

Spring Newsletter from the Master

April 2017

Our Company has had a very busy start to the year, with numerous events and exciting initiatives, as well as welcoming eminent new members. The re-formatted Committees met in January and March, and Court convened at the end of February to progress our aims and objectives. This newsletter highlights our recent and forthcoming activities.

Strategic Plan: An update of our current strategic plan is under way to review the Company's progress over the past two years and to set the scene for the next five. We will be seeking your views on how best to continue the renaissance of the WCCA to further improve its relevance, effectiveness and outreach to our Livery, the City and our profession.

Membership Survey: The Membership Committee, led by Junior Warden Valerie Owen Le Vaillant OBE, is undertaking a survey of all our Freemen and Liverymen to better understand your views, needs and ambitions for our Company, to help shape our future strategic plan and activities. Please look out for this survey and respond!

Royal Charter: Past Master and Clerk Emeritus David Cole-Adams is preparing an application for a Royal Charter to enhance our status as a Worshipful Livery Company. Alongside this, our ordinances, bylaws and rules are being reviewed and updated, including the proposed introduction of an annual 'Common Hall' meeting for all of our Livery.

Charitable Trust Fund: The fund now stands at £610,000 and our charitable disbursements have increase by 20% this year to £18,000. We are heading towards our target of achieving £1 million in the fund by 2020, with a campaign being formulated to increase donations from our Livery and other supporters. A new Trustee has been appointed (David Cole-Adams) and an updated Trust Deed is being developed by the Trustees in consultation with the Court, to enable the future success and growth of the charitable objectives of the WCCA.

New Year Court: The Court met on 28th February at Drapers' Hall and considered our current initiatives, including developing our administrative infrastructure and possibly making our home in Temple Bar. The Court admitted 6 new Freemen and installed 14 new Liverymen into the Company. We offer a warm welcome to them all.

Company Infrastructure: The Finance and Strategy Committee, with our other Committees and Clerk Jonathan Soar, are now considering improvements in our administrative infrastructure and communications including our website, member database and financial systems, to provide a better service to our increased membership and stakeholders.



New Freemen:

Bob ALLIES
Caroline
BUCKINGHAM
Nathan FREEBURY
Graham MORRISON
Keith PRIEST
David THOMPSON

New Liverymen:

Gerald BOWEY
Rupert COOK
Martyn EVANS
Brian GODFREY
Neil GRIFFITHS
Tzena JAMES
Nigel LEA
Tim LUCAS
Lucy MUSGRAVE
Tina PAILLET
Patrik
SCHUMACHER
Julian SHARPE
Philip TURNER
Matt YEOMAN

Recent Events...

City Architecture Award 2016: The Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Alderman Dr Andrew Parmley, ably assisted by the Master and Past Master Chief Commoner, Michael Welbank MBE, on 6th February, unveiled the plaque commemorating the WCCA City Building of the Year Award 2016 at One New Ludgate, designed by Fletcher Priest.



Banquet 2017: Over 230 Livery members and guests enjoyed our annual banquet in the splendour of Drapers' Hall on the evening of 28th February with musical entertainment provided by a Baroque String Quartet. The guest speaker Peter St John (Caruso St John Architects) talked about his Stirling Prize-winning Newport Street Gallery for the artist Damien Hirst.



Consort's Event "Medicinal Magic of Kew": The Master's wife, Professor Nicola Brindley, with the Wardens' Consorts, hosted a luncheon, lecture and tour of the herbarium and research laboratories at Kew Gardens on 3rd March. This was enjoyed by the Consorts of 38 other Livery Companies and highlighted the research work being done in the UK for Chinese herbal medicine.



Master's Reception: A convivial social event was held at the new Bartlett School of Architecture Building on 28th March, with presentations by the UCL Dean and Head of School. The RIBA student prize and Banister Fletcher medal were awarded to Bartlett students by the RIBA Director of Education and the Master. Tours of the new Bartlett building by the architects Hawkins Brown were led by Liveryman Roger Hawkins. The Bartlett UCL has a particular resonance for the Master who studied, examined, lectured and currently is a Post-Graduate Studies director there. A 'Part 3' client presentation course was recently run based on designing a new Livery all for the WCCA.

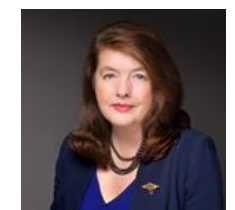


WCCA Monthly Gatherings: Our programme of regular informal gatherings and architectural discussions (held on the second Monday in the month) have taken place in the offices of our Livery members and got off to a great start with very enjoyable evenings at Hawkins Brown, Stiff + Trevillion and Weston Williamson. The next gathering will be at Chris Dyson's Offices 6:30-8:30pm on Monday 8th May – details to be issued shortly by the Clerk. Future practice visits on 12th June will be held at PRP Architects and on 10th July at Pitman Tozer; the Events Committee are in advanced talks for the venue on 11th September.



Other News

Congratulations to the Junior Warden, Valerie Owen Le Vaillant OBE for recently being voted best Non-Executive Director (Not-for-Profit Sector) in the Sunday Times Business Awards.



Chisom Odeomene is a very bright 16 year-old girl interested in pursuing a career in architecture. She is looking for one week's work experience from mid-July. If any of our members can accommodate Chisom and would like a copy of her CV, please could you contact Olivia Cross at Assael Architecture in the first instance (oliviacruz@assael.co.uk).

The Future....Coming Up

WCCA 2017 City Architecture Awards: Judging of the short-listed buildings for this year's WCCA awards will take place on 19th April, with a panel chaired by Paul Finch and including the Master Richard Brindley, Immediate Past Master Peter Murray and the Lady Mayoress Wendy Parmley. The winners are due to be announced and awarded at our Election Court dinner on 5th July 2017.

Lord Mayor's Race Day, Ascot, 3rd May: If anyone is interested in going to this event, which is aimed at raising funds for the Lord Mayor's Appeal, please contact the Clerk (clerk@architectscompany.org).

Accounts Court & Lunch 11th May: This will be held at the stunning new Leathersellers' Hall, a venue not usually open to others. Our guest speaker is Eric Parry, who designed the new hall, which received our special City Architecture Award last year. The calling notice for this unique event will be issued soon by the Clerk.

Master's Tour of Bologna 12-14th May: 40 members and friends of the WCCA are taking part in the Master's architectural tour of the historic city of Bologna, including a tour of nearby Modena and the Ferrari HQ building designed by Future Systems, as well as other local modern architectural gems by Kenzo Tange and Le Corbusier. (Kindly note this is fully booked.)

Election Court & Dinner 5th July: This will unusually be held outside of the City at the RIBA, in conjunction with the RIBA's International symposium and the RIBA Council Dinner Club. There will be rare outing of the Dinner Club's unique and historic silverware collection for our Livery dinner. Please book this date in your diary.

Livery Halls Book: Our Events Committee, led by Renter Warden Barry Munday, and working with Livery member and publisher Hugh Merrell, is exploring the publication of a new book on the architecture and history of the City's Livery Halls, to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the WCCA being granted Worshipful Livery Company status in 1988.

Sheriffs' Ball 2017: The Master has booked a table for the WCCA at the 2nd Sheriffs' Ball to be held in Guildhall on 15th September. A great time was had by members of the Livery who attended the inaugural event last year, and significant funds were raised for the Lord Mayor's appeal. There are limited places available at our Company Table for £225 each. If you would like to be there, please contact the Master: rbrindley.architect@gmail.com

Open House 2017: Led by Upper Warden Stephen Wagstaffe, the WCCA facilitates the opening of the City's 43 active churches as part of the national annual Open House event, to be held this year on 16th and 17th September. Each day is divided into two halves – a morning session from 10.00am to 1.00pm and an afternoon session from 1.00pm to 5.00pm. If you are available for a ½ day or more over those 2 days, please contact our coordinator, Liveryman Patricia Stefanowicz: 020 7286 4505 or 07968 888 754 or stefanowiczpkc@hotmail.com

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