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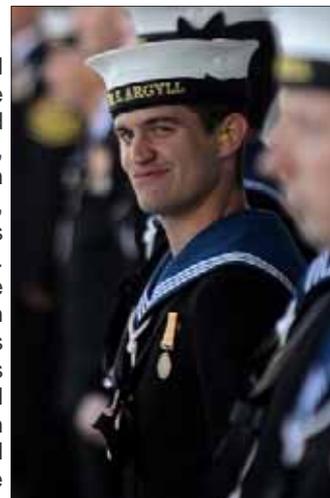
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HMS Argyll

Earlier this year, a number of Paviers visited HMS Argyll in Devonport as guests of the ship. Shortly after this, on 18 February and following 10 months of intensive preparation, the frigate left port to deploy to the South Atlantic. The voyage included stops at Lisbon, Dakar and Cape Verde, where joint exercises were undertaken with local armed forces. Much of this was aimed at countering maritime terrorism and illicit trade. After exercises with ships and aircraft from Portugal, Argyll's Captain, Cdr Tim Neild, told the ship's newsletter, the *Argyll Times*, that 'the Royal Navy is at sea every day, working with international partners to provide global maritime security where it is needed. As we prepare for operations, it is vital that my team are fully briefed and up to date on the illicit activity off the West African coast and ... Portugal is the centre of excellence in this field. With their advice, my team is now fully equipped and ready to join the global fight against narcotics and I am confident that we will deliver success in all that is asked of us'.

A multi-national exercise was based at Dakar. Here, Argyll put to sea with six members of the Liberian Coast Guard on board to conduct 'live training' off the coast of Senegal using the other participating nations as 'target vessels of interest'. Over the three-day exercise, the Liberians practised boarding operations using Argyll's sea-boats to assist in building the capacity of the Liberian team, who have only been operating as a coast guard since 2009. Subsequently, Operation 'Creole Eagle' saw Argyll and the Cape Verde Coast Guard Ship, *Guardia*, conducting maritime security operations. Cape Verde is of strategic importance in the fight against drug trafficking and the Operation served as an excellent opportunity to share operating procedures and experiences, whilst building the capability of the Cape Verdean personnel.



The final port-of-call on this stage of the deployment was to Simonstown in South Africa. The ship arrived conducting a 21-gun salute: traditionally to demonstrate that its guns were empty on entering port. Here, she was provisioned, while crew members took the opportunity for adventure training, by hiking up Table Mountain, sea kayaking, mountain biking, surfing and cage diving.



During the deployment, Argyll was quick to respond to the distress call of a Japanese fishing vessel that had a crew member with a serious head injury following an on-board fall. The Argyll ship's doctor and a medic were sent over to the vessel to assess the man's condition and it quickly became apparent that urgent medical treatment was needed. Argyll's helicopter was used to winch the casualty off the ship and fly him direct to hospital. Just another day at the office on HMS Argyll!



Affiliates plus The Master

RAF Coningsby



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RAF Typhoon aircraft of the type operating out of RAF Coningsby

The Master was a guest of our affiliate 29(R) Squadron at RAF Coningsby on 26 April. A month after this, on 24 May, RAF Typhoon jets from the airbase were scrambled to intercept and escort a passenger plane over the UK. A spokesman for Manchester Airport said 'A Pakistan International Airlines aircraft, which was due to land at Manchester Airport at 13.30BST today, has been diverted to our sister airport, London Stansted, where the authorities are investigating'. After landing, police boarded the aircraft and two men were arrested on suspicion of endangerment of an aircraft. It is understood that the incident was not terror-related, but is just one example of the way that the RAF are ready at a moment's notice to protect the country from possible threats.

The Master in the Scilly Isles



Over the weekend of 17-20 May, members of the Court and their partners joined with the Master and Mistress for the 'Master's Jolly' to the Scilly Isles - very few, other than the Master, realized how glorious the Scilly Isles are, as typified by the view of St Martins Par Beach



A number of visits took place: (left) to watch the gig racing, where the energy displayed by the participants, both with the rowing and afterwards at the bar, took everyone by surprise, (centre) Tresco Abbey Gardens, where Emma Bagnall-Oakley was a wonderfully captivating guide, and (right) St Martins Par Vineyard



The Master presented a cheque (left) to the St Mary's Station RNLI in recognition of the sterling efforts made by their crews There was a final farewell (right) in Juliet's Garden Restaurant - now that the sun has gone, it is best you go home! The Master and Mistress Dorian (centre), along with the sunsets, ensured a great visit

Terry Last and Billy McCoubrey



City & Guilds Medal for Excellence

This year's City & Guilds Paviors Company Medal for Excellence has been awarded to Neil Smith, who was presented with the award by the Princess Royal at a ceremony at Buckingham Palace on 2 May. Neil works for Maxim Training Services, where he teaches the City & Guilds *Working in Confined Spaces* qualification at the Boundary Stone Habitats Improvements Centre in Carmarthenshire. He also runs a *Streetworks* course. In order to be able to assess students, he completed the *Level 3 Certificate in Assessing Vocational Achievement* qualification in just three months.

Neil has overseen the development of the centre where he works from a green-field site to completion of the new training block, all in the last two years. The two courses he teaches both involve high-risk occupational areas (at least 10 lives a year are lost), so there is great emphasis on safety issues, and subjects covered include risk assessments, method statements and permits-to-work. Since opening, 136 students have been registered on the *Confined Spaces* course.



Neil receives his award from the Princess Royal



The Clerk, John Freestone, tells the Princess Royal about the Paviors!



The Master and Learned Clerk with Kelly and Neil Smith

Paviors' Budding Brunels



The Master presents a student with his certificate

On 25 April, presentations were made to those students from Cambridge Heath Sixth Form College in East London who participated in this year's Paviors' Budding Brunels scheme, run in conjunction with the Construction Youth Trust (CYT). This is the third Budding Brunels programme that the Paviors have supported and the first to adopt the Paviors' name. The aim is to introduce students studying at AS level to potential careers in civil engineering and to inspire them to join the industry. This year's students spent three days last October participating in presentations about the industry and going on site visits to the Crossrail works at Tottenham Court Road, Bond Street and Victoria stations (see *The Pavior* December 2012). Since then, 11 students have undertaken work placements with Balfour Beatty MV, FM Conway, Sir Robert McAlpine, Tarmac and TFL Tube.

The following students were presented with certificates of Achievement by the Master, John Dance, at a ceremony held at the Royal Institute of British Architects: Imran Ahmed, Minhaz Ahmed, Sakib Ahmed, Tasfia Ajman, Yusuf Allali, Jamil Hussain, Mahir Ahad Khalique, Mohammed Kamran Khan, Khalid Mohammed, Farhathul Sanu and Abul Taher. The Paviors are very grateful to the CYT, the staff at Cambridge Heath and, particularly, the companies providing placements.

The Paviors' Charity Committee have recently agreed with the CYT to extend the current programme to reach, in addition, students from Cambridge Heath's feeder schools: Morpeth, Oaklands and Swanlea. This will create the opportunity to reach some 900 students, aged between 11 and 21, with around 50 receiving intensive support towards construction careers.

Ian Edwards



The Director of Cambridge Heath, Rebecca Coker-Adeleke and Christine Townley, Director of CYT, address the audience

The Master with the successful students plus Ben Churchill of CYT (second from left) and Liveryman Ian Edwards (extreme right)





'Making a Little Go a Long Way'

In 2012-13, the Company gave a bursary of £3,000 to support postgraduate activities at the University of Birmingham. Dr Michael Burrow of the University has provided a report to the Paviers' Charity Committee describing how this money has been used, demonstrating how this relatively small amount of money has gone a long way in supporting different students and projects. The following are some extracts from Dr Burrow's report.

Around £300 has been used to support student MSc projects investigating the use of accelerometers built into smart phones to measure road roughness and skid-resistance. Two remote-controlled vehicles and an iPod containing a commercial accelerometer have been purchased. Data have been compared from a conventional profilometer and skid-resistance meter with those obtained from the iPod and smart phones fitted to a Land Rover, a bicycle and to the remote-controlled vehicles (see photo right).



Approximately £150 has been used to purchase a student licence for a state-of-the-art pavement management system and dongles to enable students to use the software on their own computers outside working hours. Projects being undertaken include an engineering and economic analysis of UK maintenance standards, and a cost-benefit analysis of long versus short-term maintenance.

Three projects have received a total allocation of about £1,000 to investigate the use of recycled materials in road bases. Part of the bursary has been used to service and re-calibrate laboratory equipment (see photo right) that will be used to measure the 'resilient modulus' of test specimens of road base. The measurements will be used in a numerical model of the pavement structure, and the stresses, strains and deflections determined by this model will be compared with those determined in the laboratory under repeated-load tests. The aim is to understand the impact of adding different amounts of quarry fines on the performance of the pavement. These fines are normally a waste product of the quarrying process.



A project being undertaken in conjunction with Stratford-upon-Avon's cycling forum is reviewing the existing cycling facilities of the town. Approximately £100 from the bursary is being used to look at the existing demand for cycling and the perceived needs for the improvement of cycling provision. The project involves data collection and analysis, and an understanding of the current political and economic framework around cycling in Stratford.

Around £500 from the bursary has been used to fund visits to companies to discuss potential collaborative MSc projects. This has resulted in five projects that are being supported by consultants Atkins and Metis. Books and manuals to the value of approximately £250 have been purchased for student use, and £200 has been used for the Paviers' annual prize for the most outstanding research project. The balance of the bursary was used to fund the presentation ceremony reported in the April 2013 issue of *The Pavior*.



Nichelle Channer's prize-winning model

Architecture Prize

The Worshipful Company of Paviers' scholar, Nichelle Channer, graduated with a BA (Hons) degree in Architecture at the University for the Creative Arts in Canterbury. In addition, she is joint winner of the inaugural Sheppard Robson Student Prize for Architecture at the Royal Academy in London. Her abstract model is on show at their Summer Exhibition until 18 August. The model aims to show how the current and future states of rising sea levels would eventually affect the town of Sandwich in Kent. As the sea level rises, a series of temporary structures would be built from the coast into the heart of the town.

Alexander Malmaeus



200 Club

The Paviers' 200 Club is organized by the Liverymen's Committee and raises money for the Company's charity trust fund. The first draw of this year took place at the Luncheon Club event on 2 April (see Page 9 and photo left).

Congratulations to the four winners (listed on the right). Contact Sean Yeo for details of how to participate.

1st prize £200:	John Price
2nd prize £150:	John Nutt
3rd prize £75:	Alex Malmaeus
4th prize £50:	Paul Merritt



Events

United Guilds' Service

Each year the City livery companies join together for a religious service, and this year the 71st United Guilds' Service took place at St Paul's Cathedral on 15 March. The first service was held in 1943 following a meeting of the Masters and Prime Wardens of the 'Great Twelve' companies. The aim of the service was to help lift the spirits of the City following the Blitz during the Second World War, within a setting reflecting the religious dimension of the various companies. The service took place on Lady Day, which is the first day of the year in the old Julian calendar. The Bishop of London, Dr Fisher, preached the sermon with the Lord Mayor, Sir Samuel Joseph, in attendance along with the Sheriffs, the Court of Aldermen and representatives of the various companies. As far as records show, this was the first occasion on which all of the livery companies and City guilds combined to hold a religious service. Since then, it has become an annual event and remains one of the few occasions in the calendar at which they all gather together.

Around 20 Paviers and their partners attended this year's service, which commenced with a colourful procession from the west door of the Cathedral up the main aisle. Those processing included the Cathedral Choir, the Masters and Prime Wardens of the Great Twelve and another dozen livery companies, City officers, the Sheriffs, the Court of Aldermen, the clergy from the City Deanery, the Cathedral Canons and Chapter, the Bishop of London, and the Lord Mayor, preceded by the Serjeant-at-Arms and the Sword Bearer – in all around 100 people. The service comprised prayers, four congregational hymns along with an anthem and psalm sung by the choir. There were two readings – one by the Lord Mayor. A forthright address was given by the Bishop of Chelmsford, who chose 'charity' as his theme: 'measure what you have given not by how much you give, but by how much you have left after you have given'.

After the service Paviers made their way to Cutlers' Hall for lunch and a reception hosted by the Master Cutler. Next year's service will be held on 4 April and all Paviers are welcome to attend.



The Lord and Lady Mayoress, surrounded by City officers and representatives of the Livery, pose for photographs (left) after the service on the steps of St Paul's, while (right) the City Marshal leads the Lord Mayor's Chaplains along with the Serjeant-at-Arms and the Sword Bearer to their cars

Sutton Sea Cadets at the Spring Livery Dinner

The Paviers' Spring Livery Dinner was held at Skinners' Hall on 18 April and attended by 170 Liverymen and guests. Prior to dinner, participants enjoyed a reception in welcome sunshine on the terrace, before moving in to dinner of gravadlax followed by stuffed loin of spring lamb. As usual, this was accompanied by fine wines: *Zarcillo Gewürztraminer* and *Château Léoville Barton*.

The guest speaker was the new Master of Charterhouse, Charlie Hobson, who encouraged the Company to continue its charitable support for education, in his view the key to the future of our country. He noted that small amounts are often the most important and that there was a need to set youngsters an example that can lead them to greater deeds than we have done ourselves.

Given the theme of the speech, it was very appropriate that the evening's entertainment was provided by the Company's newest affiliate, the Sutton Sea Cadets led by Lt Cdr Ian Turner RN. The youngsters provided an interlude of music played on bell-lyre glockenspiels and drums that was much appreciated by those attending.

The Master Pavier concluded the speeches and gave news of the Company's plans to extend its facilities at The Charterhouse. He told of his plans for a new Company strategy and that he would particularly welcome the Liverymen's Committee's views on this. Finally, The Company was toasted by Junior Liveryman Craig Shuttleworth.



Reception on the terrace



Sutton Sea Cadets' Band



Brig Charlie Hobson OBE



Midsummer Event at The Charterhouse



This year's Master's Midsummer Charity Event was held on 4 June at The Charterhouse and took the form of a medieval banquet; here guests gather for cocktails in the walled garden



The Preacher and Deputy Master of The Charterhouse and Honorary Chaplain to the Paviers, Canon Hugh Williams, talks with the Master



Juggling with knives looks like a dangerous occupation!



King Henry VIII chats with the Learned Clerk and Master, with (which?) one of the King's wives in attendance



Food was served in the Great Chamber of The Charterhouse



Entertainment was by a medieval 'rock band', here with the King and his entourage in attendance

City Livery Events and Activities

There are a number of City organizations that liverymen can join, and activities in which they can participate.

City Livery Club (www.cityliveryclub.com) This is a private day-time club for Liverymen and members of related City organizations where members can meet, dine, and exchange views in comfortable premises overlooking the Thames. The Club also provides a broad programme of events, both formal and informal, with various interests represented. The Club has a number of reciprocal arrangements with other clubs in the UK and abroad. Applications must be signed by a proposer who is a current full member of the Club. There is no joining fee and annual membership costs £235.

Society of Young Freemen (www.youngfreemen.org) The Society aims to 'promote an interest in and the interests of the City of London among Freemen of the City and to undertake any activity that may be conducive to the realization of this aim'. Each year, the Society's social calendar has a wide range of events. These aim to provide a good opportunity to get to know more about the City, and to meet and socialize with other members of the Society.

Guild of Freemen of the City of London (www.guild-freemen-london.co.uk) The Guild is a large association of individuals with an interest in the City, with a membership limit set at 3,500, making it the largest organization of its kind in the City. It has an annual programme of around 30 events, giving members the opportunity to meet and socialize at interesting locations not always accessible to the public. Membership is open to all Freemen of the City who need to be sponsored by two present members of the Guild. The annual subscription is £100, with a joining fee of £205.

City Briefings (email: livery.courses@cityoflondon.gov.uk) These are aimed particularly at new Liverymen and Freemen, and partners are also welcome. An Assistant Town Clerk and a member of the Livery Committee give a short introduction to the work of the Corporation, especially the relationship with the livery companies. There is opportunity to ask questions, and the Briefing is followed by a light buffet, which provides the chance to mix with other Liverymen and Freemen. Briefings start around 17.00 and there are four a year at a cost of £10.

Butchers' Hall Note that the weekly carvery lunches are no longer being held at Butchers' Hall while the building is being refurbished.

Inter-Livery events A number of Inter-Livery events take place throughout the year, and these are advertised by the Clerk when details are known. These include the 'Swimathon', Clay Pigeon Shoot, Tennis and Golf competitions. All aim to raise money for charity.

John Freestone



Black Death Burials at The Charterhouse



Photos: www.crossrail.co.uk

The Paviors' home at The Charterhouse, just outside the limits of the City of London, has always been thought to have been on the site of an ancient burial ground for victims of the Black Death. Recent archaeological finds during excavations for London's Crossrail project now seem to have confirmed this. In March of this year, on the edge of Charterhouse Square, 13 skeletons were uncovered lying 2.5 metres below the ground in two carefully laid out rows. The depth of the burials, the pre-1350 pottery found in the graves and the layout of the skeletons all point to the likelihood that the burials took place during the Black Death plague around 1349. The grave layout is similar to a Black Death burial site found in east Smithfield in the 1980s.

Historical records refer to a burial site that was opened in the Farringdon area in 1348 and that 50,000 people may have been buried there in less than three years in the hastily-established cemetery, which continued in use until the 16th century. However, the actual location of the site has never been confirmed despite significant redevelopment in the Farringdon area. Since The Charterhouse was originally established as a Carthusian priory in 1371, the site is one of the few in the area that has remained undisturbed for over 700 years. The recent archaeological find at this location is therefore not too surprising.

The remains are now being excavated and taken to the Museum of London Archaeology for laboratory testing, including radio-carbon dating to confirm the actual burial dates. However, the scientists are also hoping to map the DNA signature of the plague bacteria possibly to contribute towards the discussion about what caused the Black Death.

The Bridge of Oich

A Scottish holiday in the Bridge of Oich Cottage, between Invergarry and Fort Augustus, provided an unusual opportunity to view at first had a particularly interesting historic bridge. The former bridgemanster's cottage has its own private access to the bridge, which crosses the River Oich and is adjacent to the Caledonian Canal's Aberchalduy Swing Bridge. The historic bridge was by-passed in 1932 by a new bridge carrying traffic on the A82.



The Bridge of Oich was opened in 1854, and was built by James Dredge (1794-1863) using a sophisticated patented design, described as a 'double cantilever'. A feature of the design is the use of a tapered chain that enabled significant savings both in ironwork and construction time. Dredge was a brewer from Bath in Somerset, who took up engineering in the 1830s, perhaps as a way of developing better transport routes for the beer. He constructed 50 bridges using his patented design between 1836 and 1854, of which the Bridge of Oich is now the best surviving example in Scotland.

The bridge has a span of just under 48 metres and a width of 5 metres. Its deck is supported by hangers from wrought-iron chains passing over granite pylon arches at either end. The chains consist of a series of wrought-iron rods that vary in length. At the arches, the chains are made up of 12 rods in parallel, but the number reduces progressively towards mid span, where they are anchored to the bridge deck, and similarly on the landward side of each arch where they are anchored into the ground. The cross-sections of the chains are reduced progressively towards mid span by omitting a pair of rods at each hanger position, Dredge produced a strong but light bridge, weighing just 20 tonnes. The use of rigid rods, rather than the cables of a suspension bridge, also helps to reduce deck sway.

The bridge has been refurbished and strengthened by Morrison Construction to a design of Halcrow Crouch, at a cost of £280,000, and was reopened to pedestrians in 1997. The Bridge of Oich is now maintained by Historic Scotland. *Dick Robinson*

Dredge's Bridge of Oich (above) and the old approach road and bridgemanster's cottage (left)



Wine Circle



This year marks the 650th anniversary of the founding of the Worshipful Company of Vintners, who celebrated by organizing a grand dinner and inviting some 50 or so top winemakers and owners from all over the wine world. By happy circumstance one of those guests, Véronique Drouhin, agreed to stay on for a few days to present her wines to over 30 keen and thirsty Paviers and their partners. The reputation of Messrs Drouhin is acknowledged as one of the best producers of fine Burgundy since 1880.

Véronique enlarged on the history of her company and emphasized that it is still family run. Her three brothers and herself are the fourth generation of Drouhins and, in addition to owning and farming one of the largest estates in Burgundy (over 180 acres), also buy in grapes and make wine from Chablis in the north to Beaujolais in the south. But if there is one vineyard closest to her heart, it is the relatively recently acquired estate in the Willamette Valley in Oregon USA, where Chardonnay and Pinot Noir grapes flourish. Véronique is responsible for all the winemaking at Drouhin and she expertly guided us through examples from Chablis, Puligny, Savigny, the Willamette Valley and her top Burgundy estate, Clos des Mouches. The dinner was held in the august surroundings of the Library in the Travellers' Club and was supported by her agents Pol Roger, who contributed their champagne to wines from Chablis and Chambolle Musigny, climaxing with a superb Grand Echezeaux.



Mme Véronique talks about her wine

Our next event will be held on 23 October when Helen Arthur, a distinguished expert in her field, will guide us through the world of whisky. Planning has already started for events in 2014, which are likely to include a survey of wines from St Emilion and a Master of Wine guiding us on unusual grape varieties.

John Cruse

Master's Masters Golf



The Editor took his camera along to the Master's 'Masters Golf' at Burnham Beeches Golf Club on May Day: here is some of the action



The Master at the start with his personal guest and Golfing Society Captain, Sean Yeo



Clerk John Freestone tees off - now let's see if we can find where the ball has gone!



Putting-out in glorious sunshine



Grace, balance and style - no, it's Sean chipping out of the rough!



The Master contemplates where to place his next drive



Societies

Luncheon Club at Pescatori

The Luncheon Club met on 2 April at a new venue, the Pescatori Restaurant in Charlotte Street, Fitzrovia. The event was very well attended, with the unfortunate result that the food ran out before Past Master Alderman Sir Michael Bear had been served. Michael, who is a regular at the restaurant, took this in remarkably good grace and was eventually served. The meal centred around fish, and this lighter choice than normal was welcomed by many of the diners. The convivial atmosphere made for a most enjoyable gathering.

George Chapman

Woburn Abbey

Members of the Luncheon Club and their partners enjoyed an excellent outing to Woburn Abbey in Bedfordshire on 12 June. The original Abbey dates back to the 12th century but, following the dissolution of the monasteries, Woburn and its substantial lands was gifted to a John Russell by Henry VIII. It has been in the ownership of the Russells ever since, making them one of the country's wealthiest families with some of the finest buildings and possessions in England. This is in spite of one of the earls being a drinker and gambler, plus a son and heir being beheaded for plotting to kill King Charles II. He was later pardoned!



Woburn Abbey - home of the Duke of Bedford

Participants gathered for coffee in the impressive Sculpture Gallery, with a temple at one end and sculpture of Apollo at the other. The party then split into groups and enjoyed guided tours of the Abbey. Everyone was impressed by the contents, so well displayed and in natural light - one room had 24 paintings by Canaletto. Groups then returned to the Sculpture Gallery for drinks followed by a three-course lunch. After coffee and truffles, members of the party were able to wander in the gardens at their leisure, and many also visited the large Antiques Centre.



Paviors and guests gathering inside and outside the Sculpture Gallery

The weather was reasonably kind and there was no rain until late in the afternoon, by which time everyone had had the opportunity to see the gardens. These have been the subject of extensive work over the past few years: a project spearheaded by the previous Duchess of Bedford, the former Henrietta Tiarks.



Cedar tree in the Abbey grounds



Organizer, Peter King (centre), chats with guests over lunch

Quite a number of the attendees travelled long distances to attend the event, none more so than Don and Judith Charity, who drove from Derbyshire. On the previous day, Don decided to cancel for health reasons, but then the following morning felt better and so set off. They arrived in time for lunch. Well done Don and Judith: everyone was pleased to see you. At the end of the day, it was a leisurely drive back through the park, with the deer grazing on both sides, followed by an avenue of rhododendrons in bloom up to the picturesque village of Woburn. The challenge is now what to do next year!

Peter King



20 Years Ago

Volume 4 of *The Pavior* came out in the Summer of 1993 and was edited by current Court Assistant Peter Pawsey. A new Master, Vernon Willey, had been installed and a full programme of events was reported - despite the recession.

The Company was busy with charity matters, with £10,400 distributed to 27 organizations. A number of educational awards were made, including five for the best candidates in the Institute of Asphalt Technology examinations at Doncaster College, and two to students at Croydon College. A bursary of £650 was given to the London Freemen's School and two of £750 were given to students at City University. Research grants of between £2,000 and £3,000 were made to postgraduate students at Birmingham and Nottingham Universities and Imperial College London.

Designs had been prepared for the new Pavors' building at the Amberley Museum, planning consent had been granted and tenders for construction had been received. The 18th Pavors' Lecture was given by Professor Peter Hills from Newcastle University on *Transport and the Information Revolution*. Geoffrey Collins became Captain of the Pavors' Golfing Society.
George Chapman



Nearly 60 Years Ago

An interesting newspaper cutting has been passed to *The Pavior* by Past Master Tom Barton. The article was found by Cullum McAlpine amongst papers belonging to his father, Malcolm. The cutting is from an unknown broadsheet newspaper, dated 2 November 1956. It has the title *The City Guild that nearly died ... is flourishing to-day* and recounts the growth of the Pavors Company from its 'rebirth' in 1889 up to the time of the article. Most of the historical information reported can be found in Ian Dussek's excellent book *Children of Stones* (order via the members' area of the web-site www.paviors.org.uk or direct from the Clerk at £15.00, or £85.00 for a leather-bound version). However, there are other interesting features.

The article cites one of the reasons for the demise of the Company in the mid-19th century was because members feared that roads would be superseded by railways. In 1956, the article notes that 'to-day railways are being closed down and the demand is for more and wider roads'.

The article notes that the Company had grown from 38 members in 1914 to reach its Guildhall-allowed total of 225 by 1956. It states that 'the Company of Pavors has in its membership outstanding civil engineers, highway engineers, great public works contractors and leaders of other industries associated with the construction of roads, bridges and buildings'.

The article contains two photographs. One is of Immediate Past Master Sir Harold Smith, Chairman of the Gas Council. The other shows *Paviors at work on the Ashford by-pass*. *The men who are building this magnificent stretch of road through virgin country have probably never been called Pavors before. But it is appropriate to link their ancient craft-name with this particular job, for they are using equipment which is the latest development in road construction.* Two advertisements are carried: the first for *Val de Travers* 'aspalte pavors to the City Corporation since 1871' and the second from *Millars' Machinery Company Ltd* 'builders of the finest in asphalt & contracting plant' – alas, neither company is with us any more. It is hoped to put a facsimile of the cutting on display in Pavors' House for members to view.

Rosewater



Past Master Keith White and the rosewater bowl

The following is an extract from an article in *The Pavior* describing events at the November 2009 Livery Dinner. 'Towards the end of the meal, diners were presented with a silver finger bowl containing iced and scented water. Some consternation was caused as a few people were uncertain whether to try and drink from this or wash their hands in it. Past Master Keith White was one diner who demonstrated expertly how to dip your napkin in the bowl and delicately moisten and wipe around the mouth.' An explanation of the rosewater bowl has been provided for us by Penny Fussell, Archivist of the Worshipful Company of Drapers and, of course, the partner of our Learned Clerk.

Water, impregnated with essence of roses, has been used as a symbolic and fragrant conclusion to feasts since the 14th century. One, no doubt apocryphal, story relates how a flustered guest, awed by the Royal Presence, drank the rosewater in his confusion. Immediately, the Monarch did likewise to cover the guest's embarrassment - and the whole company was obliged to follow suit. Rosewater is used to freshen-up and to clean fingers after the sweetmeat course. Scented waters were also known to have been passed around the tables at a time when diners would only have had a knife to eat with. The water was therefore provided to enable diners to clean their fingers. Other waters used included lavender, thyme, musk and ambergris.



The Company

New Members

Liverymen admitted 18 April 2013



Mark Bendelow
Commercial Director
Skanska Utilities
Sponsor:
Tim Fitch



David Blackburn
Civil Engineer
Skanska Construction
Sponsor:
Terry Last



Matthew Edwards
Wine Merchant
Jereboams
Sponsor:
Nigel Kempner



Nigel Hatherly
Civil Engineer
Sir Robert McAlpine
Sponsor:
Tom Barton



Peter Lambert
Insurance Broker
Alsford Page & Gems
Sponsor:
Robert Scriven



Peter Rix
Project Manager
Highways Agency
Sponsor:
Tom Barton



Craig Shuttleworth
Solicitor
Jones Day
Sponsor:
Nicola Kelly

Freeman admitted 18 April 2013



Joseph Horner
Site Manager
BAM Construction
Sponsor:
James Atkins

Role of the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee is a key committee of the Company and reports to the Court Committee (see April 2013 edition of *The Pavior*). Its terms of reference are set out in the Standing Orders and are:

- To advise the Court on the financial strategy of the Company
- In conjunction with the Clerk, to be responsible for annual budgeting and monitoring of the Company's income and expenditure
- To oversee the preparation of the annual statement of accounts and to recommend the appointment of one or more qualified persons, who are independent of the Court, to examine and report on the accounts
- To oversee the Company's investments and the administration of its funds
- To determine the remuneration of the Clerk and Beadle, and the Chaplain's honorarium

The Committee comprises a Chairman, Deputy Chairman and three members. Only the Chairman is required to be a member of the Court, but all are appointed by the Court. Terms of office range from one to three years. The current Chairman is Renter Warden Terry Last, with Court Assistant Hugh MacDougald as Deputy Chairman. Other members are Court Assistant Charlie Laing and Liverymen Hannah Robinson and Doug Weston. Ian Lumsden and Chris Sedgwick are co-opted members, and the current Master and Wardens are ex-officio members. Particular issues with which the Committee have recently been concerned are:

- Balancing the cost and quality of events, while preventing losses
- Identifying event sponsors to maintain budgeted income
- Maintaining present financial reserve funds at an agreed level
- Holding the efficient running costs of Paviers' House to affordable levels

The annual accounts are posted in the members' area of the web-site (www.paviers.org.uk), once approved by the Court, and a summary is normally published in *The Pavior*.
Terry Last

Obituary

Liveryman Steve Cheesman 1928-2013

Members will be saddened to hear of the death of Steve Cheesman on 23 March after a short illness. Steve had been a Pavior since 1991 and was a strong supporter of Company events, including the Luncheon Club and Lord Mayor's Show. He was also a member of the Plaisterers Company and a freemason. He was active in the Farringdon and Billingsgate wards of the City, was a member of the United Wards Club and the City Yacht Club. Steve worked as a chartered accountant in his own company in Tolworth. He leaves a wife, Doris to whom we extend our condolences.



Forthcoming Events

Date and time	Event	Who can attend	Venue
2013			
Tue 03 Sep 12.30	Luncheon Club	Members	East India Club
Wed 11 Sep	Golf Society Autumn Meeting	Members and guests	The Hertfordshire GC
Thu 19 Sep 09.30	Technical visit	Liverymen	BRE Watford
Thu 26 Sep 18.30	Annual Banquet	Liverymen, partners and guests	Mansion House
Mon 30 Sep 11.30	Election of Lord Mayor	Liverymen	Guildhall
Fri 4 and 11 Oct	Inter-Livery Fly Fishing	Liverymen	Hungerford
Wed 16 Oct	Luncheon Club Evening Event	Members and guests	The Magic Circle
Wed 23 Oct	Wine Circle	Members and guests	Travellers' Club
Wed 06 Nov	Golf Society Winter Meeting	Members and guests	Tandridge GC
Thu 07 Nov 12.30	Luncheon Club	Members	Guildhall
Fri 08 Nov	Copy-date for December <i>Pavior</i>		
Sat 09 Nov	Lord Mayor's Show and Thames cruise	Liverymen, families and guests	St Martin-le-Grand/ MV Erasmus
Tue 19 Nov 19.00	Autumn Livery Dinner	Liverymen and guests	Merchant Taylors' Hall
Mon 16 Dec 18.45	Luncheon Club Christmas Dinner	Members, partners and guests	Stationers' Hall
2014			
Thu 16 Jan 18.00/20.00	Common Hall and Dinner	Liverymen	Trinity House
Wed 29 Jan 12.30	Luncheon Club	Members	National Liberal Club
Tue 11 Feb 16.00/19.45	Paviors' Lecture and Dinner	Liverymen and guests	Imperial College
Tue 18 Feb 18.30	Ladies' Dinner	Ladies	Merchant Taylors' Hall
Mon 03 Mar TBC	Swimathon	Liverymen	RAC Country Club, Epsom
Thu 06 Mar 18.00/19.30	Installation Service and Dinner	Liverymen, partners and guests	St Martin within Ludgate/ Cutlers' Hall
Fri 04 Apr 10.55/13.00	United Guilds' Service and lunch	Liverymen and partners	St Paul's Cathedral/ Cutlers' Hall
Tue 29 Apr 19.00	Spring Livery Dinner	Liverymen and guests	TBC
Tue 24 Jun 11.30	Election of Sheriffs	Liverymen	Guildhall
Mon 14 Jul	Charity Golf Day	Liverymen and guests	TBC
Thu 25 Sep 18.30	Annual Banquet	Liverymen, partners and guests	Mansion House
Mon 29 Sep 11.30	Election of Lord Mayor	Liverymen	Guildhall
Wed 05 Nov TBC	Luncheon Club	Members	Guildhall
Sat 08 Nov	Lord Mayor's Show	Liverymen, families and guests	TBC
26/27 Nov TBC	Autumn Livery Dinner	Liverymen and guests	Clothworkers' Hall
Mon 15 Dec 18.45	Luncheon Club Christmas Dinner	Members, partners and guests	Stationers' Hall

From the Editor

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