



COMMON HALL

13 NOVEMBER 2025

COMMON HALL AGENDA

- WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION BY THE MASTER
- REVIEW OF THE LAST MASTER'S YEAR – GILES MURPHY
- LOOKING AHEAD – MASTER
- FINANCIAL UPDATE – CLERK
- REPORT FROM THE CHARITABLE TRUST – STUART LE SAGE
- REPORT ON THE COMPANY'S HALL – GRANT SMITH
- QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS



REVIEW OF THE LAST MASTER'S YEAR

GILES MURPHY



KEY OBJECTIVE:

- To hand the Company on at the end of the year in a better position than you inherited it

SOME ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Membership, including students, has risen from 309 to 335
- LinkedIn followers now 1,972, up by almost 100%
- Newsletter regularly opened by 80% of recipients
- Updated our Strategy through to 2028
- Launched Heritage Archive Site
- Financial surplus of £3,200
- Open House weekend visits to Temple Bar
- Masters Board at Temple Bar.....and a paving slab
- Dinners/lunches/lectures attended personally well over 50
- Weight gain of zero pounds!
- However.....

THE MOST POIGNANT



THE MOST FUN





THE MOST CHALLENGING



THE MOST EDUCATIONAL



THE MOST
MEMORABLE



THE MOST PREPARATION



THE MOST ROYAL



THE MOST
UNEXPECTED



THE MOST SMART



THE MOST RISKY



THE MOST
ENERGETIC



THE MOST
IMPORTANT





LOOKING AHEAD

MASTER — CHRIS BICKNELL

ON YOUR MARKS....

24TH SEPTEMBER 2025



MAKING HISTORY — X MARKS THE SPOT
... REMEMBERING THAT ARCHITECTURE ISN'T
JUST ABOUT BUILDINGS—IT'S ABOUT PEOPLE,
POSSIBILITY, AND PURPOSE.
SO HERE IS TO A YEAR OF RELEVANCE. OF
SUSTAINABILITY. OF PROGRESS—WITH JUST
THE RIGHT TOUCH OF PLAYFULNESS.



LEARNING

30+ .. And counting!



FESTIVE SEASON AND INTO 2026....

NOVEMBER:

19TH – STUDENT BEER AND PIZZA AT TEMPLE BAR

27TH – ARCHITECTS COMPANY BOOK AWARDS

DECEMBER

11TH – ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE AT ST LAWRENCE JEWRY, GUILDHALL

15TH – AWARDS PRESENTATION AT ORPINGTON SEA CADETS

MAY / JUNE

MASTERS VISIT – CONFIRMED AS GUERNSEY CHANNEL ISLANDS

LADY MAYOR SLEEP OUT – MASTER, WARDENS, BEADLE AND CLERK! (26TH JUNE)

LATER...

MASTERS DOMESTIC WEEKEND - SHEFFIELD AND DERBYSHIRE – CUTLERS HALL SHEFFIELD

CHELSEA PENSIONERS VISIT? / LIVERY HALL VISITS – STATIONERS / WAX CHANDLERS / MORE?

COMPANY SUGGESTIONS?.....

ARCHITECTS' COMPANY'S ARCHITECTURE APPRENTICE AWARDS FOR 2026

Deadline fast approaching

Key Message

* Giving *

WCCA contribute to over
£90M charitable contribution
annually

FINANCIAL UPDATE

THE CLERK

HEADLINES

- OUR FINANCIAL YEAR IS 30 JUNE
- IN THE YEAR TO 30.6.23 THE **NEGATIVE** CASH IMPACT ON THE COMPANY WAS £41,460
- IN THE YEAR TO 30.6.24 THE **NEGATIVE** IMPACT WAS REDUCED TO £7,330
- IN THE YEAR TO 30.6.25 THE **POSITIVE** CASH IMPACT WAS £9,453.
IN ADDITION, WE RECEIVED A LEGACY OF £64,086
- WHAT HAPPENED?

REASONS FOR IMPROVEMENT

- SIGNIFICANT RECRUITMENT OF NEW MEMBERS. OVER 80 IN THE LAST TWO YEARS
- LESS RELIANCE ON OUTSIDE CONTRACTORS AND BRINGING FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT "IN HOUSE"
- TWO MORE YEARS OF RECRUITING 20 MEMBERS PER ANNUM WILL REMOVE OUR RELIANCE ON FINES (WHICH ARE ONE-OFF)

CURRENT POSITION

CURRENT ASSETS

- £30,000+ CURRENT WORKING CASH BALANCE
- £200,000 ON INTEREST EARNING DEPOSIT

RESULTS FOR YEAR TO 30 JUNE 2025

INCOME	£116,087
OPERATING COSTS	£ 99,507
EVENT COSTS	£ 13,326 (AFTER SOME SPONSORSHIP)
SURPLUS	£ 3,214 (AFTER DEBTORS AND CREDITORS)

COMPANY OF
CHARTERED
ARCHITECTS
CHARITABLE
TRUST FUND

REPORT TO COMMON HALL - 13TH NOV 2025
STUART LE SAGE - CHAIRMAN OF THE TRUSTEES

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS & APPRENTICES

- THE PETER LUSCOMBE ART PRIZE
- THE DAVID HUBERT BURSARY
- THE ASSAEL AWARD FOR TENACITY
- THE ILKON TRANSPORT AWARD
- APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS
- THE PATRICIA & ALASTAIR STEWART FUND
- WCCA STUDENTS SOCIAL EVENINGS – PIZZA & BEER EVENINGS

CT SUPPORT
FOR THE CITY
OF LONDON

The Lord Mayor's
Appeal Fund

The Sheriffs &
Recorders Fund

The Orpington Sea
Cadets



CT SUPPORT FOR THE PROFESSION

- THE ARCHITECTS BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

CT SUPPORT
GOING
FORWARD &
FUTURE
PLANS

Cadet of the Year Award
for the Orpington Sea
Cadets

Reinstatement of the Stuart
Murphy Travel Award

Engage and support more
Schools of Architecture

CHARITABLE TRUST INCOME

Invested Trust Fund
Interest

Charitable Giving by
Company Members

Legacies

REPORT ON THE COMPANY'S HALL

GRANT SMITH



APPEARANCE



FINANCE

NOV 24 – OCT 25

GROSS SALES £75,180

NET EARNINGS £50,170

NOV 23 – OCT 24

GROSS SALES £59,475

NET EARNINGS £39,520

DINNERS & COMMERCIAL HIRE



TALKS



GUESTS & VISITORS

London Appreciation Society



University of 3rd Age



Andy's Man Club



Sir Christopher Wren



Jill Hicks, 7/7 survivor



HRH The Princess Royal



Samuel Pepys



ACTIVITIES & CPD



Lunchtime workshops



Obel Foundation Award Judges



Constructors' Livery Teacher Training Day

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Remembrance Day with LSEG

Open House...
Over 1300 visitors during the 2 weekends



EVENTS



Music video shoot



Samuel Pepys Day



WCCA Events



Oiling of the Gates

Masters' reception

Clerks' lunch

EDUCATION

Archimake



Lewisham Challenge



Narrative Practice mentoring



Wren 300+



WCCA Student Night



Dartmouth College, New Hampshire



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS