builders  
Allan Littler with Christine Littler – President Electrical Contractors Association  
Lt Col Richard Martin – Swordbearer  
Fr Derek Mottershead – Master The Worshipful Company of Masons accompanied by his Clerk Peter Clark and Carol Clark and Clerk elect Mrs Heather Rowell

John Sennitt with Bo Williams – Master The Worshipful Company of Carpenters  
Roddy Taylor with Alison Taylor – Master The Worshipful Company of Builders Merchants  
accompanied by his Clerk Tim Statham  
Richard Martin with Janet Martin Master The Worshipful Company of Painter Stainers with his  
Clerk Christopher Twyman

Mrs Jean Venables OBE with Professor Roger Venables – President Institute of Civil Engineers  
Nicholas Wood with Elizabeth Wood – Master The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London



The Masters (seven minute) Civic Toast at Mansion House:-

*"Wardens, My Lord Mayor, Alderman and Sheriffs, Visiting Masters, President Jean, President Allan, Liverymen and Guests.*

*I have "a few Duties" this evening to attend to:*

*Firstly to thank our Lord Mayor Alderman Ian Luder for allowing The Constructors Company to dine with him in Mansion House accompanied by The Lady Mayoress and The Sheriffs.*

*We have not had the privilege of being here for a few years and your presence and your words to our Company will be most kindly received.*

*We know of your good works in The City at this extraordinary time.*

*This week the world focused on the G20 in London – an essential key in our financial recovery.*

*Then we saw the protests outside this very building and the magnificent way our police controlled those folk. On Wednesday evening Tina and I walked safely through The City to attend The Chartered Architects Dinner at Drapers Hall.*

*Fate has blessed us with a Lord Mayor intimately experienced in the financial workings of The City in the credit crunch. What Sir - must have been in your mind as you took office in November?*

*Aside from the day job your charitable work is noted. I attended the "Grape and The Grain" Dinner in this very room – great fun and a super way of raising cash.*

*My Lord Mayor - It is a bit easier tonight for I ask you to accept a donation to both of your charities this year under the banner "building lives, saving lives"*

*The Lords Taverners*

*and*

*The St John Ambulance London District.*

*Additionally we have donated to the Mansion House Fund a scholarship scheme by which young people you meet on your overseas visits can be given grants towards them coming to the City for training or experience.*

*My Lord Mayor we all thank you for the pride you bring to those of us working in the City.*

*Additional to the cheques please also accept a small personal gift from us as a reminder of this evening with the Constructors.*

## *PRESENTATION*

*Moving on we are soon to hear from Dr Christine Rigden our Senior Warden*

*God willing and if elected we shall have a lady as our Master in October for the first time in our history.*

*The fact that Christine is also The City Ale Conner taking us to free tastings has nothing to do with it!*

*Before we hear my personal guest Simon Dyson Chairman of The Anthony Nolan Trust. Who is here with his lovely wife Jane. I would like to add a few words.*

*As you all are probably aware The Anthony Nolan Trust is my chosen Masters Charity in my year of office.*

*I started off by walking The West Highland Way to raise funds and awareness of this charity that takes lives back from leukaemia.*

*Simon and I go back a long way. He was National President of Round Table as I was National Honorary Secretary during that time Simon started and led the formation of The Anthony Nolan Trust.*

*The award of an MBE recognises the contribution to charity work he has achieved.*

*Simon is a remarkable individual.*

*Also tonight we have with us the senior directors of our Industry Partners. Wilkins Kennedy Accountants and Business Advisors also AET world leaders in underfloor air-conditioning.*

*We are pleased to have you with us.*

*The Constructors are seeking their Royal Charter this year; the process has started with our papers at The Alderman's Court right now*

*We are growing strongly in membership as the only multidisciplinary Livery Company in The City for the Construction Industry.*

*The Constructors Charity funds twelve Scholarships and awards each year, plus as surplus funds allow make gifts into society which we feel individuals will benefit from the recognition of their struggle to better themselves for the good of our City.*

*Tonight is an expression of our strength and well being*

*It is my greatest privilege and pride to have my family and friends here with me tonight.*

*Of course my wife Tina  
Son Steven & Fiancée Sarah,  
Son Mark with Partner Stephanie,  
My Brother Trevor & Wife Cathy with their eldest daughter Claire & her Partner Patrick*

*And finally for Tina and I it is our 34th Wedding Anniversary on Sunday – Enough of me*

*Please stand and drink a toast with me to:*

***The Lord Mayor, The City of London Corporation and The Sheriffs"***

The Company thanks by The Master at Mansion House:-

*"We have our Learned Clerk to thank for his organisation of this Ladies` Banquet, The British Airways Band for our entertainment, the staff of Mansion House for smoothly managing us and Peter Martin and his staff from Searcys for the production of excellent fare, wines and service."*



### **Two World Wine Challenge - Wednesday 11th March 2009**

This was a joint event between the Constructors and the Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects held at the Naval Club in Mayfair.



Over 40 attendees were invited to taste 10 wines from around the world, eight robust reds and two potent ports. They were then asked to try and correctly identify each using, if required, the accompanying tasting notes.

The overall winner - Master Chartered Architect Ian Head - There being an obvious experience demonstrated of much quaffing of fine wines! However Master Chartered Architect bagged a bottle of fine Champagne.

Thank to our Senior Steward Henry Lamb (who is also Principal Consultant, Programme & Project Management for Mouchel Management Consulting) for using his undoubted skill and expertise in selecting the wines, providing tasting notes and suggesting matching food. In fact such was the professional approach to the science and art of wine tasting demonstrated that everyone felt they had been to something very special that evening.

#### **4th March - New Members Luncheon at Butchers Hall by kind permission of The Master of The Worshipful Company of Butchers.**

An excellent opportunity to introduce one of the Livery benefits but also to talk through the business of The Company itself and our industry in general.



We, that is Alastair Mackie and your unworthy reporter started, being first to arrive, by meeting Immediate Past Master Martin Wade who by chance was dining with his Past Masters Year "The After Eights" and together took the opportunity to toast our upcoming gastronomic delights and fellowship.



The choice of dish is Roast Beef or Roast Beef! Cooked by The Butchers Hall Chefs and served on as much as you can eat basis with all the trimmings.

Our over worked Clerk watched over the supply of wine and we all had a most delightful interlude during a busy day.

Those attending were:-

The Master: Roger Adcock  
Renter Warden: Sir Michael Latham  
Clerk: Dr Mike Kearsley  
Stewart Owen  
Alastair Mackie  
Liveryman, Michael Ankers  
Liveryman, Michael Threadgold

David Maude  
Graham Mills  
Mark Lewczynski  
Alan Bromage

Unfortunately Junior Warden: Alan Longhurst followed by Keith Griffiths and Gary Dackombe who were all booked to attend had to cry off at the last minute - but there will be other lunches....

### **24th February - Inter-Livery pancake Races in Guildhall Yard**

The Constructors were enrolled this year in the Wooden Spoon section of the famous inter-livery pancake races held in the Guildhall Yard. This was based on past performance and the luck of the draw. All the Companies were there and some had obviously been practicing for this prestigious event

Our team consisted of Clerk, Mike Kearsley as team leader, coach and motivator and Artin Hovsepien, Court Assistant, pancake officianado and sprinter extraordinaire. Great things were expected and as you can see from the pictures our flying Liveryman did us proud with a healthy second place (we were robbed).

All those involved came together for a buffet lunch in the Crypt - all organised by caterers The Cook and the Butler.



Next year we are looking for a team willing to train through the Winter - applications to Middle Warden, Patricia Newton, team manager.

### **17th February - Past Masters & Senior Members Luncheon at Guildhall Club.**



Above: Members enjoying lunch. Above: PM Richard Rooley chatting with PM Peter Olley and SW Dr Christine Rigden



Above: PM John Robson with Dr Chris Sketchley, Center: Past Clerks Tim Nicholson & Lee Brace with CA's Stephen Rigden and Doug Barrat with our Clerk Dr Mike Kearsley

Above: - Senior Past Master John Pryke draws the luncheon to an end.

The Master Roger Adcock and Wardens hosted the Past Masters and Distinguished Company Members at The Guildhall Club.

The Master briefed the meeting on his year in office so far and important matters relating to the business of our administration and operations.

The Senior Warden Dr Christine Rigden spoke of our progress and plans with the seeking of a Royal Charter for The Company. The meeting recognised the detailed work being undertaken by Past Clerk Tim Nicholson in this connection and thanked him for all he has done so far.

The proceedings were concluded with kind words from our Senior Past Master our 10th Master John Pryke.

Those attending were:-

Roger Adcock 32nd Master 08/09  
 Denis Blackburn Past Master 94/95  
 Doug Barrat Court Assistant & Trustee Construction Youth Trust.  
 Lee Brace Former Learned Clerk & Master of The Worshipful Company of Scriveners to be in July 09  
 John Burrell Past Master 00/01  
 Godfrey Cook Honorary Court Assistant & Former General Manager Property British Airways.  
 Robert Craig Past Master 05/06  
 David Hattersley MBE Past Master 03/04  
 Peter Howell Liveryman Admitted Mar 80 & Non Exec Chairman Holleran Group, former Ch Exec Try Group Plc.  
 David Hutchinson MBE Past Master 99/00  
 Dr Mike Kearsley Learned Clerk  
 Peter Knight Past Master 04/05  
 Sir Michael Latham DL Renter Warden & Chairman CITB Construction Skills  
 Alan Longhurst Junior Warden  
 George McDonic MBE Liveryman Admitted Sept 90 – Barrister & Chairman of the Wiltshire branch of the CPRE.  
 Tim Nicholson Former Learned Clerk & Our Royal Charter Leader  
 Peter Olley Past Master 93/94  
 John Pryke Senior and 10th Past Master 86/87  
 Stephen Rigden Court Assistant  
 Dr Christine Rigden Senior Warden



Gwilym Roberts OBE Liveryman Admitted May 77 & ICE President 86/87  
John Robson JP Past Master 02/03  
Peter Rogerson OBE Liveryman Admitted Dec 04 & Deputy Chairman CITB Construction Skills  
Richard Rooley Past Master 92/93  
David Rundle Honorary Court Assistant and Past President City Livery Club  
Arthur Seymour Honorary Court Assistant & Assistant Treasurer  
Dr Christopher Sketchley Liveryman Admitted Jun 95  
Barry Symonds Liveryman Admitted Sep 03 & Head of LSBU Dept of Property Surveying & Construction  
John Trussler Past Master 06/07 & Past President CIOB

### **11th February - Livery and Awards Dinner - Painters Hall in The City of London**

Held at Painters' Hall following The February Court Meeting our Annual Business Dinner at which we give further awards to scholars and our Shafting & Shoring Trophy to a winner from our associated Regiment - Royal Engineers 101 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) (Volunteers).

The Company, Master and Wardens hosted guests and visitors from across The Construction Industry. These included:

The ICE President Jean Venables OBE  
Vice President of CIOB Peter Jacobs  
Julia Evans CEO National Federation of Builders  
Edward Hardy Chief Executive of the Considerate Constructors Scheme  
Dr Ann Heywood Principal, College Estate Management  
Professor Brian Kemp MBA Course Director College of Estate Management  
Dr Sarah Peace Research Manager Construction Innovation and Development CIOB  
Nicholas Ridley President British Council for Offices  
Lt Col Aidan Smyth CO 101 Regiment Royal Engineers  
Graham Watts OBE, Chief Executive of The Construction Industry Council  
Lord Howie of Troon  
Sir Robert Walmsley

Visiting Masters included:

Andrew Benke, Master, Worshipful Company of Actuaries  
Peter Cook, Past Master Worshipful Company of Plaisterers  
Tony Roche, Master Worshipful Company of Engineers  
David Rowden, Master Worshipful Company of Lightmongers  
John Rushton, Master Worshipful Company of Arbitrators  
Professor Lorna Walker Master Worshipful Company of Water Conservators



The Master's and our Principal Guest, Richard Woodman-Bailey FCIQB FRICS, Renter Warden of

The Worshipful Company of Masons and Managing Director Mansell National Business Team, spoke of the special need - at this time of economic recession - to keep the Best Practice lessons learned over the past ten years or so, ensuring that collaborative working continues to benefit the industry's customers, and also that apprentices and students are supported just as they have been in better times. To much acclaim from those present, he said that failure to do so would lead to dissatisfied customers through out-turn prices misaligned with tender sums, and construction projects with poor quality craftsmanship.

Awards were presented on the evening to Mr Anil Singh Rana - The David Tong Cup. Mr Anil Singh Rana is a Graduate Surveyor from London South Bank University having excelled in The Building Surveying Faculty.



Thereafter The Constructors Company Cup was awarded to Mr Ricky Hunt a Cost Manager with Turner & Townsend. Mr Hunt graduated with a First Class Degree with an exceptionally high mark from LSBU in Quantity Surveying.



There followed the Award To Mr Christopher Castle for completing his MBA in Construction and Real Estate with his dissertation "Green Knowledge" Mr Castle is now writing academic and industry articles based on his dissertation.



The Master then awarded The Shafting & Shoring Trophy to Sergeant Nick Connell of 101 Regiment (EOD) (V) for his ordinance disposal skills of the highest order inspiring us all with his modest and unassuming demeanour carrying out essential and demanding duties.



New Freeman and Liveryman installed at Court 11th February 2009

At the **February Court meeting** which preceded the Livery and Awards Dinner held in Painters' Hall on the 11th February 2009 we welcomed a number of new Freeman and Liverymen as well as two new Yeoman.



Edward Basterfield and Benjamin Potts - new Yeomen Members



Mark Lewczynski, Alan Bromage and Arnot Hughes - new Freeman



Michael Nestor, Guy Hammersley and Robert Mawson - new Freeman



Michael Ankers, Gary Dackombe, Douglas Kerr, Don Nelson, Sir Vivian Ramsay and Michael Threadgold - new Liverymen

**11th February - Freeman Don Nelson from Illinois USA takes his "Freedom of The City" in The Chamberlains Court**

Don accompanied by his wife Pam and supporters Court Assistant Mike Parrett with his wife Jessica and Roger Adcock, The Master attended The Chamberlain's Court for the very special ceremony of receiving The Freedom of The City.



Here we see Don and Pam (on Don`s right) in The Courtroom with his Certificate of Freedom.

One of the oldest surviving traditional ceremonies still in existence today is the granting of the Freedom of the City of London. It is believed that the first Freedom was presented in 1237.

The medieval term 'freeman' meant someone who was not the property of a feudal lord, but enjoyed privileges such as the right to earn money and own land. Town dwellers who were protected by the charter of their town or city were often free - hence the term 'freedom of the City'.

### **Diana Burrell**

It is with sadness that we advise of the passing of Mrs Diana Burrell, Companion and former Mistress of the Company. She supported her husband when Master in 1980/1981, saw her son, John, also be installed as Master in 2000/2001 and then her grand daughter, Alexandra, progress from apprentice to full Freeman in December 2008.



The funeral service was held at St John's, Hartley Wintney on the 13th January 2009 and her ashes laid alongside her husband and paternal grandparents.

### **19th January - Samuel Arthur Fitch**

On a happier note Liveryman, Tim Fitch, and his wife Alison are the proud parents of Samuel Arthur who joined us on Monday 19th January 2009. Sam arrived at a healthy 3,628 grammes (for the Euro-sceptics among you that's 8 lbs) and we are assured that both he and Mum are doing well. Liveryman Tim is The Business Development Director of Taylor Woodrow and a very keen supporter of The Company. He is renowned for his hospitality at our fine Dinners during each Livery year.



### **14th January 09 - A Public Presentation of Sir Ian Dixon Award at The Royal College of Pathologists SW1**

Our venue this year was the newly refurbished, by Killby & Gayford, Lecture Theatre and Hospitality Suite of The Royal College of Pathologists SW1 wherein our two latest scholars, Messrs Edward Basterfield BSc (Hons), ICIQB and Benjamin Potts BSc (Hons), ICIQB presented the result of a years study research.

Held in the presence of Lady Dixon together with her son Mark. Lady Dixon has graciously endowed our Charitable Trust with funds to support this annual scholarship since 1998. A Joint initiative between the Chartered Institute of Building and us designed to recognise exceptional emerging talent within the Construction Industry.

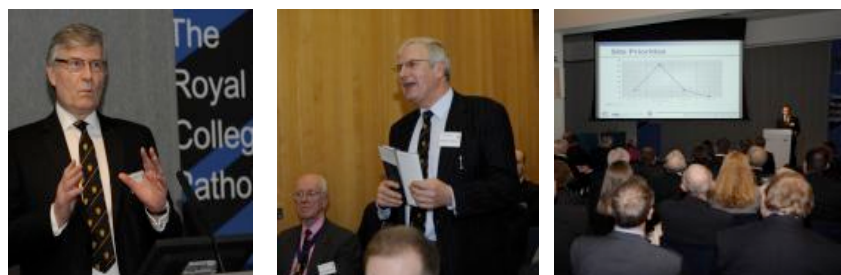
Edward presented his paper entitled "The Post Study Training and Development of Construction Graduates" and Benjamin presented his paper "How to effectively Implement an EMS & ISO 14001 Standard in Medium Sized Building Contractors (Specifically at site level).

Their respective employers magnificently supported both Scholars over 18 months with guidance and mentoring. Edward with Costain and Benjamin with Killby & Gayford Ltd.

The Company is grateful to Court Assistant Bob Heathfield PPCIOB for his personal mentoring and guidance of these two scholars and to their employers for a fine presentation evening attended by a packed full house of over 100 interested souls.



Edward Basterfield (left) from Costain  
and (Right) Benjamin Potts from Killby & Gayford Ltd



The Presentation Theatre and lively questioning of Scholars Chaired by Bob Heathfield PPCIOB (above left) and here we see Stephen Rigden (above centre) posing a detailed question to the Scholars. All were answered with skill and detailed research knowledge that left the audience delighted at having seen two stars of the future of our industry.



The Master Roger Adcock wrapped up the proceedings with grateful thanks to Christopher Chivers Group Chief Executive of Killby & Gayford Group, Alex Vaughan, Managing Director Community-Costain Group, James Wates Vice President of The Chartered Institute of Building and to Lady Dixon for her kind and ongoing support



In our final photograph: Lady Dixon presenting two magnificent pieces of glassware designed and engraved by Mark Dixon as a perpetual reminder of a "job well done"

#### **4th December - Court Christmas Luncheon - at Pewterers Hall**

The Master hosted 50 members and guests to luncheon before the December Court Meeting at Pewterers Hall. (The Menu can be uploaded from Pdf format at the end of the news section) During the proceedings The Senior Warden Dr Christine Rigden was presented with an Imperial Pewter Tankard made by a Member of The Pewterers Company in recognition of her good work as a City Ale Conner.



The Master's Principle Guest and our entertaining after luncheon speaker was Past Master of The Plaisters Company Peter Cook who was accompanied by his wife Julie. Peter explained much of the workings of The City Election process and mixed with most humorous stories of his travels.



Here we see Liveryman David Fell and his wife Rita with Senior Warden Dr Christine Rigden at the Champagne Reception before lunch.



At the Court Meeting which followed we installed Alexandra Burrell from Apprentice to Freeman. Alexandra is now our third generation member being that her Father John Burrell was Master in 2000/01 and her Grandfather a Founding Member and Master in 1980/81. Alexandra's Sister Alicia is also an Apprentice Member.

Alexandra attended The Abbey School, Reading where she attained A Grades in Economics, Geography and Sociology A levels. Her gap year was spent studying French Language and Culture at the Universitaire Stendhal in Grenoble, France – allowing her to spend lots of time skiing!!!!!! She read Political Science at the University of Birmingham. During her time there she rowed for the University first VIII at Henley in the Women's Head of the River and spent three months working for a charity in Quito, Ecuador. She also spent a weeks work experience in Boris Johnson's office.

### **20th - 22nd November 2008 - TEAMBUILD weekend Competition at Eynsham Hall Oxford**



The setting for Teambuild this year, created by Past Master Richard Rooley 10 years ago to bring together 60 young professionals to work in 10 teams throughout the weekend in search of the prize of "Best Team"



The Master was invited as one of the judges and came away completely amazed at the quality of people, the ability to respond, innovate and create at a moments notice. Certainly those who took part would know they had a tough time but probably mind changing in their approach to the industry.

The Constructors Prize worth £1500 was presented to "Building Blocks a team from BDP who will be very proud.



Team Building Blocks receiving their prizes from The Master and PM Richard Rooley (no Henry did not bring his twin brother!)

More information is a must from the excellent Teambuild web site

[www.teambuilduk.com](http://www.teambuilduk.com)

### **8th November The Lord Mayors Show**



The Master and Senior Warden supported by two of our excellent Sir Ian Dixon Scholars walked in the rain!

### **15th October 08 The Installation Dinner at Skinners Hall in The City**



The new livery year was celebrated with the installation of our new Master at The Installation Dinner.

Visiting Livery Masters at our Dinner included:-

Colonel Robert Lucas Master Worshipful Company of Turners  
Fr Derek Mottershead, Master Worshipful Company of Masons  
Ian Grimshaw Master Worshipful Company of Tylers` and Bricklayers  
Ken Marriott, Master, Environmental Cleaners  
D Ball, Master Worshipful Company of Glazier` & Painters of Glass

## **HENRY AND LILLIAN STEPHENSON**

Liverymen Henry and Lillian Stephenson have been honoured by Southbank University with the joint award of Honorary Fellowships.



Henry and Lillian centre front row suitably gowned.

These are prestigious awards reflecting the impact that they have had on design and architecture for the last 50 years.

Their impact stretches from architectural designs and interiors to books and magazines and stretches across the globe.

Their work has been presented in many books and papers and their link with Southbank stretches back to the 1960s when they first lectured at the Institution.

The Master and Mistress attended the awards ceremony and the award was presented by Sir Trevor McDonald who is Chancellor of the University.

## **NEW SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENTS**

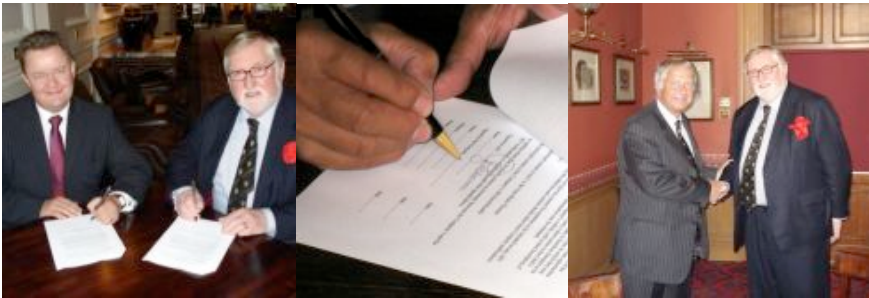
In October 2008 the Company has entered into partnering sponsorship agreements with two organisations. The first, Wilkins Kennedy are chartered accountants - accountants and business advisers to the construction industry. The sponsorship is for two years.

[www.wilkinskennedy.com](http://www.wilkinskennedy.com)

The second is with AET - Advanced Ergonomic Technologies Ltd who are world leaders in under floor air conditioning. The agreement is also for a two year period.

[www.flexiblespace.com](http://www.flexiblespace.com)

Under these agreements the companies involved are able to share in much of the activity of the Company, have a number of places at major functions, have advertising space and promotion from the Company and so on. Fuller details will be included shortly.



Only one organisation from each area is permitted within the scope of the agreements and the Company is actively seeking other sponsorship agreements. It is hope to have five such agreements in the near future.

### **New Clerk Appointed**

Mike Kearsley



Dr Mike Kearsley MA PhD FRSA has been appointed Clerk in succession to Tim Nicholson, with effect from 15 September. Mike's contact details are as follows:

Ragby House, 157 Sidney Road, Walton on Thames, Surrey KT12 3SA. Tel 01932 253212, 07977 137647. Email [m.kearsley1@ntlworld.com](mailto:m.kearsley1@ntlworld.com).

Members should continue to communicate with the present Clerk until after the Common hall and Reception on 10 September 2008.

### **Constructors Golf Match Triumph**

The Constructors' team of Alan Longhurst, David Fell, Melville Dunbar and Tim Nicholson won the annual golf match against the Tylers & Bricklayers and the Paviers at Bush Hill Park GC, Enfield on 14 August. This was the fourth year the match has been played and the Constructors have managed to take the prize three times.



*L to R: Alan Longhurst collects the prize for highest score; David Fell takes the nearest the pin prize; the team with the trophy.*

The Paviers were the match hosts and looked after us extremely well. A most enjoyable day and we look forward to next year's match, which will be hosted by the Constructors.

### **Constructors' Golf day; Tandridge GC, 24 July 08**

Once again the Company's golfers met to contest the Ken Brown Cup and the Visitors' Prize. It was not a strong showing, but the weather was hot, and, as ever at Tandridge, the food superb and generous.



*From Left - John Sayers and Roger and Trevor Adcock; Christine Rigden, Anne Cox (Ladies Prize Winner), and Rosemary Lilley (Runner Up); Richard Higgins (Visitors' Prize winner), Melville Dunbar (longest drive) and Mike Hanley.*

The golf perhaps left a little to be desired, with 36 stableford points enough for Tim Nicholson to repeat his win of 2007.



*From Left - the Carvery Supper; the Master accepts a gift from Lilian and Henry Stephenson of a water colour from the Paris weekend; the Master congratulates the Clerk with organiser Alan Longhurst looking on.*

Another excellent day, and it is such a pity that more of the dozens of Company golfers do not come and enjoy it.

### **Masters' Lunch at Guildhall Club, 7 May 08**

The Master, assisted by the Wardens and several Pastmasters, hosted a lunch for 9 Livery Masters at Guildhall Club on Monday 7 May. This very popular annual event gives Masters an unusual opportunity to discuss matters of mutual interest and concern with their peers in an informal setting.



*The Master's welcome to the guests.*

The visitors were the Masters of the following Companies - Plaasterers, Builders Merchants, Actuaries, Arbitrators, Firefighters, Lightmongers, Paviers, Environmental Cleaners, Engineers.

### **Supper on the Regents Park Canal - 25 June**

On 25 June we boldly went where few of us had been before, to a cruising restaurant at Walkers' Quay, In the manner of Harry Potters' Platform nine and a quarter at Kings X, you dive through the open door of a cafe at 250 Camden High Street, nip smartly down down the steps, and there you are in another world. A finger post, said "Liverpool 302 miles".



*A sharpener on the quayside.....a "proper" old fashioned lock*

At a stately 2 mph we pootled along, being overtaken by everything on the towpath. We enjoyed a good supper and a plentiful supply of wine. The drinks, before and during the epic journey, were provided very generously by the ECA, and Freeman and CEO David Pollock and several colleagues were with us.



*The Master aboard the vessel.....comfortable dining facilities.*

We passed all manner of exciting places, but few were visible from the green depths of the canal until we emerged into Little Venice, where we disembarked, possibly to the despair of the owners of the very smart houses all round us.

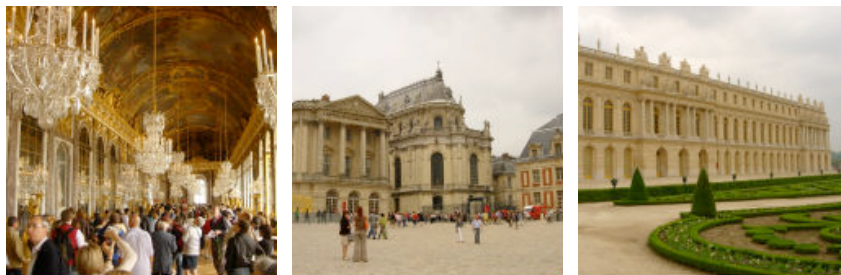
Having several narrow boat owners, ex owners and users on board we were well placed should Captain have suffered a heart attack or fallen overboard, but there were no untoward incidents, and we were back at the quayside promptly at ten pm.

### **The Master's Weekend in Paris 30 May - 1 June**

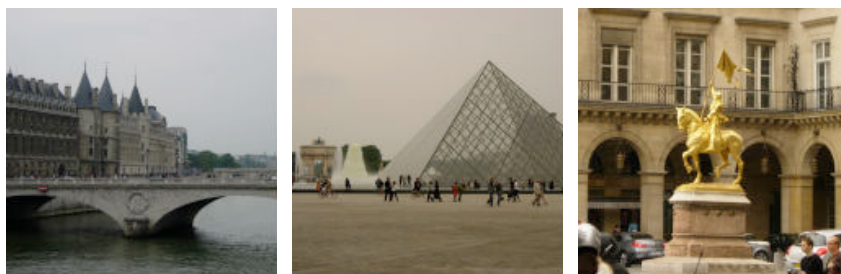
The Master and Mistress, Martin and Janet Wade, led a party to Paris over the weekend 30 May to 1 June. Based on the St James & Albany Hotel in Rue de Rivoli, opposite the Tuilleries Gardens, we enjoyed excellent weather, usually warm sunshine, throughout. On Friday dinner was taken on a Bateau Mouche, a waterborne restaurant which showed us the sights of the Seine whilst serving an excellent dinner.



On Saturday we took a short bus journey to Versailles, led by our friendly and highly knowledgeable guide, to find that tout le monde had the same idea. Happily, guided groups have a degree of priority, and we slipped passed the masses by way of secret doors and concealed staircases.



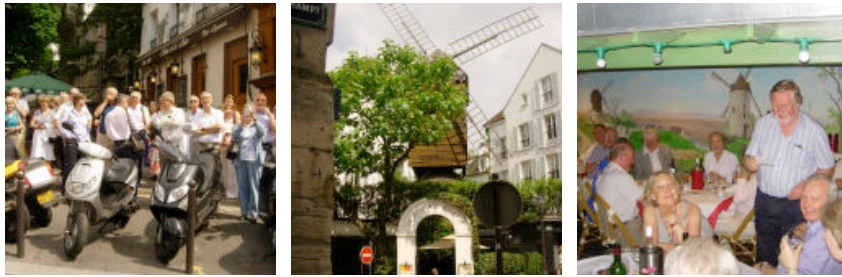
The afternoon was free, and whilst the energetic roamed the streets of the City of Light, others dawdled in street cafes, and even found time for a snooze. Paris was looking its best.



That evening we dined in a private room at the hotel, braving the only rain we encountered to have a group photograph on the steps of the adjoining courtyard.



On Sunday morning we set off for a guided walk to the Cathedral of Sacre Coeur on top of Montmartre, passing out of the stream of tourists into quiet streets and byways. Once again, our guide was excellent.



After a convivial lunch we returned to the Gard du Nord, or, for those staying on for an extra night or so, returned to the hotel. An excellent trip, much enjoyed by all, and many thanks to Martin and Janet Wade for organising it.

**Constructors' Lecture 19 May 2008.**

Tim Byles CBE delivered the Annual Lecture at City University, Northampton Square, London EC1V 0HB on 19 May. He is CEO of Partnership for Schools, the Government's delivery agency for a massive rebuild and refurbishment programme over the next decade or so. His title was - "Building Schools for the Future - a £45 Billion Challenge".



*L - a section of the 200 + audience: R - The Master (R) thanks My Byles with the gift of a Company Plate, whilst the Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof Arcos Koumenis, looks on.*

**Visit of the Lord Mayor 7 May 2008**

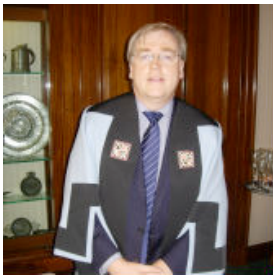
The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor, Alderman David Lewis, joined the Court for lunch at Pewterers' Hall on 7 May, accompanied by the Swordbearer, Lt Col Richard Martin. The Lord Mayor met members of the Court, their wives, and liverymen and freemen having business before the Court that day. He spoke of the City of London's continuing determination to retain its hard won status as the world's leading financial centre, and the importance of high quality property, to meet the business, commercial and residential needs of an expanding City.



*L; the Master speaks*

*The Lord Mayor and the Master The Lord Mayor's gift*

Earlier the Court met and, in addition to conducting its business agenda, it bound Jack Cutterham Apprentice to Arthur Seymour for four years, and admitted Yeoman Andrew Anderson, Freeman Gary Dackombe, Martin Hornby, Donald Mahon, Keith Griffiths, and Nick Parrett, and also admitted Stephen Wells to the Livery.

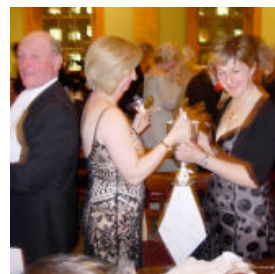


*All from L: Stephen Wells, Andrew Anderson, Martin Hornby, Nick Parrett, Donald Mahon, Gary Dackombe.*

Liveryman and Senior Steward Henry Lamb presented the Company with a seal to emboss certificates, which was received by the Court with thanks.

### **Ladies' Banquet, 17 April 08**

The Master presided over the annual Ladies' Banquet at a packed Fishmongers' Hall on Thursday 17 April. Bob Hall, President of the Electrical Contractors' Association was the principal guest, and the Masters of the Carpenters, Painter-Stainers, Masons, Plumbers, Apothecaries, Glass Sellers, Chartered Architects and Builders Merchants, and their wives, were also honoured guests of the Company.



*L, Master and wardens*

*C and R, during the Loving Cup*

During the evening the Master presented the Rev David Burgess, our Honorary Chaplain for the last 21 years, with a 1903 London marked silver bowl and a Company shield, to mark the occasion of his retirement as incumbent of St Lawrence Jewry, the City church with which we are associated.



Trumpeters from Kings Troop Royal Horse Artillery played, and musicians from the Guildhall School of Music entertained us with a selection from Gilbert & Sullivan.



*David Burgess*



*GSMD singers*



*the trumpeters*

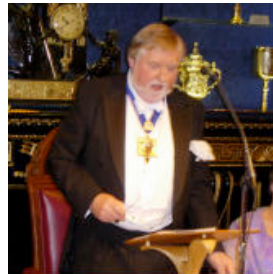
Patricia Newton made the address to the Guests, Bob Hall responded, and the evening was concluded by the Master. All in all, a very enjoyable occasion, in a magnificent venue.



*Patricia Newton*



*Bob Hall on his feet*



*The Master*

### **Jazz Evening at the Litle Ship Club**

The Matt Fripp Quartet from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama played as members chatted and dined on fish and chips on 13 March. It was a welcome, informal evening enjoyed by all who attended.



*Ken Kent and the Master chat whilst the band plays on.*

### **Regimental Dinner at Brompton Barracks**

On Saturday 1 March the Master and Clerk were the guests of 101 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) (Volunteers), our affiliated TA Regiment. Recently the CO and Sgt Vincent Simpson, winner of the 2008 Shafting & Shoring Cup, were the guests of the Company at the Livery & Awards Dinner, and we were delighted to be asked to dine with the Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants in return.



*The Master with the CO, Lt Col Terry Smith TD RE(V)*

### **Ale Conning at the Doctor Butler's Head**

Dr Butler was a specialist in nervous disorders who had many "miracle" cures. He was highly regarded and appointed Court Physician to King James 1. He also developed a medicinal ale for gastric ailments, and inns that sold this ale had to display the Doctors' head on its sign. The Doctor Butler's Head in Masons Avenue is the last remaining pub to do so.

Dr Christine Rigden, whilst not a specialist in purging remedies so far as is known, is our Middle Warden and a City Ale Conner. Shepherd Neame, the Faversham, Kent based oldest family brewer in the country, brewed a special new purging ale to be conned at the Dr Butler's Head on 28 Feb. A film crew with front man Griff Rhys Jones and Master Brewer Stuart Main, were there to record the proceedings. Official opinion? "Actually very nice". The film, about the City, is due to be shown on ITV 1 late Summer.



*Christine, Griff and Stuart, L to R.*

### **Pastmasters' Lunch 19 Feb 08**

The Master hosted a lunch at Guildhall Club for the Pastmasters and other senior officers and liverymen of the Company. The purpose of this annual event is to facilitate a full and frank discussion of the Company's activities and progress, and some valuable views on our events programme, cost of functions and recruitment objectives were gathered, amongst other topics.



*Seated from left: Sir Michael Latham, Christine Rigden, John Robson, Bill Wright, David Rundle, Ken Kent, Bob Craig, David Hattersley, The Master. Standing from left; Arthur Seymour, Godfrey Crook, Gwilym Roberts, Richard Rooley. Peter Knight was also present, but unfortunately missed the photograph.*

### **Livery and Awards Dinner**

150 Constructors and their guests gathered at Carpenters' Hall on 6 February, for the annual Livery & Awards Dinner. Lord O'Neill was the Master's Principal Guest, and Pastmaster John Robson welcomed him and all the Company's official and private guests, with the traditional toast.

Earlier that day the Court met to admit 2 yeomen - Grant Mobbs of Laing O'Rourke and Tim Smith of Kier - and six new freemen - Dan Angell, Gerard Kelly, Ann Heywood, David Pollock, Daniel Nebbitt, and Neil Gregory. Patrick Maloy, photo below left, was admitted to the Livery.



*Patrick Maloy.. Lady O'Neill, the Master and the Procession into dinner .. general view*

The Constructors' Prize (£250) went to Edward Poynton of Jersey, and the David Tong Cup and prize (£250) to Tang Hsu Jing, both leading students at London South Bank University, and Sgt Vincent Simpson of 101 (City of London) Regiment (EOD)(V) won the Shafting and Shoring Cup.



*Edward Poynton.....Tang Hsu Jing.....Sergeant Simpson RE*

In his response to the Guests' Toast, Lord O'Neill spoke with conviction about the need for a strong construction industry, and the responsibilities of the industry itself for training and skills creation. With many major construction projects in hand and due to start in the next few years, the industry, supported by City finance and expertise, must be ready to meet the challenges ahead. The Master responded, pointing to the Company's activities in provision of scholarships and prizes.



Lord O'Neill, with Master and Mistress; and some of our treasures on display.

**Livery Pancake Races**

The Poulterers' Company arrange pancake racing in Guildhall Yard on Shrove Tuesday, and for the first time the Company was able to compete, in the wooden spoon race. Our chosen flyer was Middle Warden Christine Rigden. The threatened rain held off, the Lord Mayor welcomed competitors and spectators, and competition was fierce.



*Ready to go..a masters' heat starts..fine, high knee action.. some of our supporters*

There is a lot of fun in the Livery, and this was one of those days.

### **Maurice Pickering**



Maurice Pickering, the Company's Senior Pastmaster, died on 22 January. His funeral was held at the Church of St John the Evangelist, Rectory Road, Stanmore on Friday 1 February 2008. Maurice was with the Company from its earliest years, and was the source of knowledge and wisdom for Masters and Clerks over many years. He will be greatly missed.



Maurice Pickering

From THE TIMES on February 6th 2008:-

### **Maurice Emmitt Pickering**

**Landscape architect heavily involved in the representation of the industry in the City**

Maurice Emmitt Pickering was a landscape architect who was actively involved in his industry and in the City. A founder-member of the Worshipful Company of Constructors, he became its Master and steered it to attain Livery status.

Pickering was born in 1927 in Lincolnshire and educated in Coventry. He was then involved in Civil Defence and later commissioned into the Royal Warwickshire Regiment. After the war he trained as an architect at Birmingham University before moving to London to study landscape architecture at University College London. He set up his London based practice in 1959.

Pickering became actively interested in the City of London in the early 1970s. He became a Freeman of the City in 1977 and was involved in the founding of the Worshipful Company of Constructors which was founded as the Company of Builders in 1976. He became the Master in 1984, steering the company through its name change to the status of a company without livery in 1985 and to full livery status in 1990.

Pickering also served as president of the Faculty of Building in 1983 and became an early and enthusiastic member of the fledgling Company of Chartered Architects in 1988. He progressed to becoming a senior steward, playing an active part in guiding the other company stewards as they rose through the ranks on their way to membership of the court - an honour which would have been his had it not been for age constraints imposed on the company at its foundation.

On other fronts Pickering, a voter in the Farringdon Ward of the City, became a member of the United Wards Club and the Royal Society of St George. He also joined the City Livery Club and progressed through the council to become its president in 2004-2005. His civic interests went beyond the City. He became heavily involved in the Freemen of England and Wales and became its president for a two year spell between 2002 and 2004.

Last year Pickering's contribution as the founder chairman of Harrow Nature Conservation Forum, a voluntary organisation managing some 600 acres of London's Green Belt in the Borough of Harrow, was recognised when he was made Honorary Life Vice President of Harrow Heritage Trust.

He still found time to run his practice from his Stanmore home, to be involved in a number of charity organisations in and beyond Stanmore and act as a director of the Heidelberg Award for Environmental Excellence (a triennial global prize which he organised for the Oberbürgermeisterin der Stadt Heiderberg). He was also a generous friend and supporter.

Spare time was in short supply. When found, Pickering spent it with his family, reading history, writing (he was working on a ground-breaking history of gilds) and painting in oils.

He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

Maurice Emmitt Pickering, architect, was born on January 2, 1927. He died on January 22, 2008, aged 81

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