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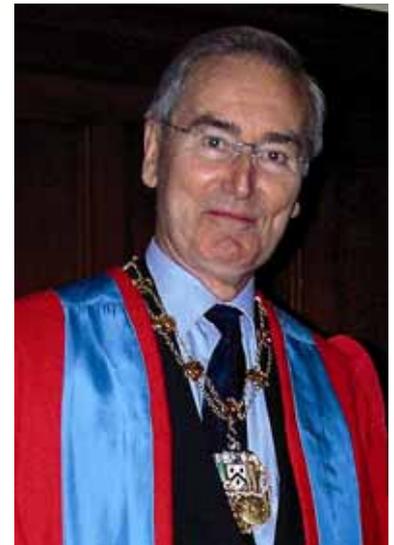
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## Master's Message

As those who were present, at the Service of Dedication at St Martins in Ludgate, heard me say, following the Master's Declaration, I am very well aware of the great honour the Company has shown me by installing me as Master.

However I am also very well aware that my name is but the most recent to be added in a list stretching back over 500 years. Each Master receives and passes on the responsibility for the care of the Livery in his year. My predecessors have passed on a healthy Livery.

The Company owes a great debt to those who over the last decade have transformed the Company's structure, manage-



ment and status, culminating in Past Master Robin Wilson's work in obtaining our Royal Charter. We are also indebted to the Immediate Past Master for his careful arrangements of the formalities for receiving the Charter, which gave all those who were able and willing to take part an opportunity to do so. I am very grateful to him for the care and trouble he has taken to involve me in his thoughts and work over the year. It will make the handover much smoother.

The Corporate side of our affairs has benefited from a steady increase in membership, an improving financial position, a modern corporate structure and a well supported social programme. There appears to be little need for significant new initiatives but rather for good housekeeping and the reinforcement of successful policies. However you will all be aware our continued good health depends on a steady flow of new members. I ask you all to look amongst your friends and acquaintances for potential Liverymen.

Our charitable activities, following consultation with the Livery, do offer significant opportunities. Several ideas have been identified, by correspondence and at the Common Hall, these will be worked up so that informed choices can be made. We will ensure that you are informed and consulted as things develop. It is probable that some of this will take longer than one Master's year to complete, so my likely successors will play an active role in the development of the work. I look forward to working with you on these matters and enjoying your company at the Company's functions during the year.

*John Carpenter*

## Last Call for Nominations

for the **Paviors Medal 2005** must be returned to the Clerk by 30 April 2005. If you know some one (not necessarily a Liveryman) whose excellence in innovation should be recognised, or who has made a lifetime contribution to the 'craft of paving' in its modern context – why not nominate him (or her) for the Paviors Medal? Nomination forms are available from the Clerk.

*Robin Wilson*



## Master's Farewell

# The Master's Farewell— John Mills signs off

This will be the last article I write as Master. It could be used as a review of the past year but I did that in my address to Common Hall and, for the benefit of those unable to attend, an abridged version is included with this edition of the Pavior as a separate paper. In that address I stated the facts and some aspirations for the future of the Company as a possible basis on which to develop.

Whilst being Master I have reviewed our immediate and distant history. In doing so I became increasingly aware of the considerable efforts made by members of the company in the past and their repetitive nature. The annual change of master and with that the fre-



*Past Master John Mills installs New Master John Carpenter*

quent change in direction has meant that previous endeavours are quickly forgotten. Sad for those who made the effort but of more importance, wasteful for the company and a disincentive to those who are to follow?

For these reasons I set as the objective for the year just past the co-ordination and, as far as possible, the unification of objectives, based on the expressed will of the whole company, in the belief that collectively we can achieve much.

Others must judge the degree of success. The best I expected was to enable the Company to take the first step on a long journey.

*John Mills*

## Mistress Pavior's Luncheon

**Tuesday, 22 February** The Members' Private Dining Room at the Guildhall Club was the venue for this year's Ladies' Luncheon – an elegant backdrop for our “ladies who lunch”, and one that provided a warm welcome on a cold, snowy day. A glass of champagne greeted them on their arrival, and there was time for a chat with old and new friends before sitting down to a delicious meal.

Our Beadle, Alex Neale, was there to ensure that everything ran smoothly, a role he can always be relied upon to fulfil – but perhaps particularly so at the Guildhall, where he was a chef before he retired.

The occasion enabled the Mistress Pavior to say thank you to all those attending for the excellent support they had given during the year.



*Mistress Paviors—Past, Present and Future*



*Mistress Pavior and Lunching Ladies*



## About Our New Master—John Carpenter

### The New Master

The Master was born in 1936 in Surrey. His father, who worked in the Customs House next to the Tower of London, died in 1942 and he was sent to the Royal Masonic School at Bushey. This was a charity school where almost no one had two parents and some were careless enough to have lost both. Considered somewhat of a dreamer he left school at 16, when his mother was told 'that he would not benefit from any further education'. Fortunately the school, in addition to providing two suits of clothes, arranged two interviews for those leaving. One of these was with a QS, E C Harris, who did not exactly interview him but told him to report as the office boy on £100 a year. Having qualified, by correspondence course and evening classes, as a Chartered Quantity Surveyor he decided he was not wedded to the profession. He joined the Economics Department of the National Building Agency, at a time when it was otherwise full of very bright young people, selling research to the industry



*Master & Mistress Pavior with Ali and Guy*

and its clients. Overcoming some difficulty in understanding the language of the economists he became head of the department, when it was virtually the only part of the NBA that was financially viable. In 1969 he was invited to join John Lewis, when it was just about to start a major expansion of its department store and Waitrose divisions. His initial responsibilities were for architecture, engineering and maintenance but over the years these grew and others were added, the transport fleets, fire control and prevention, health and safety, facilities management, a castle, a country club and a golf club. He joined the Principle Executive Committee and the boards of John Lewis plc and the John Lewis Trust for Pensions.

He was introduced to the Livery by Past Master Joe Eaton in 1978. He served on the Liverymen's Committee under its first chairman, John Lelliott.

He was active in the RICS on various committees and councils and was chairman of the QS junior organisation in the RICS centenary year. The Department of Construction Management at Reading University invited him to join its advisory board, and he was subsequently involved in various working parties and research work. He was a founding director of the Reading Construction Forum and founding chairman of the Design Build Foundation.

National Service saw him commissioned in the Royal Engineers. As Assistant Adjutant at the School of Military Engineering he spent most of his time rowing for the Thames RC and the RE, including a particularly inglorious entry for Henley.

In 1963 he married Beverley, who was working in the City. As her father was the Vicar of St Gabriel's Warwick Square they enjoyed a free wedding. The previous year they had bought a Georgian ruin in Canonbury, which took five years to rebuild. Beverley doing most of the work. Both their children are Pavors and last year they sponsored their Mother for the Freedom of the City of London. Guy entered the Livery by servitude and runs a hotel in Winchester. Ali trouble shoots IT in John Lewis. She is married to Andrew, a consultant anaesthetist and has one son, Christopher. Beverley was a member of the Red Cross Street Market in the City for many years and of various other charities. For 23 years she has been a Magistrate on the Inner London Bench, sitting on Family Proceedings and Youth Court.

Since his retirement John has served on two charities, CITY and CRASH, he chairs the Executive on the latter. He is a member of the Army and Navy Club, the MCC, City Livery Club and the Savage Club, where he is the Vice-Chairman. Beverley and he fish, he shoots occasionally and reads and drinks wine when he can.



## Events

### Visit to the 3rd Battalion

Five Paviers and five members of the Builders Merchants were invited to witness the 3rd Battalion The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (The TA Tigers) training weekend in Copehill Down Village, Salisbury Plain on 6th November 04.

It was a bitterly cold day but the reception by the Commanding Officer, Lt Col Guthrie and his staff, was most warm and attentive. We were shown the Regiment training in urban riot and mob control as a precursor to some of them being sent to Iraq on duty roster in early 2005.

Our lunch was an old army favourite "Spag" and very welcome indeed with the accompanying "brew-up". The group of young soldiers displayed their skills and rapid learning ability.

The TA Tigers are in good heart, as witnessed by us, and do sterling work not just as a reserve to the full-time army but increasingly are used in the front line.

Our best wishes go with them on their tours of duty overseas, and thanks for a wonderful day.

*Billy McCoubrey*



*Master John Mills, Col Guthrie & Master Martin Earle (Builders Merchants)*



*The Paviers defensive shield line up*

### Autumn Livery Dinner

The Autumn Livery Dinner was held in the resplendent Plaisterers Hall at 1 London Wall. The present Hall was opened in 1972 with décor throughout in the neo-classical style of the 18th Century Robert Adams which has been faithfully reproduced to great effect.

The Toast to the Guests was creatively proposed by Andrew Panter and the response was an entertaining talk from Sir Richard Tilt, former DG of the Prison Service, about his lifetime of service and he then proposed the toast to the Master.

The Master outlined the year ahead for the Company and awarded the Paviers Medal 2004 to Professor Stephen Brown for his outstanding service to Highways and Transportation.

The catering was its usual excellence, no mean feat with a crowd of this size. The lovely tradition of the Loving Cup, much liked at our formal occasions, was started off by the Master and then all tables individually.

The Master welcomed the new Liverymen appointed at Court earlier that day, who included John Yeaman from Australia who had been elected an Honorary Freeman. John had donated the carving for the Master's Chair, which is displayed and used at all formal events. A lovely evening in wonderful environs.

*Billy McCoubrey*



*The Loving Cup tradition*



*Prof Stephen Brown receives his Paviers Medal from Master John Mills*

*John Yeaman, Hon Freeman*





### Christmas Dinner

The formula for the Christmas Dinner at Cutlers' Hall rang a few changes. The near capacity gathering enjoyed mulled wine before sitting down to a candlelit Dinner. A festive atmosphere was evident from the start as the Hall had been decorated by the Cutlers for their Boars Head Feast and was added to by the assembly being encouraged to dress in party mode.

Richmond Caterers looked after us well and gave us the strength required to blow up the rocket balloons! The choir 'Voices in Accord' managed to calm things down as we listened to and joined in the singing of festive songs. Their popularity was further enhanced when it was announced that their fee for the evening of £350 was to be given to Save the Children's Fund.

The Chairman then announced that some fifteen seat numbers had struck lucky and had won two bottles of wine from the Club's surplus stock whereupon the gathering broke up for the big raffle draw of the evening. For the first time the event had been set in a charity mode each ticket carrying a contribution which was added to by some fines enforced by the Clerk to raise a total of £800. This will go to the Richard House Children's Hospice in E16 London, a charity chosen by the Master.

The customary program for the year is already well underway with one of the highlights to come being the Summer Event (see below). John Mills who has run the Club so successfully for many years has formally handed over Chairmanship to Andrew Panter for what will be an exceptionally hard act to follow. We wish him well.

Keith White, Chairman (locum tenens).

### Summer Event—7th June

The Luncheon Club's "Day in the Country" this year will be at the historic house and grounds of **Avington Park**, Itchen Abbas near Winchester which will be open exclusively for our visit. Avington, or Afintun as it was known in the 10<sup>th</sup> century, is a privately owned Georgian house set in peace and tranquillity on the river Itchen. The west elevation has a magnificent pillared portico surmounted by three statues and looks out across a sweeping lawn to the lake. On the south side are two unique iron conservatories which flank a pillared orangery.

The house was owned by George Brydges, Groom to the Bedchamber of King Charles II, who enlarged the house to accommodate the King and Nell Gwynne. George's son, who became the Duke of Buckingham, inherited Avington and played host to King George IV and Mrs Fitzherbert.

The interior contains beautiful period rooms and has been the setting for numerous films including BBC's recent TV production of Daniel Deronda. The Georgian church of St. Mary, with its historic barrel organ, is situated within the grounds a short walk from the house.

The day will follow the established format with coffee at 10.45 am followed by a guided tour of the house and an organ recital in the church. Drinks will be served on the terrace, if fine, and lunch will be in the conservatory. The drive to Avington from the M25 down the M3 or the A3/A31 (more scenic) takes under one hour in normal conditions. Wives, partners, guests and friends are welcome. Cost will be approx £43 per head.

Philip Anderson



*Party time*



*Voices in Accord in action*



*Enjoying the evening*



## Installation & Gherkin

# Installation, Service and Dinner



*Upper Warden David Laing, Master John Carpenter, Renter Warden Oliver Whitehead*

The installation of the new Master John Carpenter, Upper Warden David Laing and Renter Warden Oliver Whitehead took place in the Church of St Martin-Within-Ludgate on Thursday 3rd March.

This was followed by a service of thanksgiving and dedication led by our Chaplain Bernard Metcalfe with the Allegrì Singers, conducted by Keith Roberts, providing some glorious sounds in the wonderful acoustics of the Church.

Afterwards the Company made their way to the reception and Dinner in the Cutlers Hall. The Hall was filled to capacity again and everyone present enjoyed the meal and each other's company. Past Master John Mills expressed thanks for the support given throughout his year by so many and Master John Carpenter thanked him in turn for his great year as Master.

## Common Hall

was held in the Pewterers Hall, Oat Lane. This year Common Hall was held first with the Master John Mills reviewing the Company's history, providing a resume of 2004 and gave some measures for the way ahead. He paid tribute to the many Liverymen who had contributed so greatly throughout his term. (His address was so well received that it has been issued as a separate insert with this Issue of the Pavior).

The Company then moved upstairs to a reception and viewing of the Royal Charter and the Company's Silver. Cards were provided with background information for each item. Then to dinner and a most enjoyable evening.

## Paviors Ascending



*Paviors Assembly on 18th Floor*

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 23 Paviors had the opportunity to visit the Swiss Re's impressive 30 St Mary Axe headquarters building. More familiarly known as "The Gherkin". One can only guess what the Greeks might have nicknamed such an Iconic symbol to upwardly mobile corporate power. Its eccentric presence now dominates the London Skyline, mocking Paris, and finally distancing that Canary Wharf upstart to reassert the City's pre-eminence.

The tour started with a gathering in Norman Foster's impressive minimalist entrance foyer, where we were welcomed and given



an overview of this astounding structure, but strangely it was in the lift that the building's true sophistication first became apparent, as the floor numbers changed with breathtaking speed, the passengers felt an overwhelming sense of.....nothing - no sensation of movement whatsoever! The doors opened however, and it was definitely the 18<sup>th</sup> floor- a breathtaking, stupendous view, which galvanised our attention for the next 20 minutes as we absorbed information about window cleaning, ventilation and building control systems. We very gradually overcame our vertigo and peered into the spiralling atrium that connects each floor circulating a sense of light and air upwards through the building. After Billy had shepherded us into a brief photo opportunity we mounted the tardis again for the trip to the 34<sup>th</sup> floor where, after passing through a rather dark lobby, you emerge into a stratospherically high glass bubble, and whilst various occupants took advantage of the bar at this level, we gingerly worked our way around the handrail and peered over the abyss before us. Rare is the occasion when a Pavior could be found dumbstruck- but an eerie silence descended over all 23 of us simultaneously!

You have to reflect that at some point, someone, somewhere, managed to ignore the no doubt compelling business case for the oblong alternative, and surely, nobody could possibly imagine how anyone could actually do any work whilst surrounded by such a view...good for the soul, but God help Swiss Re.

*Miles Ashley*



## From Tsunamis to Pavors Float

### Wet Feet—Tsunami Style

For a Buddhist in Thailand, Christmas and Boxing Days are normal working days and if you run the Hotel Sailing School in Phuket, you provide tuition and take the money.

I had booked a lesson for my Grandson at 10.00am on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December and so there we were, on the beach waiting for the arrival of a Catamaran. Matthew is 11 and a keen sportsman but not yet a sailor, so perhaps I could witness the start of a new interest for him.

Phuket generally has a calm sea and a tide of only a few feet. So to observe the water receding some 400 yards that morning was very strange and the Sailing School team were confused, but not alarmed. Must be a special Neap tide, I thought and casually chatted away.



*The aftermath at the Hotel*

Within minutes the water had returned to normal, but then it was not normal, but started to come up the beach very quickly. We were still not concerned. The top of the beach is some 12 feet above the normal sea level and it quickly reached this height and our feet, were wet. Immediately we ran and leapt on to a raised concrete counter and stood watching the water steadily rising. It was really eerie, no noise, no wind and no wave to give us a warning. Then without any fuss the sea receded leaving behind all manner of flotsam from the inside of the local retailers' stalls that had been on top of the beach. What a mess, but what a relief that the sea only rose 14 feet above the norm, because anymore and we would have been in serious trouble with more than wet feet.

Reviewing the damage I was pleased to see no structural damage to our Hotel. Matthew and I decided that sailing was off and went to find the rest of the family. On returning a few minutes later to show off the mess we were met by the second flood already 2 feet deep in the lowest floor of the Hotel. A very rapid ascent of the nearest staircase got us out of the danger and we could view some of the devastation caused by a tide of 18 feet above normal. 14 rooms were flooded and one couple, caught inside, had to swim through the broken glass doors and were badly cut in the process.

At 11.30 the Guests assembled in the Hotel Lobby, well above sea level, to review the situation. 6 people badly cut and one broken leg, but no fatalities. After we had viewed the devastation along the beach we reckoned that we had come off lightly. Next day we heard that other Hotels, villages and townships along the coast had not been so lucky, many with fatalities involving all family members.

The conclusion to this story is that Phuket is a wonderful holiday island, with friendly people, fabulous food and warm seas. They desperately need Tourists to help rebuild their economy and their lives. Go there for yourself and for them.

*John Bradstreet*

### Paviors Sailing Day, Saturday 14th May

As their spring event, The Liverymen's Committee have organised a sailing day for Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, based on the 38ft Sigma "Stormalong". This is a fairly spacious boat, with ample inside cabin space and standing head room - and yes, it does have a separate compartment with flushing facilities.

Pictures of the boat and further details of Paviors Sailing at <http://www.paviors.org.uk/LiverymensCommittee/Sailing> and/or you can also contact us by e-mail on this address to make a booking.

The event is very definitely a social day outing, and the objective is to provide a gentle and relaxing cruise to enable a positive introduction to sailing. Those attending therefore will require no prior experience of sailing (and no specialist clothing or equipment, and those seeking some rope pulling activity will equally have every opportunity to participate!

The intended programme for the day will entail:- Meeting at Port Solent for bacon sandwich and real coffee; an introductory sail up Southampton water with..... Champagne and canapés; an ocean passage to the distant Island of White; a pub lunch in the Medina River; and a gentle return to Southampton.

Not as arduous as you thought! The cost of the day will be around £75 per head, which is very good value, and we would appreciate an early response to enable the booking to be secured. Please contact me as soon as possible to secure your place.

*Miles Ashley:- Home: 01980 610 374; Work: 01962 813331; E-Mail: miles@bpogroup.com*



## History Projects

### Working Down Below

The Company's "Time Team" of Ian Dussek and David Marshall has been busy in the Cutlers Hall cellars, re-cording the Paviers' documents and artefacts. As recorded, the Company ceased to operate for over 40 years in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and the old papers and items were lodged at Guildhall, where they remain. After 1889, records were again kept and most, but not all, survive. Lack of awareness of their value has resulted in much being lost or damaged by damp, rot and neglect.

The first task has been to identify and log what exists - upwards of 500 items. These have been recorded and will be stored in archival boxes. Consultations are taking place with other City archivists. Where necessary, repairs will be carried out. In this way, the records will be preserved for future generations of Paviers. At the request of Master John Mills, a complete list of Masters and Wardens since 1889 has been established and work is going on to identify the names of officers from the earliest times to 1844. Another project, which will be displayed soon, will be, the provision of information plaques relating to Company silver used at livery dinners.

There is much to be done, but we already have offers of further help from members of the livery. Meanwhile, we appeal to readers who have long associations with the Company to search out records, photographs and artefacts to add to the archive.

*Ian Dussek & David Marshall*

### Amberley Museum Renovation

The Paviers Museum of Roads and Roadmaking was established as an exhibition at the Amberley Working Museum in 1995. It tells the story of road construction from the earliest times up to the present day. The exhibition is now in need of renewal and refurbishment in a modern context. The aim of the renovation is to create a vibrant, engaging and inspiring experience for visitors of all ages.

The exhibition is currently congested by large objects. It is proposed to move these to another building so that key exhibits can be rearranged in a more sympathetic and visitor friendly way. Opportunity will be taken to seal the floor to reduce dust and provide directional pathways to view the new display.

Modern interactive displays and audio-visual areas will be introduced to enhance traditional object based displays. Interactive elements will include hands-on activities such as bridge building and computer generated displays, which will give the visitor an opportunity to learn more about local highway construction. There will be opportunity to display new products and examples of latest technology and research.

A key element in the promotion of the refurbished exhibition will be the formation of an active volunteer group based on the model used elsewhere in the Amberley Museum. Volunteers, with experience and a continued interest in highway design, construction and maintenance, will act as stewards at special events, group visits and school parties.

The recruitment of the volunteer group including an honorary curator is in hand. It is likely that the group will come



*Large exhibits in the present  
Paviers Museum of Roads and Roadmaking*

from those living locally who have worked on West Sussex highways or who have road construction experience. There may be Paviers who live near enough to contribute in this way. The initial commitment would be to man the exhibition on special event days, which occur two or three weekends in the year.

The Amberley Museum Trustees are seeking the means for providing the additional building for large exhibits. The Paviers Amberley Liaison Committee is working with the Amberley Museum curator, Claire Seymour, on the redesign of the exhibition and will be making approaches to industry for the sponsorship of the renovation and new exhibits.

*Robin Wilson*



## A Pavior's Life—Tom Barton

Tom was brought up in West Africa at a time when Civil Engineering had a huge impact on everybody's way of life - ferries were replaced by bridges, laterite roads upgraded to tarmac etc., etc. It was hardly a surprise that Tom decided to become a Civil Engineer but as is the way of things, having graduated in Engineering with Economics at Oxford University, he never worked abroad and has spent most of his career being involved in major schemes generally in the South East of England.

He spent the first five years of his career working for Mowlem on the construction of the National Westminster Tower during which time he designed the slipform methods for constructing the core. (He subsequently was joint author of an ICE paper on the construction of the Tower). This experience led Tom into remaining with Contractors and to being involved generally in major building projects. These projects have included hospitals, prisons, MOD facilities as well as educational departments and of course commercial offices. Many of these projects had significant challenges but the project that gave him the most satisfaction was a major hospital in Kent where he was Project Manager which (unusually for a hospital) not only went very well but was also of great benefit to the local community.

Tom has been part of the South East Management Team for Sir Robert McAlpine for the last eight years. During this time he has been involved in projects with difficult basements, retained façades and challenging logistics. He has spent a lot of time dealing with the ever increasing demands from Clients in terms of quality and programme.

His particular interests include solving technical problems and finding easier, faster and safer ways to construct through increased prefabrication and more systemised construction on site. Projects that he is currently involved in include Condor House, which is a retained façade building by the steps of St Paul's, Cardinal Place at Victoria where the District and Circle Line run through the basement and Colchester Garrison where several thousand bedroom suites are being manufactured off site. Although generally involved in building projects he was for, a change, involved in the Millennium Footbridge and Croydon Tramlink.

After more than 30 years in the industry he counts himself lucky that he is still very active in the construction process and that at least part of every week is spent on site. He also enjoys working in and around London despite the problems of traffic and congestion and thinks that it is impossible to beat the "buzz" of London.

When he is not at work he is very keen on sailing and anything to do with the sea. For the Paviers Company he has been a long serving member of the Liverymens' Committee and now on Court, and organises the Paviers entry to the Swimathon.

Tom has been married to Mary for 31 years and she has put up with the ridiculous hours that our industry demands with a fantastic amount of patience and good humour. They have three grown-up children, James, Robert and Elizabeth.



*Cardinal Place, Victoria,  
with Circle and District line across site*



*Tom on the Millennium Footbridge*



*Croydon Tramlink*



## Paviors Events

**Clerk's Jottings** Another year passes and with it another Master. The past twelve months have again shown the 'feel good factor' continues to exist within the Company. All the major events have been over subscribed and the smaller and more diverse easily filled. Let me remind you tickets are issued on a first come first served basis, avoid disappointment book early! Recruiting has progressed well and a further 17 Members joined the Company in 2004. However several resigned for good reasons so please continue to propose suitable candidates in order to reach our authorised target of 300 Members.

Finally to all those who have not completed and returned the Gift Aid declaration please do so. The Charity Fund benefits considerably through claims to and payments from, the Inland Revenue.

*John White*

**Paviors Lecture 2005** Prof Tony M Ridley delivered the Paviors Lecture 2005 at Imperial College, London on 14th February. Same address as previous years but a larger lecture theatre to accommodate the numbers of Paviors and Students attending. Tony Ridley is one of the foremost transportation experts in the UK and gave an interesting and entertaining account of his career and his thoughts on the future in his talk "Is the Future Paved with Gold". A lively Q&A session followed.



*Prof Nethercott, Prof Tony Ridley and Master John Mills*

In an innovative approach a reception and dinner was held in the Rector's Room for Paviors and their Guests, with Prof Nethercott relating his "lost soul looking for accommodation" on his appointment to the College. Our thanks to Imperial College for a most interesting and entertaining venue.

**Paviors Shoot at Giants Causeway** Past Master Gell led a band of intrepid Paviors, Miles Ashley, Ian Lumsden, and Martin Snaith to Northern Ireland in December. The group was accompanied by Ian Andrews and Chris Russell. This party put up at the Causeway Hotel which is within an ejected shell case of the World Heritage Site, the Giants Causeway, and a tottering return from the Bushmills Distillery.

The first day of our shooting extravaganza started as a howling gale with rain thrown in for good measure. Nonetheless the intrepid band set out to the little village of Upperlands which has the oldest operating linen factory in the UK, and probably produced the collar pads in your suits! There we met one of the founding family Directors of the company, Major Wallace Clark, who was our host "on the bogs" for the day. What we are after is a little bird called a snipe which sits in the long grass, peat and reeds and then explodes into the air when disturbed. The theory is that one or two of the group beat through the bog with a dog to flush the birds towards the "guns". In reality as one falls into ditches and bogholes it becomes a question of survival. However your intrepid band, skilfully led by Wallace Clark and Mark Mackinley, arranged large "wisps" of snipe to appear for us to try to shoot. By about 3pm exhaustion had set in and we repaired to Wallace's charming house for a "wee toot". The general view was that we must have seen over 100 birds. Regrettably the bag was a mere 12! An unforgettable experience for all and very good fun indeed.



*Anyone recognise "red socks"?*

The second day was happily one of blue skies and reasonable temperatures. Some of our colleagues walked the Giants Causeway too clear their heads after an early breakfast. Thereafter the party made its way to the Dudarave Estate of Sir Patrick and Lady Macnaghten, with its superb Palladian mansion at its centre. We were greeted by the keeper, Ian Chapman, and set to work to achieve the agreed bag. Initially the effects of the previous night's entertainment were clearly in evidence, but slowly concentration and confidence returned to give just returns to the keeper's art of presenting a steady drift of birds over the guns. The day seemed to pass with rapidity with a series of superb drives in the beautifully wooded setting above the Village and Distillery of Bushmills. Alas it eventually came to an end after about four hours of shooting and the party repaired into the haven of the house as the guests of the Macnaghtens for a late and very extended lunch. A veil is drawn over later proceedings and the only decisions made were to thank both Major Clark and Sir Patrick and Lady Macnaghten for superb arrangements and hospitality and to fix the **date for a return at Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2005**. Those wishing to attend should **contact Martin Snaith** in the first instance at **m.s.snaith@bham.ac.uk**. Numbers, as last year, are very limited.

The **11th Inter-Livery Clay Shoot** will be held at the Holland & Holland Shooting Grounds on **Wednesday 18th May 2005**. There were some 380 guns from 56 different Livery Companies at this event last year, at which a Paviors team won a prize of £500 (donated to Charity). This year the Paviors would like to be able to enter three teams of four. Would all of the Pavior Shooters please note and contact **Ian Lumsden** to register their interest.



# Swimathon 2005

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May about 20 teams from different Liveries will assemble at the RAC Club Epsom to take part in the annual Inter-Livery Swimathon. Each team of five will swim 5000 metres to raise money for the Lord Mayor's Charity, which this year is The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Families Association and The Fishermen's Mission. The Paviors have taken part for several years and in 2002 and 2003 they won the prize for raising the most money (more than £5000 in each year).

We are still looking for volunteer swimmers since although we have the makings of one team it would be good to get together a second team. Even if you do not feel you can swim it would be great if you could sponsor the team. If you feel able to sponsor us please contact Tom Barton on [ttmhbarton@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ttmhbarton@yahoo.co.uk) or 01483722083.

*Tom Barton*

### PAVIORS FLOAT 2005

November 12<sup>th</sup> is a date for your diary, as this is the Saturday which sees the colourful pageant that is the Lord Mayor's Show. 2005 will see the fourth consecutive Pavior's entry - last year, as in 2003, you may remember that we had the longest float in the procession, and managed to incorporate two steam vehicles - a show first!

The entry is made possible by the hard work of those Paviors who organise and co-ordinate, but also by the great generosity of our sponsors who last year comprised:-

- Nigel Kempner of Benchmark Group
- Norman Haste of Cross Rail
- Terry Last of Tarmac
- Rodney Bennion of McNicholas
- Tom Barton of Robert McAlpine

Entering the show is not only an excellent way of promoting your company, but also the Paviors as a living, breathing organisation. It also helps to support the Lord Mayor's Charity and to promote the City both nationally and across the world. This year it is going to be even bigger than last year's record show with over 6,000 people taking part whilst ½ million spectate and a further 3 million watch the event on television.

If we are going to participate again this year we will need to identify support from sponsors for this year's effort - so if you're interested in providing support, and gaining some useful exposure for your company by way of advertising space on the float, whilst also contributing to the Lord Mayor's charity - all this for £2,000 (plus VAT) - we would be delighted to hear from you!

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### PAVIORS GOLF SOCIETY

The Annual Dinner of the Paviors Golf Society is one of the many enjoyable events of the Company's year. The location this year was the Watermen and Lightermen's Hall with around 38 Liverymen, Freemen and Guests attending what proved to be a relaxed and enjoyable occasion.

The Dinner was held in the Freeman's Room incorporated into the Hall in 1983, this fine room has recently been extensively refurbished to very high and exacting standards. A major feature of the room is a display of some of the Watermen Company's historic uniforms and silver.

The Golf Society's annual committee meeting preceded the dinner where, having discussed general organisational issues, members contemplated golf for 2005 and the prospect of playing Swinley Forest (May), Woburn (July), St Georges Hill (September) and Tandridge (November). An inter-livery competition towards the end of the year in La Manga is also being considered.

The newly appointed Captain for 2005, James Dickson, proposed the Toast to the Guests, which was responded to by guest Stephen Keeley, who entertained us with one or two interesting and humorous reflections of his experience of golf and playing with the Society. He was obviously impressed with the Society's level of support and recounted how much he had enjoyed the Paviors' golf days to which he had been invited.

James Dickson responded and thanked Master John Mills for his support as President of the Society in 2004 and to John Carpenter (Master and Society President for 2005) for attending the evening.

The efforts and assistance of the Society Secretary, Keith Lambert are much appreciated, in the efficient running of the Society events. One or two eyebrows were raised, however, when James Dickson presented the Golf Society Trophy to Keith for the highest score for 3 rounds of golf in 2004!

The Golf Society was reinstated after the war in 1949 and will continue to prosper, given the very strong level of support enjoyed.

*James Dickson*



## Admissions and Future Events

### 5 More Admissions



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Managing Director  
Roman Roads Ltd

**Hugh MacDonald**  
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Winckworth Sherwood

**Shonagh Helen Hay**  
Group Bus Relations Director  
Currie & Brown

Sponsor—**Cedric Hollinsworth**

Sponsor—**Martin Snaith**

Sponsor—**John Carpenter**

#### STOP PRESS

The **Election of the Sheriffs** will take place at the Guildhall on Thursday 24 June. Admission is by ticket only. Anyone wishing to attend should contact our Clerk, John White, for tickets.

Due to an oversight the Liverymen admitted on 25 November 2005 will be included in the August 2005 issue of Pavior.

#### LIVERYMEN

Admitted 25 January 2005

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Admitted 3 March 2005

Forthcoming Events	
Tues 26 Apr	Spring Livery Dinner, Vintners Hall
Mon 9 May	Swimathon, RAC Epsom, Surrey
Sat 14 May	Paviors Sailing Day, Port Solent
Wed 18 May	11 <sup>th</sup> Inter Livery Clay Pigeon Shoot
Thurs 19 May	Prince Arthur Cup Inter-Livery Competition, Walton Heath G C
Tues 24 May	PGS Spring Meeting, Swinley Forest G C
Tues 7 June	Day Trip to Restaurant in country
Thurs 23 June	Livery Midsummer Event, Magic Circle, London
Thurs 24 June	Election of Sheriffs, Guildhall
Wed 20 July	Paviors Golf Society Captains Day, TBA
July	Theatre Evening, Luncheon Club, Barbican
Thurs 22 Sept	Annual Banquet, Mansion House



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