



## THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CHARTERED ARCHITECTS

### Newsletter

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#### *From the Master*

\*Dynnargh! from the Isles of Scilly in a January which has brought exquisite calm and sunshine one day and gales the next, ferocious to the extent of "blowing dogs off chains" as they say down here. Victoria and I greatly look forward to sharing the Magic of May with those joining the Master's trip and commend as an overture that captures the charm of the islands the BBC 2 series 'An Island Parish' currently showing at 8pm on Tuesday evenings.

Janus inspires a simultaneous backwards and forwards glance. I was delighted a number of you were able to join with 14 Masters at St James's Palace for the Royal Reception following Great Britain securing host nation status for Rescue 2010, the first of several pleasurable occasions, I hope, for linking the championships to my Master's year.

The Athenaeum Master's Reception and New Year Court luncheon, and Cornish carols chiming with Bow Bells are treasured memories of events made successful by your most splendid support.

Our Janus forward glance must surely focus on the twin peaks of Mansion House and Milo Lecture.

These are the two occasions in the year when our Company is en fête to the City and the City observes our purpose and progress as a Modern Company.

First and foremost, our Annual Livery Banquet on 12th March at the Mansion House has former Lord Mayor and fellow Cornishman Sir David Brewer as our principal guest. His richly deserved reputation as a highly entertaining speaker needs no advocacy.

Our Milo Lecture evening on 15th April 2008 at Drapers' Hall departs from all such previous events. It is all expanded and crafted to leave the City in absolutely no doubt our Company is focussed on the future and can attract world renowned reputations to the Square Mile to debate and excite interest in a desirable future for our grandchildren. The theme will be access to space, architecture and survival in space - and then the experience of space and the scientific and global benefits of being there.

I hope you will feel the attached Calling Notices for both events are deserving of your full support which is a prerequisite to their success and our shared ambition of celebrating cultural diversity and delight.

\*Greetings in the Cornish language





## News from the Court

The new year meeting of the Court was very much about installations and progression within the Company. After hearing reports of the three committees, learning that the finances were in reasonable order, hearing from the Almoner and Master of Students, and considering the future of the Student Travel Award, the Master was pleased to welcome new Freemen.

### Tom French BA MA

Tom originally joined the Company as a student in 1999 while he was studying for his Part I Degree at Newcastle. Having acquired his BA in Architectural Studies his year out resulted in him transferring his allegiance to the surveying profession. He took up an appointment with Grosvenor Estates and added an MA in Property Valuation and Law to his qualifications. All this meant that he needed to apply to the Court for release from his Indentures - his mentor, Geoffrey Purves, was pleased to make the necessary recommendation to the Court and to second his application for admission as a Freeman which had been proposed by family friend, John Penton.



While he has joined the RICS, he was keen to retain his links to both architecture and the Company. He has become an Affiliate member of the RIBA and was delighted that the Company had gained the approval from the Court of Aldermen to admit some members from a wider base.

### Sandra Papworth BSc Hons RIBA RIAS



While Sandra joins a number of members from north of the border she is very familiar with the ways of the City of London. Her architectural education was undertaken at the MacIntosh School and Strathclyde University. She both lives and works

in Glasgow. She has experience of the private sector, is currently a consultant to Borthwick & Watson - her husband's practice - and Architects Arran. Her main employment has been with the Architects Department at Renfrewshire Council since 1990. Her speciality is

the Disability Sector though she is also involved in the care sector from amenity housing through to nursing and children's homes. Her current major project is a multi-sport leisure centre. Sandra has been active as a Committee member of the Glasgow Institute of Architects at various times and got to know the City of London when her husband John was the Master of the Company of Clothworkers last year. It was through a meeting with the Immediate Past Master on the circuit last year that the happy connection was made with the Company.

### Malcolm Bender Dip Arch RIBA

Malcolm is the Senior Director of PDP Architects - a division of multi-disciplinary PDP Group Limited based in Epsom, Surrey. He trained and qualified at Regent Street Polytechnic (later Central London Polytechnic) and, in 1986, became a partner in PDP Architects, for whom, projects have included headquarters offices for Nortel and Virgin Atlantic, Virgin's 20,000 sq.m. crew training centre in Crawley. PDP are also panel architects for Volkswagen and Audi and have played a key part in the redevelopment of the VAG dealer network.



Recreational interests include walking, theatrical set design, still life photography and golf."



The other two Freemen admitted had both served out their 'apprenticeships' with the Company having been indentured and the Court having heard their Counsellors' Testimonies that their studentship was at an end - this some months after they had seen their names added to the ARB Register.

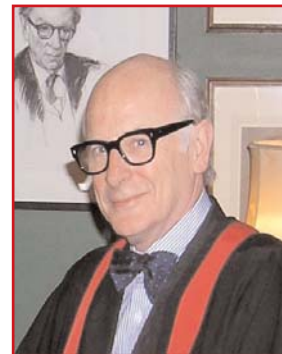
**Duncan Greenaway** BA (Hons) Arch Dip Arch RIBA Duncan (pictured left) joined the Company in 2000 as a Student indentured to Past Master David Cole-Adams. He achieved First Class Honours in his Part I at Portsmouth and a Distinction in his Diploma at Oxford Brookes. He was selected as one of BD's Class of top Diploma students of 2005 and was on the final shortlist for the RIBA Silver Medal in the same year. Year Out experience was gained with Design Engine and Patel Taylor and post Diploma experience has been with Assael Architecture where he has worked on a range of mixed use and residential projects. Among his completed buildings is a crib designed for St Mary-le-Bow Church where the Company holds its annual Carol Service with the Furniture Makers' Company. The WCCA commissioned the design for the crib, the WCFM had the kit of parts manufactured to Duncan's specifications in the Master Furniture Maker's factory. He is reputed to think that the experience confirmed his view that architects, while good and fun to work with, are costly!

**Peter Williams** BA (Hons) Dip Arch M Phil

Peter was indentured to Counsellor Barry Munday for the Part 3 section of his architectural training in 2005. Following his degree at Oxford Brookes University, he joined Mecanoo in The Netherlands and subsequently Patel Taylor in London, on a variety of projects over 3 years from a tower in Rotterdam and landscape projects throughout Europe to one off high-end residential projects. The experiences at Mecanoo and Patel Taylor have been a heavy influence in his approach to design ever since. He undertook his diploma at Cambridge and remained to complete an M.Phil in Environmental Design, specialising in the design of environments for learning. He travelled widely, studying and working in the USA and Canada, and took up a National Trust Fellowship in 2003.

He joined architecture plb in Winchester, to build on his research and undertook a range of projects in the education sector over two years. In January 2007 Peter joined Make Architects, where he has been working on masterplans in Ireland and the UK, as well as a store concept for a major international bank and the 'Monument', a new commercial development opposite the Monument to the Great Fire of London in the City.

The Master was delighted to welcome all the new Freeman and expressed the hope that they would quickly move to take up their City Freedom and the Livery of the Company.



**Paul Weston** and **Peter Murray** were admitted to the Livery.

The Master was encouraged to see the growth of the Company and hoped that he would welcome a stream of new Freeman and Liverymen through the year.

A decision was taken to follow up on the possible adoption of the RNLI's City / Westminster Lifeboat Station. This was seen as a way of forging closer ties with our 'link regiment' but would not detract from the tradition of inviting Coxswains from around the coastline to the Election Court Dinner each year.

There was also agreement to set up an initiative in connection with the 2012 Olympic Games. A working party is to be established to progress the ideas.

A proposal to procure the design and production of a new canopy to replace that which is erected outside the main entrance to Guildhall on major occasions was endorsed. It is thought that the Corporation may take a little time to get used to or accept the notion that there is much wrong with the existing model.

## Obituary

It was with sadness that the Company learned of the death on 22 January of **MAURICE EMMITT PICKERING** FRIBA FLI FFB FRSA (1927 - 2008)

Maurice Pickering was born in Lincolnshire and educated in Coventry. After his schooling he was 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.



He became actively interested in the City of London in the early 1970's. He became a Freeman of the City in 1977 and was involved in the founding of the Company of Constructors - started as the Company of Builders in 1976. He became the Master in 1984 steering the Company through a name change to becoming a Company without Livery in 1985 and full Livery status in 1990.

Not content with that, Maurice 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 of the Company 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. A keen photographer, Maurice threw his enthusiasm behind and participated in a City Art Show set up at St Mary-le-Bow Church and opened by HRH The Duke of Gloucester in 1995.

On other fronts Maurice, 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 joined the City Livery Club progressing through the Council to become its President in 2004-05. His civic interests went beyond the City. He was heavily involved in the Freeman of England and Wales serving as its President for a two year spell between 2002 and 2004.

Last year Maurice's contribution as the Founder Chairman of Harrow Nature Conservation Forum - a voluntary organization managing some 600 acres of London's Green Belt in the Borough of Harrow - was recognized when he was made Honorary Life Vice President of Harrow Heritage Trust.

That he still found time to run his practice from his Stanmore home, to be involved in a number of Charity organizations in and beyond Stanmore and as a Director of the Heidelberg Award for Environmental Excellence (a triennial global prize which he organized for the Oberbürgermeisterin der Stadt Heidelberg) and to be a generous friend and supporter to all his many friends says much about this extraordinary man. Spare time was in short supply. When found, it was spent with his family, in reading history, writing (he was working on a ground-breaking history of Gilds) and painting in oils. He will be greatly missed.

## Recent Events

The first visit to the 'Master's London Beach Hut as he calls the Athenaeum in Pall Mall saw many members the Company enjoying both Cornish sparkling wine and the ambience of the Club at **The Master's Reception** on Tuesday 20 November.

The Master had arranged for the original Decimus Burton drawings of the building and a selection of drawings prepared by Charles Barry and others who had been given the onerous task of making alterations over the ensuing years available for inspection. There had also been a talk about the Club by its Secretary and about the wine from Patricia Stefanowicz who had, in the preceding months sat on a panel of Masters of Wine which had been singularly impressed by its character during a blind tasting which had included top rated champagnes.

There had also been a Cornish flavour to the **Annual Carol Service** at St Mary-le-Bow on Wednesday 12 December with Alan Wilson's excellent choir singing the Stratton Carol and Star of Bethlehem - both traditional Cornish carols. The Rev George Bush, clearly relishing the challenge of preaching to architects and furniture makers, did so with great style. The supper which followed at Furniture Makers' Hall was a convivial if, again, a crowded gathering. The popularity of this event grows year on year - note the 2008 date (Wednesday 10 December) in your diaries now.

At the lunch following the Court - both were held at the Athenaeum - the Master was pleased to welcome the Masters of the Masons', Woolmens', Lightmongers' and Basketmakers' Companies in addition to his principal guest, Ken Dwan - Master of the Company of Watermen and Lightermen. Once again, the Master had arranged for those present to view a selection of the famed collection of architectural drawings of the club premises before the lunch. Not surprisingly, Cornwall was on the menu - wines and Cornish lamb featured and it is possible that the potted shrimps also came from the fabled waters off 'sunny Bude'! The Master Waterman gave a highly entertaining speech covering his and his family's connection with the Thames. He had been a past winner of the Doggett Coat and Badge race, had represented Great Britain as an oarsman in two Olympic Games and had served as

one of the youngest of the Queen's Watermen and the Queen's Bargemaster. He kept a full house well entertained and was, he said, pleased to be present on an occasion which clearly (and surprisingly for architects) have a nautical flavour. Among the Master's personal guests were a number of his colleagues from the RNLI and the Surf Lifesaving Great Britain Rescue 2010 Bid Delivery Team.

## Coming Events

As this newsletter goes to print, the Master will be setting off with a group of members and friends of the Company on the **annual architectural study tour** - this time to the **Deccan area of Central India**. There will be a detailed report in a future edition.

There are places available for those wishing to attend the **United Guilds Service** on **Friday 7 March** at St Paul's Cathedral. This very special occasion in the City civic's annual calendar is followed by a lunch at Plaisterers' Hall as guests of their Master. Tickets for the lunch are available at a cost of £45.00 per head..

Notices have been sent out for the **Annual Livery Banquet** which returns again this year to the **Mansion House on Wednesday 12 March**. The principal guest will be the Master's Cornish compatriot - Alderman Sir David Brewer who served as Lord Mayor in 2005-06.

This year's **Peter Milo Memorial Lecture** will be at **Drapers' Hall on Tuesday 15 April**. In a departure from its format in recent years the lecture will follow the next meeting of the Court with the evening being made up of two separate elements. A lecture given by David Nixon (the British architect and principal of Altus Associates in Los Angeles) will talk on '*Architecture in Orbit - The International Space Station*' will be charged at the normal RIBA Lecture series rates - £12.00 per head or £8.00 for students. This will be followed by a subscription dinner in the Hall at which there will be further illustrated talks given by Will Whitehorn - President of Virgin Galactic and Grant Brooker of Foster and Partners on '*Spaceport America*' and '*Space for Everyone*' and, finally, by Astronaut and Oceanographer Dr Paul Scully Power on '*earth from Space*'. The event is being arranged on behalf of the Company by William Murray and Wordsearch and full details and costs will be sent out shortly.

There are still a few places available for the **Master's Weekend Trip to the Isles of Scilly - Friday - Monday, 16 -19 May**. A further calling notice is attached.

It is hoped that dates will shortly be found in June for a lunchtime talk on the Ardwinia with any surplus going as a donation to the RNLI and for a visit (probably on a Sunday) to North Weald Airfield Museum. This latter event will be priced so as to encourage members to bring children where appropriate.

The **Annual Service and Election Court Dinner** will be held on **Tuesday 8 July**- details of the venue and the speaker will be resolved shortly.

The **Installation Court Lunch** will be on **Tuesday 16 September** at Salters' Hall - designed by Sir Basil Spence with David Hicks interiors.

The Annual Service of Christmas Carols will take place at St Mary-le-Bow on Wednesday 10 December. There will be a supper to follow the service but details are still to be resolved.

Advance notice is given of the **2009 Architectural Study Trip to West Coast USA** featuring visits to Phoenix, Arizona (for Taliesin West), Los Angeles and San Francisco. Details and costs will be circulated in the coming months but timing has been more or less established as 15 April to 1/2 May 2009.

## Growing the Trust Fund

At the Court meeting on 21 January the Trustees of the Company's Charitable Trust reported concern at the lack of regular giving by a majority of the Company's membership. Individual generosity was gratefully acknowledged, but those not contributing were reminded that charitable giving is a duty of all in the Company.

It has been identified that in some instances, former covenant undertakings and standing orders in favour of the Trust have become defunct and their renewal has been overlooked. The Trustees will write to each member of the Company in the near future with an appeal for regular charitable giving.



## Supporting the Master- Rescue 2010

You will have noted the Master's involvement in attracting the Lifesaving World Championships to the UK in 2010. He headed up the Bid and is now involved as Chairman of the team that has to ensure the delivery of the Championships which will, unsurprisingly, to be held in Cornwall. The event, which very much falls into the category of 'sport with a purpose' will be the largest gathering of sportsmen outside of the Olympics available to Great Britain before 2012. It is possible that the facilities created for the games will find use in 2012 as training facilities for one of the teams visiting the country for the Olympics.

The success of the Bid, which had been kick started by Alderman Sir David Brewer during his year as Lord Mayor, was acknowledged at a reception at St James's Palace hosted by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. The Master was pleased to welcome no fewer than eleven Masters or senior representatives of other Companies to the reception and to have the support of Company members - a couple of whom are photographed below.



## Visit to York Guild of Building

Along with fostering relations with other Companies in London, the WCCA maintains a dialogue with the York Guild of Building which was established during the Mastership of Peter Dale who subsequently became its Master. Jaki Howes is also a member of the Guild. Each year their Master and Clerk are invited as guests of the Company to attend our Livery banquet and each year they reciprocate and kindly invite others of our members to attend their annual awards Dinner. In November, a sizeable party from the Company made the trek

north and enjoyed generous hospitality in the fabulous surroundings of Merchant Adventurers' Hall - one of the finest examples of a medieval guildhall surviving anywhere in Europe and completed in 1360.

The Master & Past Master Alan Downing and their wives made a weekend of it and stayed for the Guild's annual service on the Sunday. Pictured



here are the Master, his Lady and Alan Downing with the Lord Mayor of York - some resplendent in hats though the Master forsook the chance to wear his!

## Blog Spot

Howard Copping has been spending some of his leisure time setting up a Company web-log or Blog. Not an attractive word; perhaps off putting to those who share the view that the world wide web is hardly a force for good when the use of the English language is concerned. Sadly, while the site under development it suffers further by being called a Blogspot. Sounds a bit like road kill!

Notwithstanding this, it is a most useful tool for the Company's members. It can be updated easily and frequently by the Clerk, is more readily accessible and can provide an almost day to day commentary on what is happening in the Company. What is more, it is interactive - that is, you can get to respond to comments posted and, so long as your remarks pass the censors pen, they hit the airwaves pretty quickly.

The blog site acts as an adjunct to the main web-site of the Company. It is hoped that you will check it out and respond and interact. Let the Clerk know if you find it helpful or, indeed, if there is anything you would like posted on the site.



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