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Paviors Medal

This year the Paviors Medal has been awarded to Graham Bowskill CEng MICE of the Highways Agency. The citation reads: 'For his contribution to the design and specification of pavements for major roads over the last 25 years, and in particular to the introduction of performance based specifications. This in turn has led to innovation in the use of thin surfacings and recycled materials'. The Medal will be presented at the Annual Mansion House Banquet on 25 September 2003.

Master Robin Wilson's Update



It is with much pleasure that I can report that the Court of Aldermen has granted our Petition, which was submitted on 19 February 2003. The Petition was in two parts; first to seek the Court's approval to the restated and updated 'Constitution, Objects and Ordinances', which will now replace the original Ordinances granted in 1479, and second to seek the approval and support of the Court for an application to the Privy Council for a Royal Charter. The new Ordinances can be seen on the website and are to be printed and bound into a booklet.

Those of you who have read Ian Dussek's excellent history of the Company 'Children of Stones' will know that the Paviers petitioned Charles II for a Charter in 1673. The Privy Council approved the petition but for reasons not now known the City Corporation lodged a Caveat and the Charter was not obtained. I will be meeting Mr Alex Galloway, Clerk to the Privy Council, shortly to discuss a new petition for a Royal Charter. Let us hope that after 330 years we will be successful this time!

Efforts are also being made to recruit Freemen of the Company. We have identified a list of persons active in the paving industry in its widest sense – asphalt suppliers and contractors, pavement engineers engaged in design & research, suppliers of hard landscaping, highway & airport engineers and suppliers of synthetic sports surfaces – who are generally not known personally to a member but who may be interested in joining a Livery Company. They are to be invited to a Reception at Cutler's Hall in October in the hope that some may make application to join the Company as a Freeman in the first instance.

Forthcoming Events

Thurs 11 Sep	Luncheon Club - Members only - Naval Club
Wed 24 Sep	Golf Society, Autumn Meeting, St Georges Hill
Thurs 25 Sep	Annual Banquet, Mansion House
Mon 29 Sep	Election of Lord Mayor
October	Luncheon Club Theatre Visit - Members and Guests
Tues 14 Oct	Wine Circle - Tasting of Spanish Wines at Corney and Barrow, 1 Thomas More Street
Thurs 30 Oct	Golf Society Winter Meeting, Tandridge Golf Club
Wed 5 Nov	Luncheon Club - Members only - Guildhall
Sat 8 Nov	Lord Mayors Show - Lunch venue to be arranged
Thurs 27 Nov	Livery Dinner, Haberdashers' Hall, 7.00 for 7.30 pm
Mon 8 Dec	Luncheon Club Christmas Dinner - Members and Guests - Cutlers Hall

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Master's Jolly

Viennese Rapture



*The traditional group photo—taken on the steps of the Belvedere in Vienna
The Master leads the way into the “Harry Lime sewers”*

This May the Master hosted a party of 32 Paviers and their partners on a memorable “jolly” to Vienna. The city centre hotel was ideally placed to explore many site of this city crafted by the Habsburgs. An introductory walking tour in the afternoon helped us find our bearings. That evening we met for a glass or two of sparkling per-secco in the rooftop restaurant of the hotel looking out on the highly decorated roof of the Stephansdom Cathedral. This was followed by a walk to the welcome dinner at the Viennese restaurant “Griechenbeisl” in the Fleischmarkt sector.

Next morning, a coach tour took us around the city perimeter and on to the famous Schonbrunn Palace. The free afternoon allowed us to prepare for the evening outing to the eat at the Heuriger “Mayer am Pfarrplatz”, a farmhouse where Beethoven lodged for several summers -then in the “Vienna Woods” but now the suburbs.

Next day the party followed in the footsteps of Harry Lime including a descent into the City sewers. The highlight was the evening visit to the opera to see and hear Simon Boccanegra by Verdi.

Sunday morning provided just enough time to visit the Spanish Riding School and see a full performance before most of the party departed for home

John Mills

..... followed by Duernstein Delight

A lucky thirteen stayed on for a relaxing 3 nights at the historic Hotel Schloss 60 kilometres West of Vienna on the bank of the Danube in the village of Duernstein at the start of the picturesque Wachau Valley. Monday saw the party voyaging upstream for three hours to the magnificent 10C Baroque Abbey of Melk, crowning the rocky 150 ft bluff on the south of the river. Recently restored to its former glory it is now listed as a World Heritage site.

Next day, the more energetic climbed to the old castle ruins high above the hotel whilst others explored the local shopping and hostelrys. The final morning a party hired bikes and rode to nearby Krems.

All in all the end to a splendid Jolly!

George Chapman



The toast is “Absent Friends and Bon Apetit.....”



“On yer bikes..” - the Master starts the cycle ride to Krems



Spring Livery Dinner

On a fine spring evening in April, 133 Liverymen and Guests assembled in the magnificent Ironmongers' Hall re-built in Tudor in 1925 after being destroyed by bombing during the First World War. Fortunately all of their older artefacts were salvaged including the magnificent Waterford Crystal Chandelier.

Dining was to piano music played by Iago Nunez from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and the menu, and wines, had a distinctly Austrian flavour anticipating the forthcoming Master's Jolly to Vienna in May.

Mike Cottell proposed the Toast to "Our Guests", Chief Guest Ronnie Porter, President of the Institution of Highways & Transportation responded to the toast by Mike Cottell with an entertaining review of transportation issues and then toasted "The Master".

Robin Wilson, in response said he hoped for a closer working relationship with the IHT and outlined the programme of events for the coming months. He also announced that the Charter Application would be considered by the Court of Aldermen on 8 May 2003 and hoped for a successful outcome. Liveryman Norman Haste was presented, one year later, with a cut-glass decanter to commemorate his most interesting Paviers' Lecture in 2002.

Junior Liveryman D James brought proceedings to an end with the Toast to the Paviers.

Billy McCoubrey



The Master Robin Wilson takes the Loving Cup with Chief Guest Ronnie Porter, President of IHT

Golf Day

In the Golf Society's first event of the year at Swinley Forest on 27 May, our Captain, Ian McPherson, led a field of 30 players both Paviers and guests. It was an extremely enjoyable day's golf with an excellent lunch. The general standard of play was very high, with Geoffrey Collins our overall winner with 43 stableford points. The secretary is already liaising with his Golf Club secretary. Terry Smith was runner-up. and our guests enjoyed a golf course in very good condition and an excellent lunch.

John Dance

Amberley Spring Clean

Sunday 30th April dawned dry, bright and warm. The Master, Lady Mistress, Paviers and family, totalling fifteen, met at Amberley Working Museum intent on giving the Paviers Building and its exhibits a thorough spring clean. The hard work was provided by those who attended, the cleaning equipment was kindly provided by the Museum and the coffee, biscuits, beer and wine was very kindly provided by John and Pauline Malyan.

During the day, Roger Barnard, on behalf of the Liverymen's Committee, presented a cheque to Graham Toole-Mackson, Pavior and Chairman of the Trustees of Amberley Working Museum as thanks for their assistance once again with the provision of the steam engine for the Lord Mayor's Show. This contribution will be match-funded and assist the Museum in achieving completion of its new Restaurant and Education Centre. Graham's thanks were duly noted.

The very enjoyable day ended with a picnic and a much cleaner building for our visitors. Thanks to all those who gave of their time.

Roger Barnard



The workers sprucing up the road-laying machines

Beating the Retreat



The highlight of the Master's Midsummer Event was the playing of the Tchaikovsky Overture 1812 by the massed bands of the Household Cavalry and the Guards Division accompanied by four cannons. Afterwards the 80 Paviers and guests beat a hasty retreat from Horseguards Parade to a banquet at the nearby Institution of Civil Engineers.

George Chapman



Awards

HMS Argyll Affiliates Day, 14th May 2003

We were blessed with fine weather when five Pavors spent "Affiliates Day" aboard our adopted ship, HMS Argyll. The five (Andrew Panter, Ralph Wilson, John Carpenter and John Price, led by the Upper Warden) who had together journeyed to Plymouth the evening before, presented themselves as instructed at the dockyard at 8.30 a.m.

The ship was alongside and we walked up the gangway to be ceremonially piped aboard and greeted by the Second Officer, the CEO and Lt. Sue Seagrave, our official host for the day. The first thing to be observed was the delicate manoeuvring of the ship from the quay, out of the harbour and into open water, passing other naval vessels, including two submarines, on the way.

We were taken aft to the hangar to join other groups of affiliates and to be formally welcomed by the Captain, Commander Kelbie. We were separated into groups who each spent the day witnessing a variety of activities including a man overboard exercise, touring the operations room, the bridge and even a tour of the galley, which later produced an excellent lunch in the Wardroom. As the ship was near the end of its tour of duty it was necessary to use up the Ship's alcohol store and the Pavors tried to do their bit to help.

A very interesting day, where we received great hospitality and one which will further the bond between the Company and the ships crew.

Affiliates day is an opportunity for the Ship's Company to welcome a variety of friends and associates on board. About 70 visitors from varying organisations were on board that day ranging from the directors of Plymouth Argyll football club to local sea scouts to serving officers from RAF Lyneham.



At the end of the day we went to the Captain's cabin where the Upper Warden, presented the "Paviors Man of the Year Award", an engraved tankard, to Chief Petty Officer 'Jan' Hamlyn, adjudged to be the most outstanding seaman on Argyll during the last year. Commander Kelbie had read out the citation and expressed his appreciation to the Pavors Company for its continued support and association with HMS Argyll.

John Mills and Andrew Panter

Paviors Award 2003

The winner of the 2003 Pavors Award is the All Saints Square Enhancement in Northampton Town Centre. The competition for outstanding Paving projects is held each year in conjunction with *Local Government News*. This year there were 69 entries divided into four categories.

The winning entry was considered by the judges to be a very good example of paving, creating space for pedestrians where traffic had predominated before. The scheme enhances the environment in front of All Saints Church which itself is also being renovated. Both the design and construction were considered to be of exceptional quality.

On 23 June, Pavors judge Mike Cottell accompanied the Master to Northampton to present the award.

Mike Cottell



Certificate and wall button to be erected on site received by Mayor of Northampton, Councillor Terry Wire and Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transportation and Regeneration, Councillor Colin Lill.



Liverymen's Committee News

Swimmers Raise Record £4500

Once again this year a group of Paviers and wives competed against twenty other Livery Companies in the Annual Inter-livery Swimathon at the RAC Club, Epsom. We entered a team of five with a more ambitious second team of four, each completing 5000 metres in under 2 ½ hours to allow more drinking time and a chance to chat to our supporters including the Master and his Lady. As a result we have raised around \$4500 for the Lord Mayor's chosen charity - Save the Children Fund. Thanks are due to the many Paviers and friends who contributed. The swim was followed by a dinner at which our Master, Robin Wilson, was presented with the Chartered Surveyors' Company Prize for the largest sum of money raised

Tom Barton



BEFORE.....

The Swimmers: Graham Toole-Mackson, Keith Lambert, Janet Steward, Tom Barton, David and Christine Marshall, Ron Steward, Miles Ashley and James Dickson



.....AND AFTER!

Sailing Day

The Livery's first family sailing day was a tremendous success, so much so that 20 Paviers have already registered an interest in "Commodore Miles Ashley's "next intrepid voyage planned for Saturday 6 September 2003. Obviously a press gang will not be needed. Paviers and their guests boarded our two Sigma 38s, having loaded those important provisions and aspiring Jamie Oliver's Keith Lambert and Miles Ashley prepared our first sumptuous meal, bacon sandwiches, croissants and drinks, working the principle never go to sea on an empty stomach.

Soon under sail, the captains blended novice with experience and forged dynamic crews who quickly interpreted the jargon: "Ready about, lee ho" - "We are changing course so keep your heads down to miss the boom".

A steady 8 knots, beautiful sunshine, a perfect sailing experience and an opportunity to take our turns at the helm, control the winches or simply relax and enjoy life on the ocean wave.

What more could one ask for to complete the sailing experience? The captain ordered the crew to break out the "grog" or in our case Champagne and canapés before making the final tack and heading for Cowes, the Medina River and lunch at the Folly Inn.

Afetr a hearty meal we re-boarded the yachts for a gentle return to port having enjoyed a wonderful day on the ocean.

Keith Lambert



LORD MAYORS SHOW 2003....

Many will remember our successful entry in last year's Lord Mayor's Show when the Paviers Float was drawn by the 1910 steam roller "The Squire" in full view of the half million spectators and a TV audience of over 3 million.

We are able to repeat our entry this year thanks to the generous sponsorship of **Terry Last** of Tarmac, **Nigel Kempner** of Benchmark Group, **Colin McLoughlin** of General Demolition and **Norman Haste** of Crossrail. The steam roller will be back but preceded by a contemporary paver, giving our entry an "ancient and modern" flavour.

We have also received 15 offers to assist on the day but would be very pleased to hear from anyone else who would like to lend a hand or participate in the procession....

..... contact Miles Ashley on 01962 813331 or miles@bpogroup.com



Luncheon Club - A Good Lunch and Fun in the Gardens at Hartwell House



Past-Mistress Pavior Jean Gell, Keith Symonds & Renter Warden John Mills predicting good weather at the Hartwell Folly



After Lunch—in the Gardens

A party of twenty-eight luncheon club members and guests met for lunch on 15th May at Hartwell House Hotel, in the near Aylesbury. On arrival the sun came out to greet us and there was a welcoming glass of Pimms served on the terrace.

The hotel is being restored to its former glory by the current owners. A tour of the ground floor was led by the house manager telling us about its 1000 years of history. The architecture is a remarkable and very pleasing evolution of styles from the early 17th century oriel window on the north front to the mid 18th century south and east fronts. The most famous occupant was Louis XVIII of France whilst in exile.

Lunch was taken in the Doric dining room after which the head gardener, Brian Saunders, took us on an instructive tour of the gardens which form part of the 90 acre estate. A cup of tea in the grand library rounded off an enjoyable visit.

Philip Anderson

Admissions Going Well

The recruitment drive is going well thanks to those members who have introduced candidates (some more than one) of such excellent quality. Those members who have not yet done so are urged to make greater efforts? To date 14 new Liverymen have been admitted since 1 January 2003, a further 6 have been accepted by the Court and will be admitted at a special Court meeting on 16 October and a further 6 are awaiting interview by the Admissions Committee. Sadly we have lost 8 members through resignation or death. We are confident that membership will exceed 240 by the end of the year.

Robin Wilson

April 2003



Dyfrig Morgan James
Managing Director
Lafarge Aggregates Limited

July 2003



Paul Christopher Hicks
Reinsurance Treaty Broker
Aon Insurance Brokers

Brian Leonard Parker
Civil Engineer, Director
Parker Marini Scotti

Thomas Francis Loughlin
Owner
Loughlin Scaffolding Supplies Ltd

John William May **David James Morris**
Solicitor **Solicitor**
Pemberton Greenish **William Sturges & Co**



Get Some In! - Part 3

Final Episode of the National Service of Lieutenant Anthony Paxford

After being commissioned, I was very fortunate to be accepted into my county regiment, the 28th/61st of Foot. The Gloucestershire Regiment was by now some 250 years old with an illustrious history. It had battle honours from all over the world, the most recent being the battle of the Imjim River in Korea where the CO, Colonel Fred Carne received the VC and I lost a young cousin, killed at the age of 19. As a result of the way some 700 hundred Glosters held off an attack by 50,000 communist soldiers for 3 days, the Regiment was awarded the United States Presidential Citation, proudly worn to this day by every member of the Regiment.

In early 1957 "Delta" Company had just arrived in Cyprus from the Mau Mau uprising in Kenya, coming via Bahrain where they swiftly overcame a rebellion against the pro-British Emir, whose family still rule, in one of the more enlightened Emirates.

I was despatched to join "the Battalion" in an ancient DC4, the highlight being sitting next to a beautiful commissioned lady doctor who needed to be kept warm when the aircraft heating packed up over the Alps!

Cyprus proved to be hot, fascinating and dangerous if you were a young Englishman. The Regiment was in a tented camp on the Kyrenia, north side of the capital Nicosia. Cyprus was an "active service" posting where everyone carried arms at all times. Our broad remit was "in aid of the civil power" to overcome a group of Cypriot terrorists led by a Greek army colonel called George Grivas.

After 2 weeks localisation I was given command of 14 Platoon, D Company. My 35 soldiers were a mix of young 18 year olds and older regulars. The latter with my sergeant and 3 corporals had medals from many of the post war conflicts, some had been prisoners of war in Korea for 2 years. They were a tough bunch, pleasant by nature but very bad people to pick any sort of fight with. I joined them at "the sharp end", so named wherever there was any action, high in the Troodos mountains.

I was welcomed by Sgt Lee who gave me some "char", this being a mess tin filled with a dark brown liquid into which had been squeezed half a tube of condensed milk – tea strong enough to trot a mouse across. He also discreetly suggested that I change my much loved Browning pistol for an FN automatic rifle. I had a one week handover period from the outgoing commander and the platoon then became my sole responsibility.

Our task was to find and capture small gangs of terrorists who were living in caves in the high Troodos. It involved patrolling and ambushing, mostly at night. By now it was early summer '57 and the mountains were outstandingly beautiful, covered in pines with ground cover of myrtle, thyme, myriad wild flowers and even scrumptious wild asparagus. Mount Olympus reached to some 6000 ft, the temperature was warm and pleasant. We supplemented our tinned "compo" rations with pigeons, but were forbidden to shoot the magnificent wild goats called mouflon (maybe they were wild sheep!)

Our camp was by a pure fresh water stream, with the help of some plastic explosive we enlarged a pool to make it big enough to swim in. We lived in small bivouac tents (bivvys' of course), slept in sleeping bags, all of which we could carry on our backs. Frequently when tracking a gang we would be away from our little base for days. Then we slept under the stars on the hard ground. A member of our team was a Turkish tracker/dog handler with a fine black Labrador who could sniff out the baddies most effectively.

Our two sister platoons from "Delta" company were also in the mountains but our operational areas were so large we never saw each other for 6 weeks. We had unreliable wireless communications and only really bothered when gunfire echoed through the moonlit valleys. At these moments **everyone** wanted to know **WIIIIH** – what in hell is happening, particularly Major "Tufton-Bufton" our company commander who was always somewhere else. It was a particular privilege to have sole command with virtually no interruptions from on high.

After 6 weeks were moved back to the undoubted fleshpots of Nicosia, at first it was difficult to sleep in a bed, we were so used to stony ground.

So passed the summer of '57, undertaking a great variety of tasks, sometimes frightening.

By this time, overall command was by the very able General Sir John Harding who had a greater number of troops deployed than the current size of the whole British Army.

In the autumn we embarked on a troopship for Liverpool, 2 weeks leave in England then off to Wuppertal in Germany. Here we learned, hopefully, how to stop a vast number of Russian tanks from pouring across the north German plains. The strategy was to catch them crossing the river Weser. I am very glad we never had to try it.

And so ended 2 years of very eventful National Service. It had been a privilege to be part of a fine regiment which truly engendered a family spirit. There was not a single unhappy memory and I would not have missed it for the world.





Charities News

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2002

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	2002	2001
	£	£
Incoming Resources		
Investment income (net)	18,023	18,289
Bank interest	1,747	1,984
Liverymen's contributions	27,408	16,736
Repayment of income tax	-	3,082
Total Incoming Resources	47,178	40,001
Resources Expended		
Donations	44,103	31,575
Administration	2,034	1,540
Total Expenditure	46,137	33,115
Net incoming resources	1,041	6,976
Gains/(losses) on investments	(65,094)	(53,782)
Net Movement in Funds	(64,053)	(48,806)
Transfer from		
R H Clarke Mem. Foundation	22,765	-

BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2002

	2002	2001
	£	£
Fixed Assets		
Investments		
- COIF Charities Investment Fund	256,391	323,995
- COIF Charities Fixed Interest Fund	107,704	105,120
- M&G Charity Fund	4,775	-
Current Assets		
Cash at bank		
- COIF Deposit account	35,387	32,839
- Current Account	25,619	6,269
Debtors (net)	25	2,966
Net Current Assets	429,901	471,189
Represented by		
Charity Fund	25,254	2,453
Livery Trust for Charities	225,548	259,927
Highway Engineering Educational Trust	173,629	203,841
Sir Harry Percy Sheppard Trust	4,470	4,968
Total	429,901	471,189

Charities Committee

The Charity Fund is one of the principal activities of the Paviers Company, income coming mainly from investments and donations from Liverymen of the Company. In 2003 donations so far total some £18000 for which the Master and Trustees are extremely grateful.

The charitable activities of are managed by the Board of Trustees which meets twice a year under the chairmanship of Christopher Laing and the watchful eye of the Clerk, John White, who is responsible for day to day administration.

Activities are split into four separate Trusts:

- the main Fund
- the Chair of Highway Engineering Educational Trust
- the Livery Trust for Charities
- the Sir Harry Percy Sheppard Trust

through which the aim is to support education in the profession of Highway Engineering; support charities in the City of London and nationally; and provide benevolent grants to pensioners of the Company and those suffering through poverty.

Education

The educational activities include bursaries to a number of Colleges and Universities – notably in 2002 the Universities of Nottingham and Portsmouth and Imperial College, London (through the annual Paviers lecture). In addition there are awards to six students in the Institute of Asphalt Technology examinations at Doncaster College.

From 2003 the Charity Fund assumes responsibility for the new 'Laing Award' to fund a travel bursary for post graduate students seeking to further their interests in civil or highway engineering at Imperial College.

Charity

Through the Livery Trust for Charities in 2002 the Company made donations and grants totalling over £36000. Organisations supported included the Lord Mayors Appeal; the City of London Boy's School and Girl's Schools; various construction-related organisations as well as the Ironbridge and Amberley museums. In addition the Master is allocated a budget to support charities of his own choosing which in 2002 included £300 to Care International.

More details of individual charities will appear in future issues of *The Pavior*.

Christopher Laing

Contact the Company

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