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Paviors' House

The Worshipful Company of Paviers now has a new home. The Company has taken a long lease, with a five-year break, on a Grade 1 listed property formerly known as 'The Master's Cottage' at Sutton's Hospital in Charterhouse, Charterhouse Square, London EC1. It has taken the Paviers 344 years to find a suitable replacement for our previous property, which was burnt down during the Great Fire of London. The property has been refurbished and is now available for use thanks to donations received from around one-third of the Livery.



The site of Sutton's Hospital was originally a burial ground for victims of the Black Death. In 1371, a Carthusian priory was established on the site and remained there until the dissolution of the monasteries, when it was converted into a Tudor mansion. Thomas Sutton, who was a wealthy businessman, acquired the property in 1611 and endowed a charitable foundation, based at the Charterhouse, to educate boys and care for elderly men known as the 'Brothers'. Charterhouse School moved to Godalming, Surrey in 1872 and the site was divided. The almshouses continue to this day to occupy land to the west. Merchant Taylors' School occupied land to the east until 1933, when this part of the site was taken over by St Bartholomew's Hospital. Barts now shares the site with the London School of Medicine and Dentistry, Queen Mary College.



Paviors' House provides accommodation on two floors. At ground level, there is an office with two desks, computer and internet facilities, a toilet and shower-room, and a mini kitchen. On the second floor is a meeting room, with a table and chairs. The room also houses the Master's chair and an exhibition of some of the Company's artefacts. The Company's Royal Charter hangs in the room. The office and meeting room are available for the use of Liverymen and details have been circulated about how to take advantage of this. The details are also posted on the web-site.

The Company has no intention to weaken its very strong links with the Cutlers' Company and Hall, where the archives will continue to be stored. Nor does the Company wish to change its present policy of using the major livery halls for our various formal dinners, which members much appreciate.

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The Master & Charterhouse Event

Master's Message

By the time you read this article I will be about one third of the way through my term of office, which is going very fast. Mary and I have had a fascinating time and have met many interesting people. We have also been to church several times, so somebody obviously thinks my soul needs some attention. One of the churches visited is the Priory Church of St Bartholomew the Great, which is the oldest church in the City and stunningly beautiful. Mary and I had only been there once before on last year's City Walk led by our Learned Clerk.

We have had good attendance at all of our events, so thank you for all of your support. The most recent event, the Midsummer Event, was very successful and gave many people the opportunity to see Paviers' House. As is normal with these things, it has taken slightly longer than planned to complete everything at Paviers' House but, apart from a few bits and pieces, including most importantly the list of sponsors, it is now ready and in use. I believe that it is a fantastic milestone in the history of the Livery and something of which we should all be proud. To date, 105 members of the Livery have donated a grand total of £132,000. This is a fantastic amount, so thank you very much for your generosity. The surplus will allow us to start generating a special fund for moving forward on the property front and be put into a special 'ring-fenced' account.

There are a number of events and opportunities that are being planned to celebrate the expected appointment of Pavior and Alderman Michael Bear as the next Lord Mayor. In particular, we will have a new float when we participate in this year's Lord Mayor's Show. Afterwards, we are hoping to arrange supper and to view the fireworks on a river boat, and are very excited by this possibility. Plans are also going well for a Charity Dinner Dance on 29th January next year. This will raise money for the Lord Mayor's charities and for the RNLI, which is my chosen charity. I had a very interesting time recently when I was shown around the Tower Lifeboat Station on the Embankment. The RNLI certainly do a very important and worthwhile job on the River Thames and need our support.

There are still many other events this year, not least the two-day 'mini jolly' at New College Oxford, where we will be able to see parts of the College that are not normally open to the general public.

Finally, we are all very privileged to be members of such a lively and active Livery. We need to keep it that way. It is important to keep bringing in new blood, so we are always looking for new recruits. Thank you again for all of your support. Let us look forward to an exciting few months.

Tom Barton



The Master Pavior: Tom Barton

Midsummer Event at the Charterhouse

Paviers' first event at the Charterhouse was the Midsummer Event on 24th June. Participants were able to visit Paviers' House and, on a beautiful summer's evening, enjoy drinks in the grounds of the Charterhouse with the Mancini String Quartet playing in the background. A three-course dinner was taken in the magnificent oak-paneled Great Hall, with its Tudor fire-place and wooden screen. The woodwork of the screen still shows scorch marks resulting from an incendiary bomb during the Blitz. The Master of Charterhouse, Dr James Thomson, welcomed Paviers to his home and gave a brief but informative description and history of the Charterhouse. He invited Liverymen to participate in the music programme and other events at the Charterhouse and details of these are given on their web-site www.thecharterhouse.org. Paviers left at the end of a very enjoyable evening with a feeling of pride in their new home and surroundings.

Dick Robinson





Charity Committee

One of the objectives of the Company is to ensure that its educational and charitable role is well defined, appropriately directed and substantial in relation to the wealth of the Livery and the interests of its members. The Committee's role is to fulfil that objective and act as Trustees of the Company's charitable funds, which currently amount to some £600,000. These funds are managed on our behalf by Rathbone Investment Management Ltd.

Livery companies traditionally support City-related charities, including the Lord Mayor's Appeal, and their own military affiliates. We are no exception and we contribute around £10,000 to these causes annually, using income arising from Gift Aid, the 200 Club and specific fund-raising events, such as the Swimathon. The policy adopted since 2007 has been to distribute the annual income from donations, dividends and interest (around £40,000) broadly in the year raised, and this is split roughly equally between construction industry-related charities and educational and excellence awards. Industry-related charities were described in the last edition of *The Pavior*.

The past emphasis relating to education has been on supporting university students with bursaries - mainly post-graduates at Birmingham and Nottingham studying highway and pavement technology. In addition, we provide prizes for GCSE Physics at the four City of London schools, and the Institute of Asphalt Technology prizes at Derby University. We are reviewing our educational awards to widen the spectrum and include primary and secondary schools, apprenticeships and colleges, as well as universities and research. We also wish to place greater emphasis on the support of under-privileged students, particularly those from neighbourhoods bordering the City, to attend London-based courses.

The Committee recognises that the funds at its disposal are not 'substantial' in the context of our objectives and therefore welcomes other initiatives from the Livery. In particular, the Golf Society set out in 2006 to hold an annual Charity Golf Day and, since then, has raised over £200,000 to donate to its chosen charities. As mentioned elsewhere, the Master is organising a Charity Dinner Dance next year to raise funds. With these additional fund-raising activities, our annual charitable and educational giving compares favourably with other livery companies. *George Chapman*

Swimathon

In the 2009 Swimathon, the Paviers' team included an Olympic swimmer and were awarded the silver salver for fundraising in 2008. Thus, this year's Paviers' Swimathon team had a lot to live up to. The event took place on 30th March at the RAC Club, Woodcote Park, Epsom. The average age of swimmers participating was lowered significantly by the two teams entered by the Drapers Livery, which drew most of their members from Bancrofts School. But the Paviers' team had this year's youngest participant in two-and-a-half year old Heidi Laing. Other swimmers were Annette, James, Tom and Charlie Laing, Robert Scriven, Alexander Malmaeus and Dick Robinson.



The Paviers' Swimathon team with the Mistress and Master Pavior (Inset: Heidi Laing)

Luckily, the Swimathon is not a race, but a fund-raising competition. The only incentives for a team to finish first are a dry changing room and the chance of getting a good seat in the bar. Paviers finished somewhere in the middle. A couple of hours doing lengths and cheering at the poolside is a good way to build up an appetite, and the RAC Club did not

disappoint. This year's fundraising went towards the Lord Mayor's Appeal, which will benefit the charity Pitch Perfect. The Loriners were awarded the silver salver for reaching the highest fundraising total in 2009.

Pavior and Alderman Michael Bear is also a member of the Chartered Surveyors Company who organise the Swimathon. He has asked that, next year, the Surveyors concentrate their fundraising efforts in other areas. For this reason, the next Inter-Livery Swimathon will be in 2012. *Alexander Malmaeus*

Inter-Livery Shoot

The Inter-Livery Shoot took place on 19th May. The day dawned without a cloud in the sky, and gave us another splendid and very hot day to spend at the Holland and Holland shooting ground in Middlesex. The event continues to grow in popularity and therefore numbers, with over 400 guns taking part this year. The one team from the Paviers (down from three teams in the past: we must try harder!) arrived bright eyed and on time for an early start. Our team of Oliver Whitehead, Neil Ashley, Miles Ashley and Nicholas Kerr managed a creditable 56th place out of 101 teams, with our best gun coming individually in equal 20th place. Once again, a great deal of money was raised for charity and a great day out was had by all. Further information and pictures of the event can be found at www.interliveryshoot.com. My thanks to the team for taking part. I hope that a few more of the members can join us next year. *Ian Lumsden*



Spring Livery Dinner

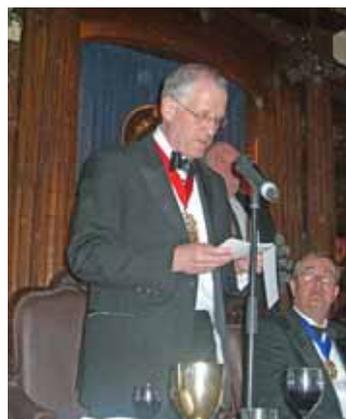
The Spring Livery Dinner was held at Ironmongers' Hall on 20th April and attended by around 180 Pavors and guests. The Hall is tucked away near to the Museum of London and, from its narrow entrance, opens out like a 'tardis' to reveal a splendid oak-panelled, well-appointed building on two floors. The artefacts, paintings and decoration suggest some antiquity, so it is perhaps surprising to find that the building dates back only to the 1920s. Unfortunately, travel problems caused by the volcanic dust cloud from Iceland meant that a number of participants were stranded and unable to attend. However, at least one guest, finding himself stuck in Britain unable to return to his native New Zealand, joined us at short notice. The Learned Clerk is to be congratulated on dealing with all of the last-minute changed arrangements.

A high standard of food was provided, starting with smoked mackerel mousse, which some of us continued to enjoy for several hours afterwards. This was washed down with a 'smoky and spicy' Vin d'Alsace, which provided an excellent accompaniment. The main course was pan-fried breast of guinea fowl, which was succulent and surprisingly well-endowed with meat coming from such a small bird. The accompanying red wine was a Merlot-Syrah blend from Domaine de Limbardié, Vin de Pays de Cessenon. A mild Bacardi and orange cheese cake followed, before we finished with coffee and port. The failure of the advertised chocolates to arrive was probably a blessing for those of us who were supposed to be on a diet. Diners then joined with the Ceremony of the Loving Cup.



Ivan Kiuwua

Throughout the meal, pianist Ivan Kiuwua from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama entertained us with a selection of Scott Joplin pieces. Perhaps recognising that it must be soul-destroying for a musician to play to an audience focusing mainly on food and conversation, the Master then invited Ivan to perform something to which diners could listen and enjoy fully. The rendition of the Chopin prelude that followed was stunning.



The Master

Court Assistant, Sue Illman, proposed a toast to the guests, including representatives from the Chartered Surveyors, Scriveners, and Joiners and Ceilers (carvers). She introduced the principal guest, Hon Sir William McAlpine Bt, who responded on the guests' behalf. Sir William explained how his great-grandfather, Robert McAlpine, had started life as a bricklayer, building houses before founding a contracting company, constructing amongst other things the West Highland Railway to Mallaig. He told us how a family disagreement led to Alfred McAlpine forming a separate company to that run by his brothers, Willie and Malcolm: the two companies still in existence today. He regaled us with several pieces of wisdom, such as 'the art of contracting is to know which contracts *not* to have' and 'no mud; no money; no jobs'! Following an informative speech, he offered a toast to the Master.

Our Master responded and used the opportunity to outline planned events and proposed charity-support during his tenure of office. He introduced to participants members of the Liverymen's Committee and two new Liverymen who had been admitted earlier. He then presented a crystal decanter to John Armitt, Chairman of the Olympic Delivery Authority, as thanks for giving the Pavors' Lecture earlier in the year. Junior Liveryman, Philip Eyre, then toasted the Pavors and, all too soon, a pleasurable evening came to an end.

Dick Robinson



Sue Illman



Sir William McAlpine



John Armitt



Olympics and Smoked Salmon

'You are in the Marathon; we couldn't get you into the Pole Vault.' This slightly reassuring comment by our Master, Tom Barton, turned out not to refer to athletic demands required of the 22 Paviers visiting the Olympic Stadium on a warm June morning, but to the names of the meeting rooms at Team Stadium's site offices. Here, we were introduced to Tony Aikenhead and Mike Breton who are leading the contract for Team Stadium, following on from its previous experience at Arsenal's football stadium.

The stadium is the largest of six major venues being constructed to the west of Stratford, where other Olympic Park developments include a media centre large enough to house five jumbo jets. The adjacent Olympic Village will accommodate over 17,000 athletes and officials during the Games. The scale of visible construction is gigantic, and the effort to provide buildings of lasting worth frankly reassuring.

After a thorough briefing on the project and being comprehensively fitted out with safety kit, we were taken by hoist to the top of the structure. Although the stadium will accommodate 80,000 spectators during the 2012 Games, it has a surprising intimacy. Even the back rows of seating feel much closer to the playing area than is usual in large venues. The stadium is designed specifically to accommodate the main athletic events and the keynote opening and closing ceremonies, for which a worldwide audience of a billion people is expected.



*The Olympic Stadium
3rd June 2010*



Upper tier of the stadium that can be removed after the Games have taken place



Visiting Paviers



Lunch at Forman's Restaurant

While working our way back down through the seating areas, which are finely cast in concrete, we were able to see other parts of the Olympic Park and contrast it to the lack of development that the area had experienced for very many years before work began in 2006.

After thanking our guides for taking time out from the delivery of this most time-sensitive of projects, we moved on to a very different construction project spawned by the Olympic Stadium. Roughly in the middle of where the running track is now being built, there had originally been a smokehouse run by the Forman family, who are fourth-generation fish-smokers. The aroma of London-cured fish was not able to remain to inspire the competitors, but the entrepreneurial family moved just over the River Lea and built a striking new factory and restaurant. Their new premises offered a fine view of the Olympic Park, and provided an outstanding smoked salmon starter for the hungry liverymen's lunch.

This very special technical visit concluded with thanks to Tony and Mike and their team at the Stadium, Lance Forman for his welcome at our lunch, and to the Master for making it possible. Thanks are also due to the Olympic Delivery Authority for permission to publish this article and photographs.

John May



The Master's Jolly to Siena

On Thursday 20th May, a group of 35 Paviors and partners departed from Heathrow en route to Pisa. The run up to the Master's Jolly this year had been anxious due to the volcanic ash clouds and BA strikes. Once on board, we breathed a collective sigh of relief, but the plan to toast our departure with champagne was derailed when informed by the somewhat mutinous crew that 'we don't carry champagne on board anymore'! However, our enterprising Wine Circle Chairman sourced some wine for those in the mood.

Upon arrival in Pisa, we were met by our guide, Wendy, and were swiftly on our way in the sunshine through the beautiful countryside to Siena. We made it through the Porta S Marco with 15 minutes to spare before it was closed to motor traffic at 4pm. Some used the time before dinner to rest; others headed for Il Campo to seek refreshment in the scenic bars and catch up with fellow Paviors. Taking in the beautiful architecture, it was easy to imagine the occasion of the Palio Race, when horses and bareback riders thunder over the steep and uneven ancient paving stones.

Our first evening was a feast of food and wine. We met on the terrace of the Hotel Athena, with its picture-perfect views of the surrounding countryside. After the Master's welcome over flutes of Prosecco, we proceeded to the Restaurant Al Mangia in the Campo for a delicious meal (the spaghetti with vegetable ragu was a highlight), accompanied by local wines. Being a hardy British group, we sat outside to enjoy the al fresco experience. As the evening chill descended, the outdoor heaters came on and chivalrous Paviors lent their jackets to some of the ladies, while coffee and grappa warmed others.

On Friday morning, our coach negotiated the exit through the Porta S Marco. This procedure proved complicated, and depended on the wits and ability of our driver, directed by staff from the hotel. Our first stop was the hillside town of Montalcino, famous for the Brunello grape. After a short walk towards the town square, most of the group felt a need to take a restorative cappuccino and some local biscotti. Some explored the beautiful, simple



Paviors and partners at Il Campo

church at the head of the square; others indulged in a little retail therapy in the distinctive local shops. We were prised away from this lovely place and drove through the unspoilt and rather wild countryside to Fattoria Casabianca, a wine and olive oil estate. Here we sat under a shady pergola and were treated to a delicious four-course lunch accompanied by estate wines. The relaxing and convivial atmosphere led to a change of plan, as we decided to spend the afternoon visiting the winery, rather than travelling further. We purchased some wine and olive oil, and headed off through the vines. Here we were impressed by the automated, customised grape-picking machine, a snip at 250,000 Euros! We then merrily set off back to Siena for an evening at leisure.

On Saturday, we sampled Siena's culture, with a visit to the Duomo (cathedral) and a city walk with a witty and informative local guide, Donatella. Of particular interest was the explanation of the Palio Race, with the participation of the contrade (city wards), whose statues and emblems are found throughout the city. We saw several wedding parties and visited the site of the world's oldest bank. A free afternoon saw many stopping off at the Master's recommended gelateria. In the evening, our final dinner was at the atmospheric and highly-recommended Osteria le Logge. In the private room



Montalcino

upstairs, we feasted on local specialities, including artichoke salad, liver pate, cannelloni and risotto with pigeon, washed down by generous carafes of fine local wines. There were a few delicate heads the next morning...

We checked out on Sunday morning, and headed off to San Gimignano, perhaps the most spectacular of Tuscany's hillside towns. Approaching the town, Wendy brought to our attention the somewhat eccentric distance signs: one minute we were 11km from the town, a few minutes later 5km and then back to 13km. Eventually, we did arrive and wandered through the busy streets, packed with many locals on their family Sunday out. This was a last chance to sightsee, shop or perhaps find a bar in the town square and sample (again!) the fresh and fruity Vernaccia di San Gimignano. We met up for a lunch of local specialities at the Trattoria Dulcis in Fundo, which has been converted from two 14th century granaries. It was finally time to leave for London, extending our appreciation to Wendy, our excellent guide, and to our Master and his Mistress for a very fine Jolly indeed!

Dorian and John Dance



Luncheon Club Visit to Hever Castle

On 9th June, the Paviors' Luncheon Club held their annual 'day in the country' at Hever Castle in Kent, the childhood home of Anne Boleyn and, later, home to William Waldorf Astor. The day was warm and the weather fair, but with the chance of showers. Most of the 40 Paviors and guests, armed with umbrellas, arrived on time, but a few were delayed by an M25 incident and by unexpected local road diversions.

After coffee and shortbread, the party toured the impressive medieval castle. Much of the interior décor and furnishing was undertaken by Mr Astor, dating from 1903. The work was carried out with much care, allowing the moated building to retain its strong medieval character. It is a fascinating place to visit, with a wealth of history to absorb and spiral staircases to negotiate. There were no reported sightings of Anne Boleyn's ghost. Exhausted by the mental and physical exertion of the castle tour, the party gathered in the refurbished Pavilion Restaurant for welcome drinks and an excellent lunch.

The gardens are the 'piece de resistance' of Hever and cover some 45 acres. We were privileged, after lunch, to have a tour of these conducted



Head Gardener's guided tour

by the Head Gardener and his assistant. The gardens were again the brainchild of Mr Astor. They include a 16-acre lake, hand-dug by 800 navvies, taking two years to complete. The manicured formal gardens contain Astor's collection of ancient statues and artefacts, and are truly magnificent. Past Master Oliver Whitehead was intrigued by the restoration work being undertaken on yew hedges, and will soon be applying pelleted chicken manure to improve his own hedge! Some light rain did fall, but spirits were not dampened, resulting in another successful summer event. *Philip Anderson*

Golf at Swinley Forest



Bill Merry is presented with the Bridgewater Bowl and President's Salver by Society Captain Ian Pamplin

The first event of the Golf Society season is traditionally held at Swinley Forest Golf Club near Ascot, and this year was no exception. Swinley is listed in the top 50 golf courses in the country and, with the rhododendrons in full bloom and the sun shining, we could not have wished for a better location. A record attendance of 45 players meant that competition was stiff and some excellent scores were recorded. The few who carried away honours were:

Paviors: 1st Bill Merry, 2nd Paul McCracken and 3rd Ian Gibb

Guests: 1st Paul Corcoran, 2nd Simon Parker and 3rd Eddie Garty

Everyone attending agreed that the course was in excellent condition and those dining afterwards were looked after well by Swinley's catering and clubhouse staff. *Ian Pamplin*

Wine Circle in Paris

The Wine Circle has been very active this year. In March, we met at Neville and Sonia Blech's house for the third time since the Circle was founded to enjoy Sonia's special cooking and Neville's choice of accompanying wine. Because this is a semi-domestic occasion, it always seems to go with a particularly friendly swing, and members and their guests enjoyed themselves hugely. I rather suspect, such is the demand, that we will visit again,

In June, 23 rather bleary-eyed members and guests met at St Pancras International for a Eurostar trip to Paris. Entering France, we celebrated with croissants and champagne (drunk from rather nasty plastic 'glasses'), which soon cheered everyone up. In Paris, we took the Metro to the Les Halles district and walked to the Pharamond Restaurant, which is beautifully decorated in the 'Belle Epoque' style. Here we were met by Sylvain and his staff and joined by Bill Bolter, a winemaker and négociant from Bordeaux. He had arranged with M and Mme Cordonnier, the owner and wine maker at Château Dutruch Grand Poujeaux, to taste a range of vintages of their wines. The tasting was followed by a classic French four-course meal, beautifully presented and served with more of the Cordonniers' wine. We tumbled out into the streets of Paris some four hours later. The more energetic then rushed to buy a few goodies before we slept our way back to London.

The Circle committee has also met to discuss whether to purchase some of the excellent 2009 vintage claret, which has been offered this summer. Prices are high but, thanks to the proceeds from the sale of one wine from our cellars, we have been able to buy 20 dozen bottles of four different examples of the vintage. Some lucky Paviors will be able to drink this from about 2018 onwards. Our next meeting will be on 5th October when we will be welcoming an expert from The Wine Society on the matching of food and wine. We plan to have a number of 'mini' courses matched with pairs of wines to show how some wines work with different foods and others possibly do not. New members are very welcome. Contact Louise Penston (LouisePenston@aol.com) if you are interested. *John Cruise*



Affiliates

Amberley Cleaning Day

It seems to have become a tradition in recent years that one of the early tasks awaiting an incoming Master is to lead a team of Company volunteers in the annual clean-up of the Paviors' exhibit at the Amberley Museum, near Arundel in Sussex. This year was no exception but, this time, the accumulated chalk dust seemed to have more tenacity, sticking in every available nook and cranny with a grip like super-glue. Maybe this was the result of our prolonged winter, or perhaps good food and wine at livery dinners have taken their toll on those participating. Nevertheless by 13th April, the chosen day, the weather had improved and Paviors congregated together with a variety of cleaning implements, eco-friendly detergents and appropriate 'work wear'. One participant's overalls were encrusted with boat varnish, which had clearly improved their longevity. The Mistress Pavior came armed with a formidable and pristine-looking 'tickling stick', which she wielded with great skill and enthusiasm.



The Paviors' cleaning team with Museum Curator Claire Seymour

After a briefing and 'pep talk' by museum staff, we were let loose on the artefacts. We were relieved to see some agile young bodies among those present. I suppose, in the Company's formative years, sending young children up chimneys was common, so the tasks allocated to some of our team were in keeping with these traditions! Very soon exhibits began to reveal their true colours and, of course, the banter and teasing took its normal form. Some partners had suggested previously that this annual exercise is an ideal training scheme in domesticity that could be put to very good use in the home environment!



The Mistress Pavior wields her tickling stick

Later, Amberley's Curator, Claire Seymour, called us to a welcome coffee break before our enthusiastic brushing flagged. Eventually, the task was polished-off (literally) by lunch time.

With the task completed, the team gathered together for the traditional photograph before setting off on a vintage open-top bus ride around the Amberley complex. It proved to be an ideal way to see the many developments that have taken place during the last year. In addition, the fresh air and morning's exertions ensured that appetites were primed ready for lunch in the Friends' meeting room.



Tour of the Museum on an open-top bus

During lunch, Amberley Trustee Brian Johnson, who has particular responsibility for the Paviors' pavilion, gave us a detailed explanation of how the whole Amberley complex is being developed. He identified the possibilities for the much-needed improvements to our pavilion. The professional staff are well aware of the

restrictions imposed by the size of current exhibits and the difficulties that arise in trying to present a coherent story with proper educational content about 'paving'. But, very soon it was time to say our farewells.

The Museum Liaison Party is indebted to the help and goodwill provided by Paviors and hope to see many of you at our Paviors' Family Fun Day. Make a note in your diary for Sunday 19th September. This will coincide with an Amberley Special Event: a 'Miniature Steam Weekend' and, as usual, we will be making a special effort to provide children's activities.

Len Parker

HMS Argyll

Paviors' affiliate, HMS Argyll, is coming to the end of a 12-month refit. This is a multi-million pound programme that is preserving and enhancing the ship's structure, and upgrading or replacing most of the weapons and on-board sensors. Currently, 120 crew of the 180 final sea-going complement are aboard. A new Commanding Officer, Paul Stroude, was appointed in May. Commander Stroude's previous posting was to the UK Maritime Battle Staff, including a tour to Iraq. Prior to that, he has served on a number of ships including, most recently, the Type 22 Frigate HMS Cornwall. The major drive now on HMS Argyll is to train the crew and ready the ship materially to commence sea trials in September. A re-dedication ceremony will take place in Devonport in December or January 2011.



Cmdr P A Stroude RN



Exercise Lekhali Tiger

The Paviers Company made an Education Grant this year to its affiliate: the Third Battalion Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment. The Battalion agreed that this should be used to support a programme of adventurous training expeditions instigated by the Commanding Officer, Lt Col David Mogg. The Battalion has subsequently visited Cyprus for sub-aqua diving, France for alpine skiing and the Solent for sailing. But the headline unit expedition, and largest recipient of Paviers' funding, was Exercise Lekhali Tiger. The Commanding Officer has sent us this report.

Exercise Lekhali Tiger was a 16-day high-altitude trek through the Annapurna region of central Nepal. The exercise consisted of three phases: the trekking phase itself, an urban cultural appreciation phase and a safari experience in the Chitwan National Park. The aim of the exercise was to promote team work, endurance, fitness and an understanding of a different culture. It also provided personnel from all levels of the Battalion with the opportunity to qualify in Summer Mountain Proficiency. The following is an account of the trip by Private Dan Brace from B Company, a schoolteacher in civilian life and a current volunteer for Afghanistan.

"The group touched down in Kathmandu on the 16th March and were immersed from the outset in the traditions and cultures of this distant and mysterious country. Our baggage was picked up and carried for five metres or so before the total strangers who collected them asked us for payment for the assistance that they gave without even being asked... no thanks! Then we braved the Kathmandu traffic. Our local driver managed to translate the seemingly random car horns and slaps on the body of the vehicle into some form of sense. The rule of thumb for Nepali driving is to honk before you attempt any manoeuvre, whether you can complete it or not.



En route, we stayed with the British Gurkhas at both their Kathmandu headquarters camp and in the larger training facility in Pokhara. The food and welcome at both were superb and very much appreciated. The accommodation was as per the Army standard, but with an unfamiliar lack of shouting and 06.30 reveille.

The first day in Kathmandu was a cultural tour which consisted mainly of temples, temples and some more temples, followed by places to buy trekking kit and other tourist 'must haves' at surprisingly low prices! One early eye-opening experience was our visit to the Pashupati Nath Temple, where we witnessed one of the many cremations held there to allow the bodies to enter the holy river. The smell, sanitation and poverty of the region were certainly memories brought back from the visit.

The next morning we set out by road for Pokhara, Nepal's second largest city. We had another nerve-racking sample of Himalayan driving skills on the way, when we passed other vehicles - or were passed ourselves - on numerous occasions going around blind bends or through narrow crossings... all with the aid of the horn! The drive was described to us as a seven-hour scenic drive. It was indeed scenic, but actually took a full nine hours. And it was somewhat hair and blood pressure-raising as well.

The trekking phase began on our third day in the country when we were driven to our start and finish point at Nayapul, a small town in the foothills, from where numerous treks begin their ascents. We were about the

only group of trekkers who were actually carrying their own equipment: we had no porters who would carry their own body weight and then more... all for £5 a day. We were probably being cheap!

Our first introduction to the Himalayas came later on the first day when the group pushed on past our original destination for the day and found ourselves climbing up 500m in the last 1.5km - a very emotional time for many of us. The second day started, as every other day would for the next week, with the sound of cameras clicking and silent awe as we were graced with the beauty of the Annapurna range when the early morning mists cleared and the clouds parted. Our party had settled into its trekking routine and the various personalities soon became apparent. With any military exercise, if you stick a few soldiers together, the banter will always find a way to spur people on. The expedition leader was always at or near the front, the mountain leader instructors were middle and rear, the Medic floating up and down the line, whilst the expedition photographer could usually be found either to the rear or advancing ahead of us waiting for that perfect shot.

The trekking phase saw us climb up from 1,100m at the start to a final altitude of 4,150m (Annapurna Base Camp), before returning to Pokhara at 800m above sea level. Most of us slept well at Base Camp and we were relatively unaffected by altitude sickness. Some sleep-related issues were experienced by members of the team, but generally we were all rested and keen to push on every morning.

Navigational skills, endurance and awareness of high altitude, arduous terrain activities were all part of the operational build-up training for the exercise. The diverse members of the party came from different ranks, backgrounds and ages to meet and face the challenges of operating at altitude and as part of a multi-disciplinary team. It was an exceptional experience that I would recommend to anyone as one of those 'must do' activities in life." 3PWRR



Events & Feed-back

Sailing Day

On 26th June, the Paviers' sailing contingent responded to an order from the Master to spend a day out on manoeuvres. We headed into the Solent in our vessel *Moonshine Blues*, but into less than challenging conditions of sunshine and light winds. We immediately tucked into bacon rolls, raised some white triangular bed-sheets and turned left by a big red floating thing; apparently something the new liner *Queen Mary* had not done just before hitting Bramble Bank! About an hour later, the crew were growing restless, so tucked into champagne and smoked-salmon sandwiches, which quelled the immediate risk of mutiny. For the rest of the morning we had some gentle sailing in shifting wind conditions.



We eventually weighed anchor on the shores of the Isle of White and reported in for a substantial lunch at the Folly Inn near to Cowes. The afternoon was a bit of a blur and some members were inexplicably beset by sleeping sickness and had to lie down on deck for a spell. But the return voyage achieved some brisker sailing, and most had a go on the big wheel that reputedly had some influence over our direction of travel.

Our thanks go to our skipper, Andrew Pigeon, who only charged us for the fuel, allowing us to make a healthy donation to the RNLI at the Master's request. The Livery can rest easy that the Paviers' sailors, Mike, Jason and Ben Sandy, Philip Eyre, and Anthony Mortar, continue to provide capable protection to the shores of Britain. *Miles Ashley*

Livery Dinners - Questions Answered

Those of you attending Livery Dinners over the past year or so will be aware that the Marketing Committee of the Livery has been seeking, via emails, your views on various facets of the events. The response to our questionnaires has been both good and encouraging – good in the numbers who have taken the trouble to respond and encouraging in the overwhelming majority of complimentary things you have had to say about our events.

The Committee wishes to thank all those who have taken time to respond and to encourage more of you to do so when the next questionnaire arrives in your mailbox. It is only by hearing your views that those organising our various functions can seek to optimise the pleasure you receive from attending them. The following summary sets out the key findings of our surveys to date.



Favourable aspects to be maintained

- Timing: better discipline with shorter speeches widely appreciated with 10.30pm drop-dead finish absolutely vital
- Halls: keep to the larger ones and let's fill them!
- Value: don't let the quality drop to save marginal cost
- Food and wines: maintain high quality
- Acoustics: ensure/maintain good quality

Comments, suggestions for improvement and Committee response

- Wines: welcomed re-introduction of Madeira but ensure refills as per Port - *we will try to ensure that there are refills for the Madeira but we are dependent on the staff and management of the particular Hall*
- Reception: larger reception areas would be appreciated - *reception areas are limited by what is available in a given Hall*
- Speakers: look for high-quality City speakers - *we would welcome suggestions for speakers; if any Liveryman is friendly with a good speaker, the Master would be delighted to hear from them*
- Halls: keep varying them - *we try to vary the Halls as much as we can but, as requested above, we can only use the larger ones*
- Coffee: reintroduce coffee afterwards in lounge - *there is a timing issue with coffee after dinner but, if arrangements can be made for it to work within the 10.30pm constraint, then it will be considered*
- Seating: include first names on seating plan/place names - *first names have now been introduced on the place names*
- Common Hall: add a half-year Common Hall-type event to the programme - *we are not sure that there is a space in the calendar for a second Common Hall*
- Annual Banquet: some wish to re-introduce white tie for all - *the Master is very keen that as many people as possible, particularly Court and Committee Members, should wear white tie; however, he is aware that the costs involved in hiring white tie could be prohibitive to some members and guests, and therefore feels that the current arrangements should stand*

The Marketing Committee continues to welcome suggestions as to how our events can be improved, whether via the questionnaires or at any time, and thanks you for your on-going support. *Peter Pawsey*



Membership

New Members

**Honorary Freeman: John Armitt CBE FREng FICE
Chairman of the Olympic Delivery Authority**

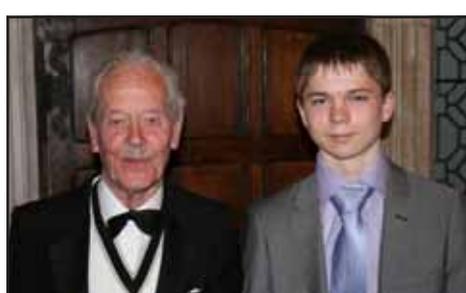
John Armitt was appointed Chairman of the Olympic Delivery Authority in September 2007. John's career has straddled both the construction industry and railways. He joined John Laing as a civil engineer in 1966, and was ultimately made Chairman of Laing's International and Civil Engineering Divisions in 1987. He left in 1993 to become Chief Engineer of Union Railways, the company responsible for developing the high-speed Channel Tunnel Rail Link. In 1997, he was appointed Chief Engineer of Costain and, in 2001, Chief Executive of Railtrack plc. A year later, he was made Chief Engineer of Network Rail. John is also Chairman of the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, a Non-Executive Director of the Berkeley Group, and a member of the advisory boards of PWC and Siemens plc. He has honorary doctorates from the Universities of Birmingham, Portsmouth and Reading. In February of this year, John Armitt gave the 35th Annual Paviers' Lecture entitled 'Engineering the Olympics'.



**Liverymen admitted
20th April 2010**

**Apprentice admitted
20th April 2010**

**Freeman admitted
1st July 2010**



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Liveryman Leonard Fisher 1918-2010



Although born in Cheshire, Leonard grew up in Great Crosby, Liverpool. He was a gifted sportsman, and keen and talented scholar. On leaving school, he joined an architectural firm and, from there, moved to a position in the Engineer's Department of the LMS Railway, where he gained qualifications in railway engineering. He moved on to work as a surveyor with George Corderoy & Co before being offered a position with Sir Alexander Gibb & Partners, for whom he carried out tunnelling surveys. During the Blitz, Leonard was engaged on heavy civil engineering works in London but, after the war, he and his wife Audrey moved to the West Country. Here, he established his successful civil engineering contracting business, Leonard Fisher Limited, at Crosby House in Chard.

In 1955, he was persuaded to purchase Windwhistle Golf Club near Chard to save it from closure. He ran this in addition to his civil engineering business until December 2006. Leonard was a Borough and District Councillor for many years, and was appointed Mayor of Chard from 1960 to 1962. Following the death of his wife, who suffered from Progressive Supra-Nuclear Palsy (PSP), Leonard helped to raise awareness and funds for the PSP Society.

Leonard was admitted to the Paviers in 1972. Last November, he was able to attend his final Livery Dinner at Fishmongers' Hall. The evening was particularly memorable since he was able to witness his grandson, Jason Sandy, propose a toast as the Junior Liveryman.

Ian Pamplin

Obituary



Jottings & Forthcoming Events

Lord Mayor's Show

This year's Lord Mayor's Show will take place on Saturday 13th November. This is the occasion when the new Lord Mayor of London 'shows himself' to the citizens of London (see www.lordmayorsshow.org). The Show is always a spectacular and colourful event, and Paviors have participated for a number of years.

This year's Show will be extra special for the Paviors, with Alderman Michael Bear likely to take up his position as the new Lord Mayor. This is a great honour for the Paviors Company. To mark the occasion, the Company has invested in a brand new float. The Livery will have a prominent position in the parade through the City and on television. Our entry in the parade will have two steam-rollers, a jazz-band on board the float, and a group of Paviors attired in hard-hats, high-visibility jackets and stop/go signs bearing the Paviors' logo. In the evening, we are hiring a boat for drinks and supper. This will be moored on the Thames to give a good view of the fireworks. Livierymen, their families and friends are encouraged to come along and support the event.



Paviors' float used in recent years

Forthcoming Events 2010			
<i>Date and time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Who can attend</i>	<i>Venue</i>
Mon 06 to Wed 08 September	Master's Outing	Livierymen and partners	New College Oxford
Sun 19 September	Family Fun Day	Livierymen and their families	Amberley Museum
Tue 21 September	Luncheon	Luncheon Club members	Travellers' Club
Fri 24 September	Annual Banquet	Livierymen, partners and their guests	Mansion House
Wed 29 September	Election of Lord Mayor	Livierymen	Guildhall
Wed 06 October	Autumn Meeting	Golf Society	St George's Hill GC
Wed 20 October	Visit	Luncheon Club members and guests	Houses of Parliament
Wed 10 November	Luncheon	Luncheon Club members	Guildhall
Wed 10 November	Winter Meeting	Golf Society	Tandridge GC
Sat 13 November	Lord Mayor's Show and lunch	Livierymen and their families	Paviors' House, Charterhouse
Thu 18 November 19.00 for 19.30	Livery Dinner	Livierymen and their guests	Drapers' Hall
Mon 13 December	Christmas Dinner	Luncheon Club members and guests	Cutlers' Hall

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