



The audience at the Livery and Freeman's Reception at Carpenters' Hall in October were entertained by Sam Braysher's Jazz Quartet

## Message from the Master

**Hugh Lancaster reports:** Some have likened our present economic troubles to the Great Depression of the 30s. However, whilst in our times there is the safety net of unemployment and sickness benefits, hard economic times can and do expose weaknesses in a society, which was vividly illustrated in our case with the rioting in August. The devil makes work for idle hands and it was always unrealistic to expect everyone to aspire to a university education in order to finish with a degree of questionable value.

The Building Crafts College is the jewel in our charitable and craft crown and any member of

the Livery who has not visited it should try to do so; they will not be disappointed. It teaches craftsmen skills that are in great demand by the construction industry as well as stonemasonry, fine woodwork and furniture making. One pupil to whom I spoke on a recent visit said that he had not been looking forward to coming because he hated school, but that now that he was there, he was loving it! The College goes from strength to strength under its inspirational leadership and furthermore, I am hopeful that political fashion is inclining more in favour of such skills teaching resources. At the beginning of November,

the Building Crafts College had a party to celebrate the 10th year of its move to Stratford, although of course it was founded originally in 1893. Stephen Timms, MP for a local constituency and a strong supporter, was able to attend and to address the guests.

For four decades the Wood Awards (previously known as the Carpenters' Awards) were comparatively small, but they have flourished during the last ten years. This year, the Wood Awards presentation was held in Coventry, which was the first time the event has not been held in our Hall but it was a great success all the same.

Message from the Master continued

In December, we hosted 4 RIFLES at our Court luncheon and it was the occasion when we present our award to the 'Chosen' Rifleman. A couple of months earlier, I had the privilege of being invited to the 'Snipe' dinner in their Officers' Mess. 'Snipe' was an action in the Western desert during World War II when the Regiment won several bravery honours including a VC for the Commanding Officer. The guest of honour that night was Tom



The Master (centre right) hosted (from left to right) Sheriff Alan Yarrow, Lord Mayor David Wootton and Sheriff Wendy Mead at the Livery Dinner in November



The Master Hugh Lancaster with his wife Lorna

Bird, now in his 90s, who held us spellbound with his personal account of the action. He himself had been awarded a DSO, MC and bar by the time he was 24 (which of course he omitted to mention!). It was a privilege to meet him and it is a privilege for the Carpenters' Company to be affiliated to such a distinguished Regiment.

Our thoughts are also with our naval affiliate HMS DARING as the Ship's Company heads for the

Strait of Hormuz. We wish them good fortune and look forward to them joining us for our usual Court luncheon, although this will have to be delayed until November.

For any organization to survive as long as the Carpenters' Company is a success story in itself and whilst we have had an element of luck as well, our organization is in the fortunate position of not having to use our Hall solely as a commercial asset. In that spirit, we were able to offer our Hall to the Construction Youth Trust for their Christmas Concert; it is an organization with which we have common interests in that it gives employment opportunities to young people. The Hall was also the chosen venue for Sheriff Wendy Mead's Shrieval Chain Ceremony, a very enjoyable occasion which I and several members of the Livery attended.

Finally, we are the first Livery Company to receive a visit from the Lord Mayor after taking office and his visit to our Hall in November, together with his Sheriffs, was a most enjoyable evening.

## Election Court 2011



The Court and Liverymen process into All Hallows Church for the Election Day Service, 19th July 2011



## Staff

Bruce Critchley, Avenue Attendant, retired in October 2011 after 22 years with the Carpenters' Company. Bruce was made a Freeman in 1996. He has embarked on a busy retirement and plans to take up a number of classes, learn to drive and spend more time fishing. One of the best known faces in the locality of Carpenters' Hall, his steady guardianship of Throgmorton Avenue will be missed. At the December Court Bruce was presented with a laptop by the Master, Hugh Lancaster.



(Left to right)  
The Clerk,  
Bruce Critchley  
and the Master

# Building Crafts College

**The Principal, Len Conway, reports:** Autumn term at the Building Crafts College has been particularly challenging for staff, with new courses rolling out against a backdrop of reduced funding and slow recruitment. Added to this, the College has been subjected to a major audit of government funding as well as two inspections, the first relating to the granting of the MATRIX quality standard and the second inspection from Ofsted.

Both inspection events went well, with the MATRIX inspectors reporting that “[the] BCC is a highly respected organisation ... developing effective partnerships and programmes to provide people and organisations with skills ... the BCC puts the learner at the centre of its provision”. As a result, the College has obtained the MATRIX standard for its information, advice and guidance.

The College provided two stands at the WorldSkills event held at the Excel Centre in East London in October.

At the beginning of November, the College held an event to celebrate ten years at the Kennard Road site in Stratford and, later in November, the College’s annual prize-giving ceremony was held at Carpenters’ Hall.

The Spring Term for the College should see the recruitment of 16 - 18 year old students onto mainstream courses, and new employment preparation courses operated in partnership with major contractors.

The activities at the College have now been consolidated into two sites, which are in close proximity to each other, the Gibbins Road annex being located on the Carpenters Estate. This allows students working out of the annex to use the canteen at Kennard Road.

The College will continue its enrolment programme in the Spring term and work with major contractors to increase job opportunities for both young people and adults.

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## Building Crafts College End-of-Year Show

The College’s End of Year Show was held at Carpenters’ Hall on 30th June to 2nd July. All College programmes were represented by examples of student work. Students and staff from across the College put in a great deal of work in preparation for the event and special note should be made of Mick Hedgeland and his Gibbins Road-based team who actually built a small building fitted out as a kitchen especially for the event.

The purpose of the event is to showcase the wide-ranging work of all sections of the College in the spacious and grand surroundings

of Carpenters’ Hall. Types of student work on display came from multi-crafts ‘Construct Your Career’ courses, carpentry and joinery courses, schools programmes, stonemasonry, fine woodwork and furniture making, wood carving and the degree programme in historic building conservation.

The show was opened by the Master at an evening reception with over 100 guests present on Thursday 30th June. Over the next two days the show was visited by an increased number of people including employers, members of the public, students and their families and

members of the Company and other livery companies.

The next Building Crafts College End of Year Show will be held at Carpenters’ Hall on 21st - 23rd June 2012, which will coincide with the City of London Open Weekend.

# WorldSkills 2011

The WorldSkills 2011 event was held at the Excel Centre from Wednesday 5th to Saturday 8th October, with the College occupying two stands in the 'Have a Go' area. The BCC stand at which youngsters could try out some cabinet-making skills on a workbench was supervised by a team of students, on a rota basis, including:

Daniel Kisiel, Paulo De Vasconcelos, Steve Cook, Kenny Warren, Austin Newby, Billy Clark, Georgina Wesley, John Waterson, Jordan Warren, Calum Griffiths, Dan Rosenberg, Claire Hoppit, James Read, Alexander Joy, Carl Larsen, Jackie Brett-Holt, Nathan Harris, Andrew Tomlin, Andrew Gravelius, Elliott Jandu, Nathan Bacon, Richard Wagner, Ed Borastero and Matt Corbishley, as well as Colin Eden-Eadon. The visitors constructed a small box, under supervision, and by the last day 500 of the boxes had been made.

The BCC stand at which youngsters could 'have a go' at stonemasonry was jointly sponsored by the Worshipful Company of Masons, and the Stone Federation. The stand was again supervised by a team of students, on a rota basis, including Neil Marchant, Amelia Francis, Lakin Mors, Tom Causer, Kyle Makowski, Thom Taylor, Matthew Roberts, Jake Wood, Lewis Bundock and Jamie Abbott as well as

Nancy Peskett, Lucy Haugh, Jon Whitbread and Nigel Gilkison.

The Principal and the Director of Development, John Appleton, were in attendance across the four days. Students and tutors were also well supported by other staff from within the College over the four days, which included Saturday, including Sue Gallacher, Pav Johal, Laura Barry, Hannah O'Brien, Angela Wise, Nicola Bishop and Carly King. I cannot speak too highly of all who gave their time, and worked so hard, during the event. Both stands included benches, tools, materials and models, which took a great deal of work and organisation to load in and out. Special thanks go to C. Blumsom Limited, who supplied the timber for the cabinet-making stand.



Visitors to the College Stand at Worldskills 2012 watch a cabinet-making demonstration

# Ten Year Celebration

On 2nd November, the College celebrated a decade of being located at Kennard Road in Stratford. Members of the Carpenters' Company and former staff and students were invited to the celebration, and the occasion was used to launch a College alumni association which will be co-ordinated by Angela Wise.

The evening began with a speech by the MP for East Ham, The Rt. Hon. Stephen Timms, who laid the Foundation Stone for the College building in 2000. Mr. Timms praised the role and function of the College. The recently retired Chairman of the BCC Committee, Mr. Michael Montague-Smith, spoke about the history of the College and why the decision was taken to relocate the College to Stratford. This was followed by a speech by Mr. Hugh Barnes-Yallowley, who was Chairman of the College during the planning period leading up to the

move from Great Titchfield Street to Kennard Road. He described the process of deciding on the new location and how this has proved a highly successful decision.

Mr. Barnes-Yallowley was followed by the Master, who delivered an anecdote of the unpredictable

nature of the building industry, and finally the Deputy Principal,

David Pearham, gave an overview of the last ten years at Stratford, comparing the number of staff and students who transferred from Great Titchfield Street in 2001 to those attending the College today.



The Building Crafts College celebrated ten years at their Stratford site in November

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## Building Crafts College Prize-giving

The Building Crafts College's Annual Prize-giving Ceremony was held at Carpenters' Hall on 24th November. 300 graduates, award winners and

guests saw the guest of honour, Liveryman Andrew Wolstenholme, the recently appointed Chief Executive of Crossrail, present 94 awards and prizes to BCC students.



Building Crafts College student of the year Samuel Matthews is presented with the Sir Banister Fletcher award by Liveryman Andrew Wolstenholme

Following opening addresses from the Master and the Chairman of the Building Crafts College, Mr. Giles Downes, Mr. Wolstenholme presented the awards and prizes culminating with the Sir Banister Fletcher award for the BCC Student of the Year, who was Samuel Matthews, now a stonemason at Canterbury Cathedral. Following the Ceremony, staff, students, company members and guests mingled and partook of drinks and canapés.

## Bayfordbury Pinetum



In July the Court enjoyed their annual visit to the Clinton-Baker Pinetum on the Bayfordbury Campus of the University of Herfordshire, which was led by the curator, Freeman Dr Edward Eastwood (left)

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## Table for the Dutch Church



Liveryman Nick Gutfreund's sycamore and bog oak table was presented to the Dutch Church in Austin Friars at the General Court of the Livery in July



Nick Gutfreund (right) with the Dutch Ambassador, Honorary Freeman Pim Waldeck

# Wood Awards 2011

The winners of the Wood Awards were for the first time announced at Timber Expo 2011 at Coventry's Ricoh Arena on 27th September.

This year's Gold Award winner was Windmill Hill, a new complex of buildings for the Rothschild Foundation and Archive at the Waddeston Estate, Buckinghamshire, by Stephen Marshall Architects. The construction of the buildings in

timber was inspired by the timber barns which had occupied the former farm site. The judges, led by Liveryman Michael Morrison, Chairman of Purcell Miller Tritton, described the complex as 'a wonderful piece of modernism married to a Victorian farm in the depths of the English countryside'.

The new Visitor Centre at the Brockholes Wetland & Woodland Nature Reserve in Preston won



The 75 square metre new-build Strange House in south-east London won the Private/Best Small Project Award



Windmill Hill for the Rothschild Foundation and Archive was the 2012 Gold Award winner

the Commercial and Public Access Award. Adam Khan Architects designed the timber-framed oak-clad buildings to be constructed on a concrete pontoon on a lake in the reserve, creating a 'brilliant piece of place making' according to the judges. The Private/Best Small Project Award winner was Strange House in Deptford,



Brockholes Visitor Centre timber-framed oak clad buildings won the Commercial & Public Access Award





Katie Walker's English ash rocker chair won the Furniture Award

London, a new-build house with a solid timber panel structure. Designed by Hugh Strange Architects, the judges commended its intelligent design and attention to detail.

The University of Ulster's Diamond Building in Coleraine won the Conservation/Restoration Award, a £2.5 million refurbishment which included the complete replacement of the building's façade with Canadian western red cedar.

Katie Walker's Windsor Rocker beat off strong competition to win the Furniture Award, an innovative chair made using traditional skills pushed to extremes.

For more details, including photographs of all the shortlisted projects, visit [www.woodawards.com](http://www.woodawards.com)



The winner of the Conservation/Restoration category was the refurbished Diamond Hall, Coleraine

## Carpenters' Craft Competition

[Liveryman Nick Gutfreund, Chairman of the Carpenters' Craft Committee reports:](#) The Carpenters' Craft Competition continued to thrive this year, in spite of the difficult economic environment. We had over 90 entrants again, all vying for the top prizes of £500. The challenge we set them this time was to make a kitchen unit front. This was designed and drawn up by Ken Hall and Don Stevens and made available via colleges, the internet and directly from Chris Higley - the Competition Manager.

The winners of the Over 20s (Paulo De Vasconcelos - Building Crafts College) and Under 20s (Ryan Broadhead - Leeds College) sections were joined at the prize presentation ceremony by Harry Conner from Accrington and Rossendale who, at 15 years old, was awarded the George Psyden Trophy for outstanding achievement. Following the Prize Presentation everyone was treated to a splendid Court luncheon, hosted by the Master, in the Carpenters' Hall. My thanks go to the Competition

## Carpenters' Craft Competition continued

Committee Members and the guest judges (Jim O'Brien and Bob Court) for all their hard work again this year. I would also like to thank Ken Hall of Ashley Craft Ltd for donating a Clifton hand plane to each winner and to the Court, the Clerk and his team for making this memorable occasion possible.

The Carpenters' Craft Competition prizes were presented by the Master Hugh Lancaster at Carpenters' Hall in October. (Left to right) Daniel Kisiel, Over 20's 2nd place, Paulo De Vasconcelos, Over 20's 1st place, The Master, Mark Bryant, Over 20's 3rd place and Ryan Broadhead, Under 20's 1st Place



## Nias Update

By Liveryman Michael Buckley and Roger Miall, Turnstone Tsunami Fund. This is a short report about the reconstruction of traditional houses in Nias using the small balance of funds after the carpentry courses and the Omo Sebu restoration project run by the Turnstone Tsunami Fund, which was generously supported by the Carpenters' Company.

Recently, a locally-based European Christian priest has co-ordinated the reconstruction of three

traditional houses using the remaining budget from our project in Nias. The work on two houses was finished quickly, but the third house had to be totally re-built which has taken time. Such houses are also used for community occasions and weddings. The third noble house, now over 300 years old is owned by Ama Seni Bu'ulolo, who reports that the 300 Afoa hardwood seedlings we arranged to be planted on his land in 2005 are now eight meters in height.



One of the restored traditional houses

Nias



# Carpenters Primary School

## New Headteacher

**Introduction by Miss Diane Barrick:** It gives me great pleasure to introduce myself as the new Headteacher at Carpenters and I am very excited about my new post. It is clearly a unique school and 2012 should be an exciting year.

I am originally from Bolton and my first career was as a Travel Agent until I gave that up and went off to University to train to become a teacher. I have been teaching in Newham for 13 years and worked in two schools previously, the last as Deputy Head. During this time I started my own family and

have two wonderful children aged 4 and 7, so I understand what it is like bringing up children and use this experience when making decisions. Having visited the School on a number of occasions prior to starting, I have found all those involved in the life of the school to be very welcoming. I am very aware that the staff, pupils, parents, governors and partners such as the Carpenters Company, have worked very hard over the last few years to ensure that Carpenters is a 'good' school. I am sure you share my belief that the school has the potential to be 'outstanding'.



New Headteacher Diane Barrick with pupils from Carpenters Primary School



Deputy Master Giles Downes (left) and Master Hugh Lancaster (right) attended the Carpenters' Primary School Christmas Concert



The Master explains the history of the Company to the children of Carpenters Primary School at their party in the Hall in December

# Carpenters & Docklands Centre Annual Charity Evening

**The Junior Warden, Michael Felton, reports:** On Monday, 26th September, the Carpenters' Company hosted an evening fund raising event for the charity 'The Docklands Settlements'. The evening started with an exciting display of break-dancing by Boy Blue. We were entertained with

spins, twirls and manoeuvres of impressive agility, speed and daring. Lorraine Cavanagh, CEO of the Centre, extended her thanks to all those who contributed their time in making the Centre a success, as well as the various donors including the Carpenters' Company who provide financial

support to the Carpenters and Docklands Centre at Stratford. She emphasised their vital role in supporting the dockland communities with activities such as play care facilities for children of working parents, youth activities as well as a range of community education and support programmes.



The evening included a professionally run auction which attracted lively and competitive bidding for activities from 'dumper truck racing', to a more sedate dinner for two at Jamie's restaurant. The organisers will be looking for a sponsor for the 2012 event, so ideas will be welcome. Our thanks again to all those who came and for their continued support of the Centre.

The Carpenters and Docklands Centre benefitted from a Charity auction at Carpenters' Hall

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## Osborne Award

Holly Bingham, recipient of the Osborne Award 2011, with Past Masters John Osborne (left) and Peter Osborne at the Livery and Freeman's Reception in October



# Rustington Convalescent Home

Liverymen are reminded that in an era of abbreviated hospital stays and 'care in the community', Rustington Convalescent Home offers a unique environment for recuperation in restful conditions. Established in 1897 by Sir Henry Harben, the Home is registered with the Care Quality Commission and offers comprehensive long and short-term nursing care for those recovering from illness or surgery, or in need of respite support. The Home Manager oversees the day-to-day running of the Home whilst clinical aspects of 24-hour care are dealt with by a team of skilled nurses. A variety of diets are catered for, using local produce cooked by our own chefs.

Accommodation comprises:

- 26 single and two twin bedrooms en suite or with own bathrooms adjacent.
- Three rooms for guests.
- All bedrooms with telephone facility.
- Lounges, conservatory, television rooms and an activities room.
- Extensive grounds, adjacent to the beach, with a summer house and sun terrace.

At the Home we take an holistic approach to care offering a variety of optional services at cost such as:

- Physiotherapy, therapeutic exercise, chiropody, hairdressing, aromatherapy and beauty treatments.
- Weekly trips to the surrounding areas.

Regular ecumenical services are held with Communion on request. Prior to admission, service users will be asked to have completed and returned a pre-assessment form. This will help to determine the level of care needed.

With effect from 1st January 2012, rates will be:

Low Dependency - £515.00 per week  
Medium Dependency - £675.00 per week

The Home is open to every citizen in the land.



# Open House Day

**The Archivist, Julie Tancell reports:** Open House London, the city's largest architectural showcase, took place this year over the weekend of 17th-18th September with over 250,000 people exploring over 700 buildings. Carpenters' Hall once again opened its doors to the public on Saturday 17th, and again proved a hit with over 1600 visitors passing over the threshold to be guided and informed by Company members. Twenty two volunteers drawn largely from Company members were Room Stewards for the day, fielding some very detailed and on occasion peculiar questions from enthusiastic visitors. The day proved an excellent opportunity for publicizing the Company and its work and many visitors expressed their appreciation of the efforts by the stewards and staff in opening the Hall. Several in particular mentioned how pleased they were that the Company had adopted a 'drop in' system of opening rather than pre-booked tours.

At the other end of Throgmorton Avenue Drapers' Hall was also open for the first time on the same day, albeit as a last minute entry, with both Halls benefitting with visitor numbers. In the true spirit of Open House some of the Company volunteers joined the visitors at the Drapers' before returning to steward at Carpenters' Hall.

The Company intends to open the Hall again for Open House 2012, and volunteers to act as Room Stewards will again be very welcome.

Photographs by Freeman David Burns captured the spirit of the day.



Middle Warden Martin Mosley assists two Open House visitors



The stained glass in the Hall proved a popular attraction

# Jubilees and Coronations

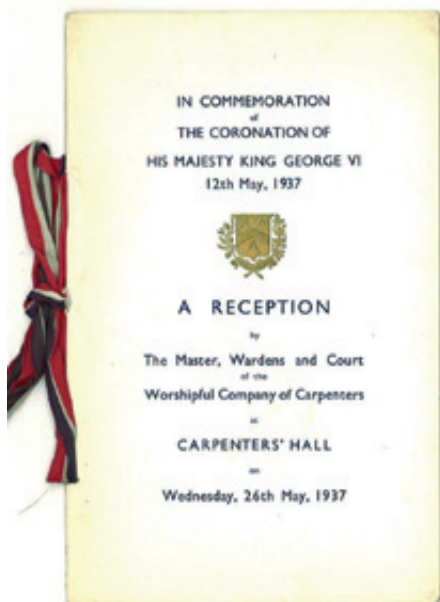
## The Coronations of George VI and Elizabeth II

The Carpenters' Company over the centuries has celebrated many Royal occasions. 2012 is the Diamond Jubilee of Elizabeth II, and it is also the 75th anniversary of the Coronation of her father George VI.

The coronation of Queen Elizabeth II on 2nd June 1953 was celebrated in relatively quiet style, partly because the Company had no Hall and was preparing to rebuild the within the walls of the burnt out Second Hall. Drapers' Hall was used to hold a Dance with running buffet (a change from the Dinner and Dance originally planned) on 2nd July, which included a Cabaret directed by Sydney Jerome, a popular dance band leader.

The celebrations for George VI's Coronation on 12 May 1937 were somewhat larger in scale. The Carpenters' Company, like the nation at large, took the occasion as an opportunity to celebrate. Two receptions were held at Carpenters' Hall and a party was given for the children of their Stratford Estate, which also benefitted from the planting of a number of red may trees paid for by the Company.

The Company followed the lead of the City of London in extending 'its traditional hospitality to the numerous overseas visitors during the Coronation Year', no doubt a sentiment that will be echoed in the City this summer. On the 6th May the Company gave an afternoon reception for more than two hundred visitors from overseas, and on 26th May an evening reception was held by the Master, Wardens and Court, with dancing and a variety of entertainments, with a number of guests again invited from overseas including the Solicitor-General for Australia. The Company's kitchens were for the first and only time used for a buffet and 'in spite of the



The Coronation of George VI and Queen Elizabeth

hazardous descent into the basement' all the guests seem to have returned safely to the Hall.

Meanwhile in Stratford, some quite different celebrations organized by the Company were taking place. As the Clerk Henry Osborne reported, 'probably the most interesting event in connection with the Coronation celebrations, so far as the Company is concerned, was the tea, followed by a conjuring entertainment, given on the 14th June, in the Conference Hall, West Ham Lane, to six hundred children resident on the Company's estate.'

The Company's Estate Minutes record the cost of the Coronation Tea Party given for the Stratford Estate children, with £60 expended to provide:

- 600 Coronation mugs @ 6/3d per dozen (plus 10% less 2½% discount)
- 600 teas @ 1/- each
- Services of a conjuror @ about £3.3.0
- Hire of the Conference Hall @ £3.3.0

The Clerk went on to report that 'the greatest enthusiasm prevailed' and during the evening a telegram was received from the King and Queen who were 'interested to hear of the entertainment being given to-day by the Worshipful Company of Carpenters for the 600 children from the Carpenters' Estate, Stratford and send them all their best wishes'. During the party the Mayor, Mayoress and Town Clerk of West Ham paid an official visit, and at the end of the party Past Master Harry Westbury Preston and Senior Warden Frederick Hugh Smith handed each child a Coronation mug.



To mark the coronation of George VI each member of the Livery was presented by the Carpenters' Company with a turned Cuban mahogany bowl with the Company's arms inlaid, by F. P. Morton. An example has recently been purchased by the Company.

### Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee 1897

Queen Victoria is the only other monarch to have celebrated a diamond jubilee. In 1897 the celebrations in the City centred around two thanksgiving services at St Paul's, on the 20th and 22nd June. The Queen was to attend the 22nd June

service when she would drive in state to St Paul's, and the Carpenters' Company was preparing to fully participate in the celebrations. The Court had asked the City Corporation for a stand in St Paul's churchyard in order to see Victoria's arrival at St Pauls. They had arranged for each Liveryman to be allowed two seats at £1-1s each including refreshments.

Unfortunately all did not go according to plan, as the Corporation could not find room. The Court was obliged to make other arrangements for the Livery to see the procession, asking the Master and Wardens with the help of Past Master Professor Banister Fletcher to 'look out for a site accommodating 200 persons'. On receiving an offer from the Dean of St Pauls for eight seats in the cathedral for the 20th June service, the Court replied that 'as no effort had been made for the Livery Companies on the 22nd the Court was not disposed to accept the invitation'.

The Day Scholars at the Company's Technical School in Stratford did not have a party thrown for them, but each was presented with a copy of the Educational Supply Association's *Life of the Queen*.

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## HMS DARING

### General Up-date - Light at the End of the Rainbow

Lt Cdr Amy Alexander, Weapons Engineering Officer, reports: HMS DARING has just completed eight weeks of Operational Sea Training (OST) in preparation for her deployment next year achieving a VERY SATISFACTORY assessment overall. The Ship was thoroughly trained and assessed for every eventuality by the world's premier naval training organisation, Flag Officer Sea Training. This saw the Ship conduct the standard series of high intensity training wars as well as a plethora of other serials including, to name a few: a Hurricane Disaster Relief Operation, a Non-Combatant Evacuation Operation, defence against a large scale attack on the Ship whilst alongside, defence against a swarm of small craft and defence against an attack by

chemical and biological weapons.

After completing this long period of training the Ship's Company now has to get the Ship ready in all respects for her deployment. There will however be the opportunity for some well-earned leave during the Christmas period. Leading Seaman John Davies had this to say: "Everyone is really pleased that the Ship did so well at OST, we are ready for anything now. It will be great to get home though, see the wife and relax for the first time in two long months".

HMS DARING will be the first Type 45 to commence a full six month deployment and it may well see the Ship deploy East of Suez or further afield. The

Commanding Officer, Captain Guy Robinson, is fully prepared for the challenges the Ship may well now face. He said: "I now have absolute confidence in my Ship and her crew, I have seen them face the challenges that may be expected of a warship that could be asked to operate anywhere across the globe. Recent events in the Mediterranean and Middle East demonstrate just how quickly a crisis can evolve. DARING's versatility, reach and punch make her a very credible UK asset and one that I am proud to command".



# A Day on HMS DARING

The Junior Warden, Michael Felton, reports: Four representatives from the Carpenters' Company were invited to join over a hundred Affiliates for a day's exercises at sea on HMS DARING on 21st July. Our party was Rachel Bower, Lizzie Haines, Mike Felton and Caroline Stevens. Each of the Company members had an early start from their respective stations in order to catch the tide. Personal and official credentials presented to the Able Seaman on guard duty secured admission through Victory Gate and up the gangplank to the assembly point on the poop deck.



Junior Warden Mike Felton, Rachel Bower, Lizzie Haines, Lt Cdr Amy Alexander and Caroline Stevens on board DARING

HMS DARING looks quite unlike a 'traditional' destroyer, with a massive grey superstructure topped with a huge ball aloft, housing its array of equipment, and armed with missiles and torpedoes. And so our tour of this complex vessel began. This included living quarters, ward-room for the officers and mess rooms for the ratings. The galleys were impressive and the menu varied. We were fascinated by the hi-tech operations room in the heart of the vessel, and peered at the many screens used to spot and ward off missile attack. The Crew were all helpful and informative as they gave an account of their operational duties. We learnt that so effective is the anti-missile device, that if put on full power not only will it prevent any missile penetration, it will also shut down every TV set in Portsmouth! We felt particularly privileged to be invited onto the Bridge by the Commanding Officer, Captain Guy Robinson RN, as we passed the Nab Tower, and headed south admiring how the Crew managed to keep a straight course with a constant flow of guests

around the Helmsman and the wheel. We then found ourselves being ushered into the Captain's quarters and were delighted to find we had been invited to lunch at the Captain's table, indeed the very table commissioned by the Carpenters' Company and crafted by Liveryman Nick Gutfreund.

The meal was delicious and welcome, which was followed by various displays and exercises by the Ship's Crew. They demonstrated how to rescue a MOB (man overboard). First the 'man' had to be unceremoniously thrown overboard. Fortunately a dummy was chosen for this, and over he went with two men launching him seawards. A powerful RIB was immediately launched and the casualty quickly retrieved and given first aid treatment before being brought back on board. Next the Ship fired off its main gun at a target in the firing range - and we witnessed the plume of water a few miles away as it hit its target. This was followed by a display of

machine gun fire as the bullets raked the water. The dead fish are scooped up later, said one of the seamen smiling.

We had come to the end of our visit and it was time to head for port. The weather stayed dry and the sea calm, perfect conditions for the Commanding Officer and his crew to practice their manoeuvres and for us to observe. The whole day was exceptionally well-organized and we felt privileged to be there. It demonstrated how a modern warship works, the role it plays in war and how its skilled crew make it all happen. We appreciated the efforts that were made by our hosts for the day. They took a personal interest in us as members of the Carpenters' Company and the Crew members guided us with great pride, making the day a very valuable experience.

## 4 RIFLES

Lieutenant J D Murray,  
Representative Company Officer  
Commanding 11 Platoon, reports:

The last six months have, as usual, been as hectic as ever for 4 RIFLES. The Battalion deployed on an extremely challenging and rewarding couple of months in Kenya on exercise Askari Thunder in May and June, as preparation for the Battalion's takeover as the UK's Spearhead Land Element (SLE) in September. Spearhead is the Army unit that at the highest readiness to deploy anywhere in the world in as little as 24 hours notice. On return from Africa we then conducted final confirmatory training through July before the Battalion dispersed to enjoy a well earned summer leave.

Events in the Middle East meant that soon after returning from leave the Battalion started Spearhead early and we will now hold the role until March next year. Whilst we remain on short notice to move and have been involved in some interesting planning, we have not stopped our normal day to day functioning with a raft of training cadres taking place through the Autumn.

The primary Cadre has been the Junior Non Commissioned Officer Cadre, run in order to promote the best of the Riflemen to the rank of Lance Corporal. This year Captain Buchanan and his team put the potential Lance Corporals through their paces in a variety of locations, including the Brecon Beacons, over a period of seven weeks. The Cadre teaches both the skills needed for junior command and tests the suitability of the candidates for that command. The final exercise in the Brecon Beacons was the grand finale and both started and finished with two separate races up and down Pen Y Fan; anyone who has ever walked the route could confirm that racing up the hill after a week of sleeping outside in the Welsh wilds is no mean feat! For those who survived, the course culminated in early November with the Regimental Colonel HRH the Duchess of Cornwall taking the salute on the passing out parade.

On the sporting front and after the success of the Battalion boxing team reaching the Army finals earlier in the year, inter Company Boxing was eagerly subscribed to. All five of the Battalions Coy's

entered a team; the idea of the competition is to spot talent for the Battalion team. Those involved were given four weeks to prepare and train for a round of qualifying bouts and the final night which was held in mid September. Many of the fighters were complete novices so the preparation was taken extremely seriously by those involved, meaning a highly competitive night of boxing when it came to the final evening. B Company emerged as the eventual winners, pipping R Coy by a single point after some extremely close and hard fought bouts. The Battalion team has now been assembled and is preparing for the first round of the Army competition in December against the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, with the plan to go one better and win the competition this year.

In terms of other we have excelled ourselves and continue to punch well above our weight. For a second year running we have won the inter Brigade festival of sports; this competition is between all the units in the Brigade and consists of a variety of sporting events with the eventual winner is crowned after a particularly gruelling obstacle course race. The highlights this year included strong performances in the Basketball and Football competitions and the worst result was in fact the Hockey where we came 5th out of 12; the fact that the Commanding Officer and the author were playing in that team was purely coincidence though! The end result of the competition was a superb one for the Battalion, with the Commanding Officer being presented with the winning trophy for a second year in a row.



The Junior Non Commissioned Cadre on top of Pen Y Fan (the first time around)

Outside of the sporting realm 4 RIFLES have also been collecting silver wear. The Cambrian patrol is a competition held in Wales that tests teams on low level soldiering skills over 60 km in just 48 hours. The Battalion entered four teams, and each of them won a silver medal; considering many teams who enter receive no award at all or simply cannot finish the arduous competition, it was a fantastic feat for the Battalion

Socially the last six months have been equally vibrant. The Serjeants' Mess has relocated into an entirely refurbished building, following

their Wild West themed Summer Ball this is probably no bad thing! The recent addition of a fantastic painting held by the Battalion called 'Leeson Street', loaned temporarily from the Officers' Mess to the new Serjeants' mess will certainly add to the ambience of the new building. The Officers' Mess were privileged enough to have Major Bird DSO as a dinner guest when celebrating the 'Snipe' action of the Battle of El Alamein in October. Major Bird had fought in the battle and as such was able to give us a fascinating insight into what is a proud Regimental battle honour. The Officers' Mess is also

due to be on the move soon with the building of a brand new Mess well under way and February given as the probable date of completion, colour schemes and curtain design are therefore hot topics of discussion amongst the Mess.

Looking forward the Battalion will complete the SLE role in March next year and has already got overseas exercises in the pipeline for summer in Canada. Beyond that the prospect of another tour of Afghanistan in 2013 looms large which will certainly begin to shape our training and focus throughout the next year.

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## Presentation of Silver Cabinet



Lieutenant Colonel Nick Thornton (right) and Jason Muteham (left) with the silver cabinet he made for 4 RIFLES, which was presented in September

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## Rifleman of the Year



Rifleman Martin John Courts (centre) was presented with the Chosen Rifleman Award 2011 by the Master Hugh Lancaster at the December Court Lunch, accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel Nick Thornton (left)

# Livery Showcase

By the Clerk



launched in Australia, Hong Kong and Europe last summer. This book aims to show everyone how simple it is to cook with spices – and create such mouth-watering dishes as Vietnamese Star Anise and Lemongrass Chicken Claypot, Mexican Chicken with Yogurt & Almonds, Persian Saffron and Honey Lamb Stew and Coconut & Lemongrass Salmon Curry. No recipe uses more than five spices.

When not working, John enjoys cooking (unsurprisingly) and music and lives in East London. He is currently working on his next book and has just filmed a guest slot on a new Good Food series, Perfect. For more information visit his website [www.johngregorysmith.com](http://www.johngregorysmith.com)

One of the many happy aspects of the Carpenters' Company is the diversity of our Liverymen. I thought you might enjoy learning more about each other by way of a series of occasional articles in our Winter Broadsheets highlighting your activities.

Adopting no logic at all (other than topicality), I shall start with Liveryman John Gregory-Smith, son of Liveryman Alastair Gregory-Smith (and grandson of the late Captain William Frank Gregory-Smith RN DSO\* DSC\*). Born and raised in London, John gained a degree in Classical Studies at Manchester University before beginning a career in recruitment back in London. In 2006 he changed tack by launching his own business selling fresh sauces to Sainsbury's under the brand name: The Mighty Spice Company. In 2009 he made the decision to concentrate on a media career and so travelled the globe including SE Asia, India, Sri Lanka, The Middle East and Mexico researching recipes for his first book. The result is "The Mighty Spice Book" which was



# Sport

## Company Bridge

**The Senior Warden, Martin Samuel, reports:** As I write this, we have already enjoyed three in-house bridge evenings coupled with fantastic culinary delights from Penny and David Newman for which we remain eternally grateful. Bridge becomes slightly more serious in January when we play friendly matches against both the Cordwainers (away) and Girdlers

## Company Tennis

**Liveryman Lawrence Mallinson reports:** Livery tennis in the shape of the competition between the Livery first and second teams is in rude health. After a not entirely triumphant performance in the Inter-Livery Competition, held on a gloriously sunny September day on the challenging clay courts of Queen's Club, the highlight was the winning by Carpenters' Two (Rupert Evelegh and Caroline Wells) of one of only three games lost during the entire tournament by the Salters', the ultimate winners. A fiercely fought match of honour was

(home). Yes, of course we want to win but we really do enjoy meeting up with old friends from both these Livery Companies. I must end with my usual request for more players to come forward - this is not just aimed at Liverymen but their partners as well. Please make contact with the Clerk or myself.

played on the much more agreeable grass courts. I have sworn not to disclose the winners other than that the result was in line with the general triumph of youth over experience that was the hallmark of this year's Inter-Livery Competition.

Our annual Carpenters' Tennis Evening was held this year at Hurlingham in early July and, unusually for us, the rain held off. After a couple of hours of gentle tennis, we retired for the all-important dinner and the opportunity to sort out the problems of the world.

Our tennis evening is ideal for all standards of tennis players and we are keen to encourage as many to come as possible. However the Carpenters' Livery team is definitely on the hunt for a budding Nadal or Williams! The Inter-Livery Competition is winnable (ie you do not need to be Nadal to win it), but the Carpenters' need just one or two more strong players to do it. So if you are an experienced tennis player please take note: Your Livery Needs You!

The Company's annual tennis evening at Hurlingham (left to right) Russell Hutchons, Caroline Wells, Hugh Lancaster, David Newman, Peter Birts, Lizzie Haynes, Tim Gregson



Caroline Wells and Rupert Evelegh (Carpenters' Two) and Lizzie Haynes (and handbag) and Lawrence Mallinson (Carpenters' One)



# Obituaries

## Liverymen

### Mr. Henry Peter Bostock Harben

1927-2011

Henry Harben, who died on 15th June 2011, was the great great grandson of Sir Henry Harben, the founder of Rustington Convalescent Home. He became a Liveryman of Carpenters' Company in 1950. He was fully cognizant of the long connection of his family with the Carpenters' Company, but, living abroad for many years was not an active member of the Company. Cabinet making had been a hobby of his since childhood and he continued to take an interest in furniture making into adulthood.

### Mr. Justin Richard Lindy

21 May 1939 to 16 August 2011



Mr. Justin Lindy attended Lancing College from 1952 to 1955 and then Phillips Academy, Massachusetts for a year through an English Speaking Union scholarship. On returning to the United Kingdom he trained at the Regent's Street Polytechnic qualifying in 1963 as a Chartered

Architect. He spent a number of months travelling and worked in a Kibbutz in Israel before returning to work with Sir Frederic Gibberd in Harlow for nine years and then in private practice in Bishops Stortford until 1994 when he retired. He married Josephine Prescott in the same year.

Justin was admitted to the Livery in 1961 and served for a number of years on committees and worked in a voluntary capacity at the Carpenters Primary School Stratford. He was a long-serving member and Chairman of Harlow Round Table and following that continued as a member of the 41 Club. His main interests were history especially of the United States and the First and Second World Wars. He was a lifetime supporter of Leyton Orient and spent many an enjoyable afternoon at their Brisbane Road ground.

## Freemen

### Mr. Joseph Michael Mills

1934-2011

Jo Mills, who died on 24th October 2011, was made a Freeman on 30 July 1990.

He was employed by the Company from 1982 to 1998 as the Caretaker of 10 Throgmorton Avenue and as Maintenance staff at Carpenters' Hall.

### Mr. William Bell

died 24th October 2011

Freeman William Adolf Bell was made a Freeman of the Company on 1 November 1949, having been awarded a First Class Certificate for the 1949 Examination in Carpentry & Joinery.

## Company Mementos

The following are available from Carpenters' Hall:

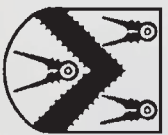
History of the Company .....£10.00 (usually £25.00)	Company Video .....£5.00
Company Tie .....£12.00 and £6.00	Company Mug .....£4.00
Commemorative Dining Plate .....£32.00	Company Tie Pin/Brooch.....£12.00
Plaque of the Company's Coat of Arms .....£16.00	Table Mats (boxed set of 4) .....£60.00

# Calendar

## 2012

January	
12th	Company Bridge Evening (away to Cordwainers' Company)
25th	Company Bridge Evening (home versus Girdlers' Company)
March	
5th	Inter-Livery Bridge (at Drapers' Company)
14th	Livery Ladies' Dinner
23rd	United Guilds Service, St Paul's
April	
12th	Company Golf Day
25th	Company Bridge Evening
26th	The Lord Mayor's Diamond Jubilee Big Curry Lunch at Guildhall
27th	Company Clay Pigeon Shooting Day
May	
10th-11th	Company Visit - Venice
10th	Company Bridge Evening
17th	Inter-Livery Golf
24th	Court Visit to Wyatt's Almshouses
June	
13th	Court Ladies' Dinner
21-23rd	Building Crafts College End-of-Year Show in Hall
25th	Election of Sheriffs
July	
11th	Company Tennis Evening
17th	General Court of the Livery
25th	Visit to Bayfordbury Pinetum
August	
8th	Court Visit to Rustington Convalescent Home
14th	Installation Court
September	
13th	Inter-Livery Tennis
22nd	Carpenters' Hall Open House
October	
1st	Election of The Lord Mayor
2nd	Livery and Freeman's Reception
31st	Company Wine-tasting
November	
10th	The Lord Mayor's Show
14th	Livery Dinner
22nd	Building Crafts College Prize-giving in Hall
December	
3rd	Carpenters' Primary School Christmas Party in Hall

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