



The Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects

My year as Master

2024/2025



On 26th September 2024

I was installed as the Company's Master having served as Junior, Renter and then Senior Warden in the three previous years. As the first son of a former Master, I took on the role 32 years after my Father, Stuart Murphy, who was Master in 1992.

My installation took place at St Lawrence Jewry



Attended, by my wife Pippa Murphy
and eldest daughter Ella Murphy



And followed by a sumptuous lunch
at Saddlers Hall



One of the challenges of the Master
is how best to share the experience
with members of the Company and
keep them updated on Company
activities. Shortly thereafter I took
to LinkedIn and for the subsequent
12 months posted details of what I
had been up to on the Company's
LinkedIn site. Those posts
are reproduced here.

7th October 2024

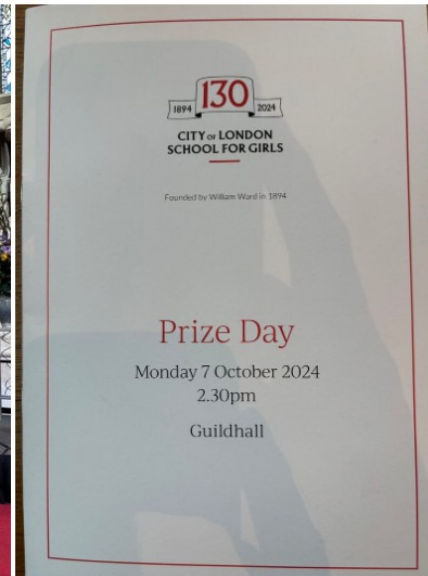


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Master's Blog: Monday was back at Guildhall for the City of London School for Girls Prize Giving where, in the School's 130 year, the Architects Company awarded the Design Technology Prize to Alexia Pearman and the Art Prize to Sylvia Thukral, with the £100 book tokens being funded from our Charitable Trust



10th October 2024



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Master's Blog: Delighted to have the opportunity today after the lunchtime service to present Fr. James Titley, vicar of St Lawrence Jewry, with his badge formally confirming his as the Chaplain to the Company



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Yesterday, we were delighted to hold an event to celebrate the winner of the 2024 City Building of the Year Award - 8 Bishopsgate by [WilkinsonEyre](#) for [Stanhope PLC](#) and [Mitsubishi Estate Co., Ltd.](#)

We were honoured to be joined by Lord Mayor, [Michael Mainelli](#), who unveiled a plaque at the base of the tower. He was welcomed by Master, [Giles Murphy](#), and Past Master, [Chris Dyson](#) spoke on behalf of the jury. The jurors were unanimous in their decision, and praised the project's civic quality, "which sees the building as a welcoming City facility rather than an office 'fortress'."

[Oliver Tyler](#), Managing Director of WilkinsonEyre gave a brief presentation on the design, which has already gained a number of industry awards, but "it is particularly rewarding for it to be recognised for the quality of its architecture."

Thank you to all who attended and made this such a special afternoon.

Photography: Richard Sharp



14th October 2024



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Master's Blog: I was delighted to attend the installation of David Reynolds as the Master Chartered Surveyor in the glorious surroundings of Drapers' Hall on Monday evening.



15th October 2024



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Master's Blog: Tonight the Master and Wardens were at Temple Bar hosting around 20 of the Wardens of the [The Construction Liveries Group](#) to discuss what we can all do better in promoting the construction industry. Expertly organised by Renter Warden [Nigel Ostime](#) the idea of the event is to build longer lasting relationships among the Wardens rather than just when everyone becomes Master.



16th October 2024



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Master's Blog: Wednesday night was the Masters' & Clerks' Dinner at Apothecaries Hall as the guest of the Musicians' Company, although sadly our Clerk (and his wife) have gone down with COVID so I was flying solo this time.



5th November 2024



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Master's Blog: A Solemn start to the week as representatives of all of the City of London Livery Companies place a cross in the Garden of Remembrance at St Paul's Cathedral



8th November 2024



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Master's Blog: Friday (part 1) began with attendance at the Temple Bar Trust AGM. I can report that the entity that manages our Livery Hall is in good health and now proudly displaying the Company crest above the entrance way.



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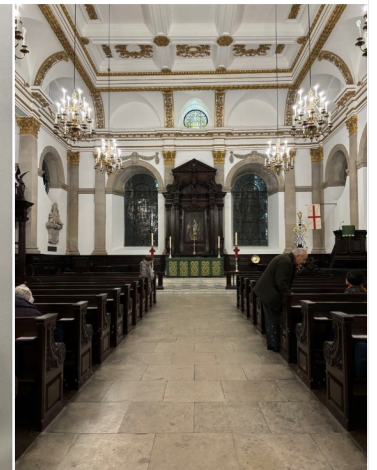
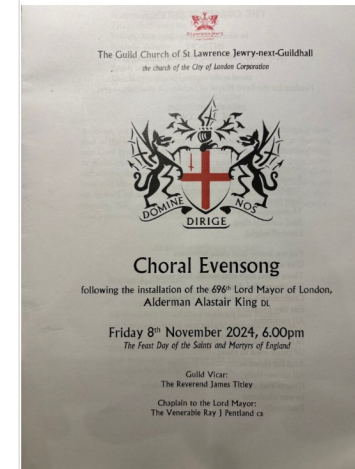
Master's Blog: Friday (part 2) on behalf of the Company I attended the Silent Ceremony at Guildhall, when the transfer from the now former Lord Mayor, Michael Mainelli, to the new Lord Mayor, Alistair King, takes place in almost complete silence.



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Master's Blog: Friday (part 3) attendance at Choral Evensong at 'our church' St Lawrence Jewry following the installation of the 696th Lord Mayor of London



9th November 2024



Giles Murphy • You

Managing Partner UK South at Xeinadin and Immediate Past Master of the Ar...

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Delighted, honoured and privileged to take part in one of the greatest celebratory parades in the world as we welcomed in the new Lord Mayor of London, Alastair King, in the annual Lord Mayor's Show as Master of the 1 ...more



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Master's Blog: After all the fun of the Lord Mayor's Show on Saturday, Sunday was a more sombre, but no less important event, attending the Service of Remembrance at St Paul's Cathedral, followed by the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial at the Royal Exchange



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Master's Blog: the final event in Remembrance Week for your Master was to attend the opening of the Temple Bar Gates, followed by a Service at the London Stock Exchange War Memorial in Paternoster Square. At the outbreak of the Great War, around 1,600 members of the Exchange formed the London Stock Exchange Regiment and fought in the trenches. Over 400 never returned. Afterwards, we were invited to a drinks reception on the roof terrace of the Exchange with some amazing views over St Pauls (although I am not sure I really needed a glass of port at 11:30 in the morning!)



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Master's Blog: On Monday lunchtime, I attended, as guest of Sheriff Greg Jones, lunch with the Judges at the Old Bailey and then sat in on a murder trial in Court 7. Photography isn't allowed, so instead I have posted a picture signposting the Clink restaurant at Brixton Prison that I attended just before my installation. I have now seen at first hand both ends of the Criminal Justice System; the trial and the rehabilitation. Both face immense challenges, but have some wonderful people working for them. If you ever get the chance, do go for a meal at <https://lnkd.in/eF4T23Pu> as it is an experience you won't forget.



Brixton – The Clink Charity

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14th November 2024



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Master's Blog: A busy day on Tuesday as we welcomed 11 new Liverymen to the Company. It all began with a visit to the Chamberlain's Court to become Freeman of the City of London before a Court meeting at Temple Bar when al ...more



20th November 2024



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Master's Blog: This afternoon I attended a presentation from the Lord Mayor to the Livery Companies and we heard about the results of the 2024 survey into philanthropy by Livery Companies. This obviously resonated with me, given the theme for my year is Charitable Giving, so I thought I would share some of the highlights. In the last year, over £80m was given by the Livery movement, the average donation per Liveryman was £221 per annum, with the biggest category of recipients of support being 'education'. We have a thriving Charitable Trust that supports many good causes. If you believe you might have one and want to find out more about what we support, visit the website at [@https://lnkd.in/ezbU2Vk3](https://lnkd.in/ezbU2Vk3) and email any request for support to Clerk of the Trustees, Audrey Hesse, at adddesse@msn.com



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3rd December 2024



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Master's Blog: A day of governance, where we held the four quarterly committee meetings, covering Membership & Communication, Education, Events plus Finance & Strategy. All very positive with lots of actions to take forward. Beforehand we interviewed six potential new Freeman of the Company, all with very interesting and differing backgrounds. If you know of someone who you think might be interested in joining the Company, please do let the Clerk know.



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5th December 2024



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Master's Blog: I was very fortunate to attend this week the 2024 Training Awards of the Worshipful Company of Plaasterers at their impressive Livery Hall (the largest, compared to ours which is the smallest!) and hear some truly inspiring stories of how the trade has helped apprentices with some challenging backgrounds find a purpose.



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Master's Blog: On Thursday 5th December, we held our Christmas Carol Service with the Entrepreneurs and Constructors at St Lawrence Jewry, before a supper at Temple Bar. It is almost three months since I was installed as Master at the Church and I am very grateful to all members of the Company for the support they have given me over this period. Happy Christmas!



9th December 2024



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Master's Blog: Monday night was Christmas drinks at Temple Bar to thank all of our friends and supporters. The venue is becoming increasingly popular as a place for lectures, drinks receptions and exquisite dinners, so if you or your company have anything particularly special to celebrate in 2025, do think about Temple Bar as the location.



10th December 2024



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Master's Blog: Many congratulations to all of the winners of the 2024 Architectural Book of the Year who received their awards on Tuesday night at Temple Bar. Check out the Architects Company instagram feed for details of all of the winners and for all those travelling out to Dublin on the overseas trip in the Spring I will have expected you to have read Niall McCullough's winner of the History category!



17th December 2024



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Master's Blog: The Livery Christmas festivities concluded for me with a very enjoyable and uplifting Chartered Surveyors Carol Service at St Mary Le Bow. Can I take this opportunity to wish all members of the Company a relaxing, enjoyable and peaceful time over the festive period and I look forward to seeing you all again in 2025



14th January 2025

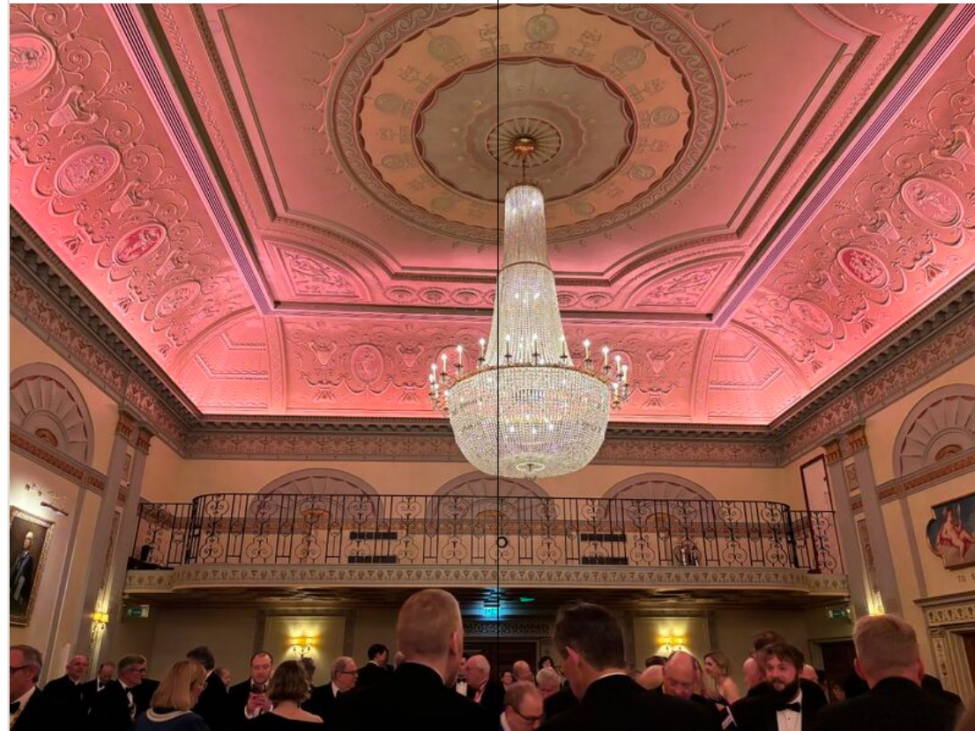


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Master's Blog: The first event of 2025 was a dinner for the Masters & Clerks of 68 livery companies hosted by the Plaisterers Company in their wonderful hall, the largest livery hall in the City. We were all reminded of the great work that livery companies undertake donating in the last financial year over £70m to charitable causes.....and a first for me in experiencing snuff at a livery dinner, courtesy of the Tobacco Pipe Makers Company!



15th January 2025

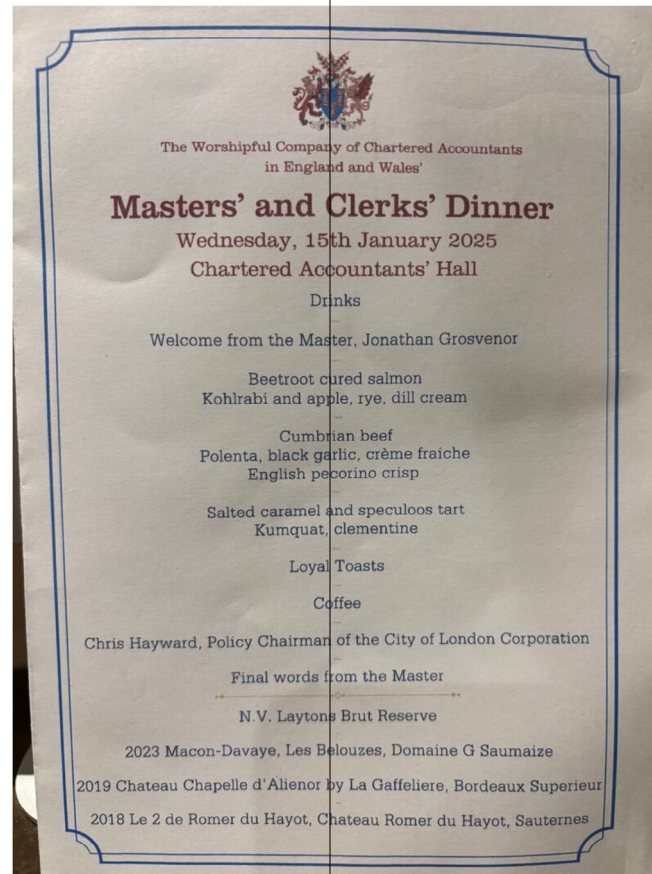


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Master's Blog: Two nights, two dinners, this time hosted by one of my other companies the Chartered Accountants, where all masters who are accountants are invited to Chartered Accountants Hall.....which was more fun that it might sound! No pictures of the fascinating interior of the Hall - you will have to come along to our July Dinner to experience that.



29th January 2025



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Master's Blog: A splendid evening accompanied by 222 friends and family at our Annual Banquet at Merchant Taylors Hall, enjoying a similar menu and wine list to that when the Company last dined in the Hall 32 years ago, when my Father was Master. The principal guest, [Michael Corbishley](#), updated us on the fine work being done by Homewards to make homelessness rare, brief and unrepeated. The Masters and Wardens are doing their bit, so please do scroll down and you will find the link to sponsor us for our sleep out in March.



As my Father never threw anything away, I still have copy of the menu card from when the Company last dined at Merchant Taylors' Hall on 11 February 1993 and as you can see from the two menus side by side below, the Catering Team at the Hall did a great job of reproducing what we had eaten and drunk 32 years previously.



AN EAST VIEW OF TEMPLE BAR, 1795.

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Master
STUART J. MURPHY, ESQ.

Livery Banquet

THURSDAY 11th FEBRUARY 1993

at

THE MERCHANT TAYLORS' HALL
30 THREADNEEDLE STREET, E.C.2

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Annual Banquet

Merchant Taylors' Hall on 29th January 2025



Master
Mr Giles Murphy

Wardens and Clerk

Upper Warden: Mr Chris Bicknell
Renter Warden: Mr Nigel Ostime
Junior Warden: Mr Femi Oresanya
Clerk: Mr Lyndon Jones

GRACE
by The Master

MENU

<i>Chateau Thieuley, 1991</i>	Melon Pearls with Orange Chive Sauce
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	Baked Parcel of Brill and Scampi Mousseline with Vermouth Sauce
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<i>Monterey Californian Classic Cabernet Sauvignon, 1989</i>	Salmi of Venison, Pheasant and Grouse Seasonal Vegetables
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<i>Grahams LBV</i>	Bombe Danicheff Coffee, interior Praline with Rum Sauce
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<i>Cognac Hine VSOP</i>	Coffee Mints

GRACE

From the "Landi Spirituali" - A.D. 1545
For these and all Thy mercies given,
We bless and praise Thy Name, O Lord
May we receive them with thanksgiving.
Ever trusting in Thy word:
To Thee alone be honour and glory,
Now and henceforth for evermore.
Amen

THE LOVING CUP

ORGAN PROGRAMME - by ANDREW PEARMAIN F.R.C.O.

VOLUNTARY IN A MINOR
SINFONIA FROM CANTATA No. 1567
SORTIE

Maurice Green
J. S. Bach
Louis Levebre-Wely

MENU



Melon and Parma ham

Baked lemon sole with scampi mousseline,
sea herbs, white grapes and vermouth sauce

Loin of venison, braised venison bon bon,
celeriac gratin, seasonal vegetables and red currant jus

Dark chocolate & hazelnut triangle
with salted caramel ice cream



Chateau Thieuley, Bordeaux 2023

Monterey Pinot Noir, California 2022

Grahams LBV

Tea, Coffee and Petit Fours

*This menu, both food and wine, is a modern replica
of the one at the Banquet in this Hall in February 1993,
when the Master's father was Master*

10th February 2025



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Master's Blog: On Monday around 30 of us were lucky enough to attend a Company's Practice Visit, hosted by architect Tim Hyman of Derwent London, who explained Derwent's focus, ambition and desire to create flexible spaces that will last for the entire 21st century. If you haven't yet attended one of the Company's Practice Visits you really are missing out on one of the key benefits of being a member of the Company. Check out the Company's website for upcoming events.



25th February 2025



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Master's Blog: A tremendous night at Temple Bar for the student 'Pizza and Beer' evening. While that may have been the initial attraction for everyone to sign up, of much greater benefit was the great career advice (and life lessons) from the three eminent architects you can see in the photograph.



26th February 2025



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Master's Blog: Wednesday night I was back at Temple Bar, this time as a guest of the Worshipful Company of Lightmongers for the William Wright annual lecture given by Mark Sutton Vane and titled "Lighting Moves". A fascinating insight into how light can be used to focus and attract our attention in many different scenarios.



27th February 2025



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Master's Blog: Thursday night was in the wonderful setting of Guildhall for the 38th Tacitus Lecture presented by the Worshipful Company of World Traders and delivered by Pamela Coke-Hamilton, Executive Director of the International Trade Centre. Believed to be the largest attended lecture on the annual Livery Company circuit, Guildhall was packed to hear a fascinating insight into the importance of free trade, free movement of labour, technology and skills. Particularly pertinent, given what is going on in the world at present!



4th March 2025



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Master's Blog: Today was spent in meetings of the Company, covering Progression, Membership & Communications, Finance & Strategy and Events. In addition, in the Education Committee we discussed Level 7 apprenticeships and the importance they play in the Architectural Profession. We agreed to add our weight to the argument to retain these and will be writing to the Government to express our concerns about the proposed changes.



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Architects are essential to delivering the Government's ambition to build 1.5 million homes. ...more



RIBA President Muiyiwa Oki gives evidence at the @House of Commons Hous...

6th March 2025

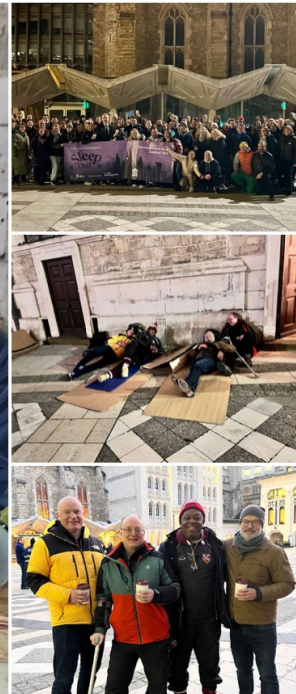


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Master's Blog: The morning after the night before. Thank you to my fellow Wardens Chris Bicknell, [Femi Oresanya](#) and [Nigel Ostime](#) for their companionship, good humour, support and to everyone who donated to us which made the evening more palatable. We were blessed with good weather, but it did get cold and the floor of Guildhall Yard is very hard! At least we all had loving families and warm showers to return to whereas rough sleepers will have to do it all again tonight. Big shout out to the Lady Mayoress who spent some of the night with us as you can see from one of the photos below.



10th March 2025



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Master's Blog: Monday night was the second of the two dinners each year for the Masters and Senior Wardens of the Modern Livery Companies - a lively group who share the common bond of achieving Livery Status after 1932. There are now 36 of us, with the Communicators being the most recent company to achieve the status meaning it is 113th in order of precedence. Each company takes it in turn to organise the event and given who organised this one we all received a boarding card on arrival!

HONOURABLE COMPANY OF AIR PILOTS	BOARDING PASS AND SEAT ALLOCATION
 THE HONOURABLE COMPANY OF AIR PILOTS	Name: Giles Murphy Seat Number: 50 Flight: Modern Companies Dinner Date: Monday 10 March 2025 Gate closes: 18.45 Departure: 19.00

18th March 2025



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Master's Blog: Lunch on Tuesday was as a guest of the Mason's Company for their Lady Day luncheon in Mercer's Hall, which is the only Livery Hall in the City to have its own private chapel - shame I decided to close my eyes at the crucial moment of the photo!



8th April 2025



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Master's Blog: The sun was shinning for our Spring Lunch held today at Butchers' Hall near Smithfield, which is of particular importance to the Company as we invite all of our Honorary Liverymen and Freemen to attend the event. A good time was had by all!



22th April 2025



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Master's Blog: A fascinating Practice Visit led by Stephen Herbert from AECOM, discussing the range of expertise within the organisation, the projects they have been working on and how he sees the future of the business develop.....with some delightful views across the City of London.



23rd April 2025



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Master's Blog: Well this event will be up there with one of my best memories of the year - The Honourable Company of Air Pilots' Cobham Lecture on RJ Mitchell, the designer of the Spitfire and the role it played in the Battle of Britain. A fascinating insight, not least into how the plane was conceived and video footage of interviews with a number of "the few" all who have sadly now passed away. It was also an opportunity to visit the splendid RAF Memorial opposite the RAF Club on Piccadilly in memory of those in Bomber Command.



30th April 2025



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Master's Blog: A busy week for the Company where we clothed eight new members of the Company at a Court Meeting at Temple bar and I then had the pleasure of lunching as a guest of the Worshipful Company of Plumbers and then enjoyed a private dinner at one of the Great 12 - both very special occasions



7th May 2025



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Master's Blog: A super day having lunch with a number of other Masters at the Goring Hotel, before spending the afternoon at a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace representing the Architects Livery Company and then tomorrow there is a service of remembrance at St Pauls to mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day. Feeling very proud to be your Master and very proud to be British!



11th May 2025



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A number of you will no doubt have seen a book review in this Saturday's FT (10/5/25) which highlights the author's erroneous assertion about the demise of architects, which is contrary to the WCCA's 'Global Hub' report statistical facts. Please see my response below submitted to the FT's editor today



The Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects
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Dear Sir

The FT book review on 10 May 2025 of 'The Manifesto House' by Owen Hopkins, highlights the authors fatuous claim that "architects' agency and influence have never been lower". This is certainly not the case for the architects' profession in the UK and particularly in London. The contrary is globally true for UK architects!

Data published in the recent report by the Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects (City of London Livery Company) "London: The Global Hub of Architecture" (April 2024) establishes that the UK and London is increasingly the world leading centre for international professional services in architecture. This assertion is based on comprehensive statistical data provided by detailed surveys by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), the Architects' Council of Europe (ACE) and WA100 survey of the world's top architecture in 2024.

Here are some key facts:

- Compared to any other country, the UK has the highest number of the World's Top 100 architecture practices (33%).
- London has the greatest concentration of international and UK architects in the World.
- The value of the international earnings of UK based RIBA Chartered Practices increased by an astonishing 43% from 2022-2024.
- 27% of London based UK chartered practice architects' earnings (17% UK-wide) are from international projects, compared to less than 3% for the EU.

The FT and the UK Government should be proudly promoting the global dominance and the value of the UK's Architectural Profession to UK plc. One of the few claims that can be made by UK politicians of the UK's world leading position, that is true!

Yours sincerely

Giles Murphy
Master
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15-18th May 2025



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Master's Blog: 30 of us have just returned from the Master's Weekend in Dublin, where we visited a range of buildings from the Guinness Storehouse, three libraries, historic buildings dating back hundreds of years along with new eco-friendly builds, but the picture that obviously needs sharing from this weekend away is the one below!



27th May 2025



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Master's Blog: As members of the Company will have seen, we were given the great privilege this week to attend Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral, sitting in our reserved seats in the Choir and then enjoyed drinks and a fascinating presentation by the Dean of St Pauls (and Honorary Company member) Andrew Tremlett in the Chapter House (the building next to Temple Bar)



3rd June 2025



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Master's Blog: A wonderful experience this week at the Engineers' Awards in the delightful surroundings of Goldsmiths Hall. Sat between two members of their Company proudly displaying their OBEs was a humbling start but then to hear of the amazing awards being presented to people genuinely at the forefront of their sector (and often only in their early twenties) made me feel somewhat inadequate, but at least reassured of the engineering talent we have in this Country. PS How do they light all of the 48 candles in each chandelier?



11th June 2025



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Master's Blog; A fascinating evening wandering around the City in the hands of Heather and Constantinos from [Pollinating London Together](#) understanding the importance of the green spaces in the City and the fundamental role they play



12th June 2025



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Master's Blog: Thursday was all about meeting other members of Livery Companies, enjoying their hospitality and fascinating insights. Lunch was courtesy of the Tylers & Bricklayers at Ironmongers' Hall and then an evening banquet at Fishmongers' Hall as a guest of the Constructors. Friday was a quiet day!



17th June 2025



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Master's Blog: Our annual Milo Lecture was presented by Sir Charles Saumarez Smith CBE at 8 Bishopsgate on Wednesday evening to a packed audience of fellow Masters, members of the Company and their guests. Charles spoke on the Role of the Client and suggested there is little literature available to educate the client on how they should engage with an architect. However, my email has been hot today with members of the Company highlighting that there is in fact quite a bit of literature available on this matter. The Chartered Institute of Building now have a third edition of their publication "Construction: Client Guide" and the RIBA has published two books "A Domestic Client's Guide to Engaging an Architect" and a similar Commercial Client's Guide. To me a successful lecture is one that provokes debate, so I think we can safely say we achieved that!



24th June 2025



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Master's Blog: On Tuesday, Liverymen of the City's Livery Companies met at Guildhall and duly elected Keith Bottomley and Robert Hughes-Penney to serve as the next Sheriffs of the City of London, taking office for this annual position on 26 September.



29th June 2025



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Master's Blog: I had the very great pleasure of waving off 30 riders from Hampton Court Palace today (after having attended the 8:30am service at the beautiful Chapel Royal inside the Palace) and I am delighted to report that all successfully completed the 26 bridge course being greeted by the Lady Mayoress at Tower Bridge. Well done all!



30th June 2025



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Master's Blog: Monday night was a very enjoyable dinner (albeit very warm) as a guest of the Guild of Freeman at Haberdashers' Hall (closing the next day for three months to have air con installed!). You might think this is an odd picture to share of the back of my head, but it is just to confirm that after being Master of the Company for over 9 months I still have the ability make others laugh!



2nd July 2025



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Master's Blog: 2 July 2025 was the 40th anniversary of the first Court Meeting of the Company and we celebrated by having 17 (out of the Company's 39 Masters) all present for a dinner at Temple Bar



10th July 2025



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Master's Blog: A big thank you to everyone who attended an evening full of fun and awards at our Summer Livery Dinner at (a new venue for us) Chartered Accountants Hall in the City of London. We presented the awards for City of London Building of the Year 2025 and played a video of the judging day - just go on to You Tube and search for the Architects Livery Company to view



15th July 2025

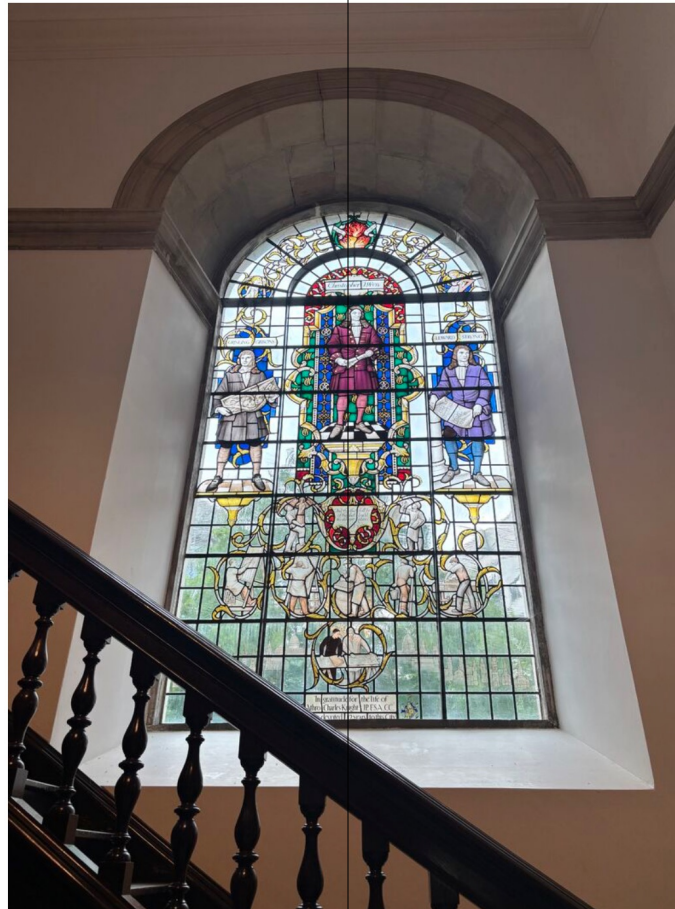


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Master's Blog: Tonight I attended St Lawrence Jewry representing the Company for the annual rededication service and I thought I would share a picture of the Sir Christopher Wren window. He is flanked by Master Carver Grinling Gibbons and Master Mason Edward Strong. Apparently that is Cecil Brown at the foot of the window, the architect of the post war restoration of the Church.



16th July 2025



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Master's Blog: On Wednesday I attended Mansion House as a guest of the Chartered Accountant's Company (a bit odd as I am also a Liveryman of said Company) but had the pleasure of dining on top table and sitting next to Alan Vallance, CEO of ICAEW and former CEO of RIBA. An interesting discussion ensued comparing architects and accountants!



30th July 2025



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Master's Blog: On Wednesday, I attended The Construction Liveries Group (CLG) meeting (at Temple Bar), which has been reconstituted under the dynamic leadership of [Melanie Hampton](#). The CLG is a group of around 20 or so livery companies all involved in the broader construction industry. They have their own LinkedIn page, which provides more information, so please do search for them and follow their posts.

4th August 2025



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Master's Blog: A few week's ago I took part with some other Company members in judging our annual Drawing Prizes and had the pleasure this evening to confirm the winners and runners up in each of the four categories. The judges were blown away by the quality of the submissions and the winning drawings will be on display at the installation lunch on 24 September - go to the Company's website to book now!

6th August & 28th August 2025



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Master's Blog: It was a great pleasure for the Clerk and me to attend the Court Lunch of the Carpenters' Company and welcome in the new Master, Lawrence Mallinson, who I sat next to at lunch, with an architect on my other side. Now into my 11th month as Master I managed to engage in an architectural conversation, without, I hope, letting the profession down!



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Master's Blog: We are very proud of the Company's association with Orpington Sea Cadets, so it was an honour to attend their end of season sailing evening and BBQ along with [Sebastian Rowland](#) and to participate, albeit in one of the safety boats, not in one of the dinghies!



15th September 2025



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Master's Blog: Monday night was the six-monthly dinner of the Modern Livery Companies held at the always impressive Armourer's Hall and organised by the Tobacco Pipe Makers Company, a modern livery company with some historic roots. They also provided the snuff which was of particular interest to your next Master!



17th September 2025



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Master's Blog: Wednesday night was the Lightmongers' Court Dinner at the lovely Watermans' Hall. What I love about these events is the range of people you meet. Last night I had the pleasure of meeting a former Captain of the aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth and a former rugby league player for Leeds Rhinos!



21st September & 22nd September 2025



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Master's Blog: Temple Bar looking glorious on Sunday afternoon, the last of the four Open House days which saw over 1,200 people enjoy one of over 40 presentations from Grant Smith and other Trustees on the history of Temple Bar and a visit to the Chamber itself.



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Master's Blog: My last lunch as Master was as a guest of Richard Crane, former colleague, Master of one of the other Modern Livery Companies and one whose period of tenure neatly coincided with mine. Anyone recognise the Livery Hall?



23rd September 2025

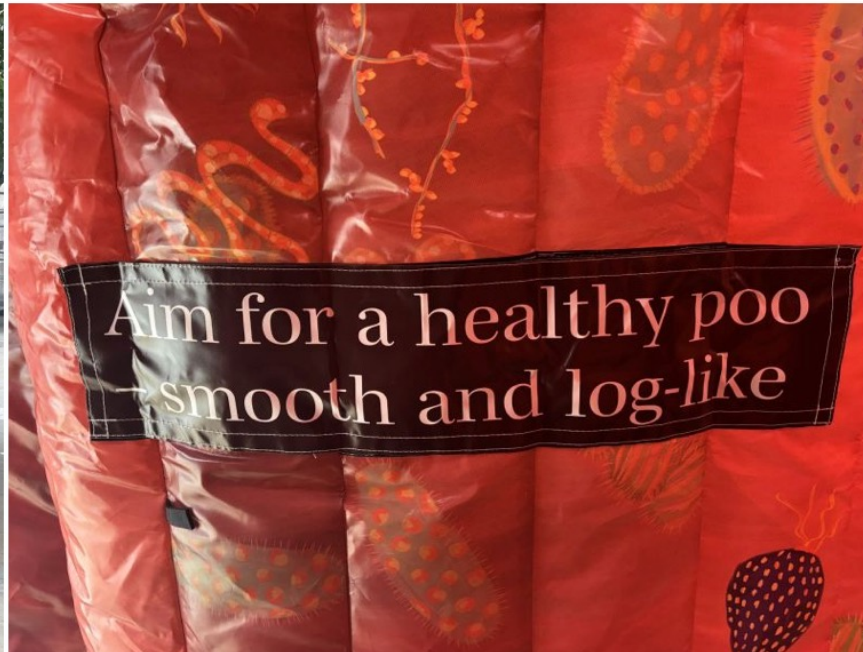


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Master's Blog: My last official duty as your Master was to welcome the Princess Royal to Paternoster Square for the launch of the Inside Out Festival aimed at improving the health of everyone's gut. Paternoster Square was filled with an inflatable gut, that you could walk through, and it concluded with some wording that I thought I should share with you all, as my last piece of advice as your Master!



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