

# Tylers and Bricklayers



The Newsletter of the Worshipful Company of Tylers and Bricklayers

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## Twenty-first Bird Master wings in

**Representing a four hundred and fifty year old livery company as the Master ideally requires a number of abilities. A knowledge of the City and its traditions, an appreciation of the craft of tiling and bricklaying and its place in modern day building, a flair for networking between our fellow Livery companies and various other venerable institutions, a desire to promote the charitable nature of our Company and a sure touch with advance planning are qualities that come to mind. It is something of a crash course for each new Master, and three months into my own term of office I am no exception.**

I am glad to say that 2007 has been a very successful year indeed for the Tylers and Bricklayers. One of the outstanding successes has been Past Master Tom Hoffman's Christ's Hospital School appeal. The Company has raised over thirty four thousand pounds from the Livery and will be able to fund two Donation Governorships at the school, thereby providing the opportunity for two disadvantaged London children to benefit from the opportunity of a first class education at this historic foundation. Christ's Hospital has a long association with the City and the London Livery companies and this initiative will not only establish a relationship between the Tylers and Bricklayers and the school over the forthcoming years, but renews our objectives in supporting education, youth and the disadvantaged in London. This has been a great achievement on Tom's part and I would also like to thank the Livery for the most impressive and generous support you have shown.

### The year ahead

The Master's year begins at the Installation Luncheon in October, which follows a Court meeting and our annual service. Our Principal Guest at lunch was the Rt Hon Ann Widdecombe, whose company we were especially fortunate to have as it was her birthday. One of the aspects of our activities she referred to in her memorable speech was the Stokes Royal Engineers Annual Award for Brickwork. She said she was not at all surprised that it is almost always won by a Gurkha engineer (from 36 Engineers in her constituency!) as they did not take education for granted and made the very best of opportunities to learn.

At the Installation lunch I mentioned that we were now seeking nominations for the Triennial Awards. We are looking for new, refurbished or improved buildings and presenting awards for brickwork, tile or slate roofing and applied tiling (this includes a wide variety of internal or external styles) within the boundary of the M25. The company has been presenting these awards since 1972 – indeed my father, when Master, was the first person to present them when they superseded the Company's Gold Medal.

The Court and Livery Dinner which was held in the Barber Surgeons Hall in early February was attended by nearly 70 members. The Hall revealed many of the secrets of the most barbarous side of the medical profession.

There was a waiting list for the visit to St Bartholomew's hospital – to see the historic Hall and the murals however, rather than to explore the joys of the wards and clinics. The Guest Dinner will be held in the historic surroundings of the Apothecaries Hall. In the summer, we will be enjoying a reception at the Royal College of Physicians along with a chance to explore the building. This is an extraordinary Grade One listed structure, erected in 1964 and with tile cladding provided by a Tyler and Bricklayer. There is also a small but beautiful medicinal garden that we will be able to see (but don't touch the plants!)



### Traditions – new and old



*Craft visit to Charterhouse School 1973*

It has been fascinating to compare some of the current events and developments with those of thirty-five years ago, when my father (Hugh Bird senior) was Master. At the beginning of my year as Master he presented me with a large folder with all the records of 1972-3, which I have been reading with interest. While we are a Company that prides itself on tradition, I have at once

noticed that some of these have been quietly dropped. For example, women had no part in the Company except at the annual Ladies Night. Many of the events required white tie rather than black tie and cigars and cigarettes were routinely passed round after dinners. Rather quaintly the Chaplain was given five pounds per service whenever he preached. The 'tradition' of question and answers

after the Court and Livery dinner had not been thought of. And of course, this Newsletter was not to be conceived for another fifteen years. I am very glad to see that over the intervening years our profile in the building industry, education and charitable causes has been considerably enhanced and much of the credit for this must go to our most senior Court members.

Finally, in response to many of you who have asked me about the coat of arms on the Christmas card, it was taken from the Company's 'Lambeth Bowl'. This is one of our most valuable possessions and is a pottery bowl purchased by the Company in 1933 when the Harland Collection was auctioned. The letter 'P' appearing above the coat of arms is thought to refer to the Master of 1721/22, Joseph Pratt, and may therefore have been a present to him from the Company.

**George Bird, Master 2007/8**



## Triennial Awards 2008

**At the time you read this the Triennial Awards Jury will have reached their decisions on the winning entries for the 2008 Awards for excellence in brickwork, roof tiling and slating and ceramic wall and floor tiling. In some categories there have been a significant number of high class entries; in other categories the lack of quantity will be balanced by the quality of the submitted schemes. The awards will be announced and presented at a function in Cutlers' Hall on 19 June and it is hoped there will be a brochure illustrating the winning schemes, identifying the sponsors and listing other recipients of the awards made by the Company for craft related training. We are delighted that the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor will be attending this event.**

Over the years, a number of distinguished buildings have been selected as winners of the Triennial Awards but, surprisingly, there is no comprehensive list available of the winners in the various categories. There is surely scope here for a keen student of these things to trawl through the Company's Court minutes books and other records to compile such a list. It would make interesting reading. In the first instance it would be helpful if those who have been in the Company for many years could even hazard a guess as to when the first Awards were made.

We do know the identities of some earlier winners – Guildford Cathedral (selected before the 'Within the M25 Rule' was formulated), St Pancras Chambers and Battersea Power Station are among the higher profile winners but there

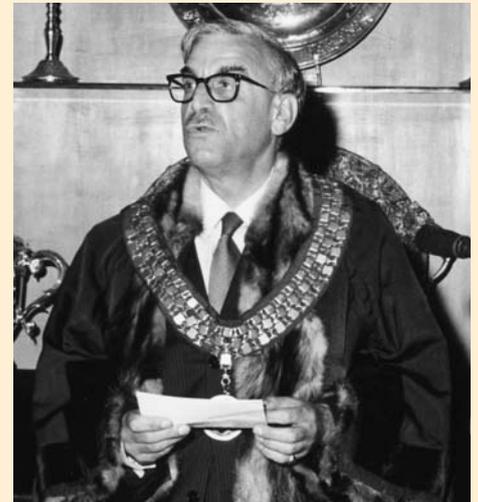
has been recognition for smaller and less ambitious projects ranging from one-off houses to the refurbishment of East London tower blocks, the construction of speculative offices in Croydon, new roofs for the Royal Automobile Club in Pall Mall and the old University College Hospital Cruciform Building. Ceramic tiling has been well represented with a number of awards going over the years to recognize the excellent workmanship in a number of London Underground stations as well as for the cladding of the (then) new St Thomas's Hospital in 1972.

Not only has new building work been recognized. Sensitive refurbishment projects have received awards, the excellence of tuck pointing has been applauded by a number of assessors and special awards have been given for the innovative use of the relevant materials. Those attending the Craft event last year (a seminar on the history of decorative ceramic tiling) had the opportunity to see flat and curved voussoir arches which had been constructed in the new Millennium Centre at Southwark Cathedral (2002 Awards).

Much of the success of the awards depends on the willingness of the Livery to get involved – on a number of levels. All members are encouraged to keep their eyes out for suitable entries over the three year period. It may come as a surprise to learn that architects – not usually shrinking violets when publicity is a possibility- are often reluctant to enter their buildings and many winning schemes would not have come to the attention of the assessors were it not for eagle eyed Liverymen. Members can also play a part in

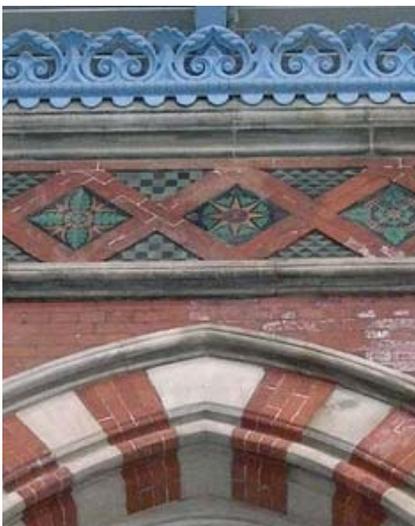
the assessment process. Every three years the Chairman of the Craft Committee casts around looking for volunteers to help with the initial round of assessments which lead to the short listing of likely schemes. Each of these regional or zonal panels contains the required level of expertise so those who feel that they wish to know more about the Company's crafts should feel comforted that their lack of detailed knowledge will not be a hindrance.

**Please come along to the awards ceremony in June and make a mental note to become more involved when the 2011 awards come around.**



*Past Master Hugh Bird presiding over the 1st Triennial Awards in 1973*

## The Barlow Railway Shed, St Pancras Station



## City of London Briefings



For any Liveryman who has not attended a City of London Briefing and is in two minds whether to apply ask a fellow liveryman who has attended. You will always receive a very positive response because the evening provides an interesting and valuable insight into the workings of the City. They are aimed particularly at new Freemen and Liverymen, but wives, husbands and partners are also welcome. Liverymen and Freemen of longer standing who have not previously been to a Briefing are also encouraged to attend. The dates of the 2008 briefings are given here. All will be held at the Innholders' Hall. They are:-

- Tuesday 20 May 2008
- Wednesday 18 October 2008
- Wednesday 12 November 2008

*The format for the evening will be:*

- 5.00pm Registration (tea & coffee will be served)
- 5.30pm Welcome
- 5.35pm Presentation
- 5.58pm A Unique Contribution
- 6.15pm Interval and Glass of Wine
- 6.30pm How Does it Work
- 6.50pm Questions
- 7.00pm Buffet

Application for places on the Briefing should be made on a form that is obtainable from the **Public Relations Office, City of London Livery Courses, Wax Chandlers' Hall, 6 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7AD. Tel: 020 7606 3591/2, Fax: 020 7600 5462 or e-mail: [liverycourses@chandlers.ndonet.com](mailto:liverycourses@chandlers.ndonet.com)**





# The Renter Warden Julyan Gordon

Julyan was born in December 1941 in Berkshire. His father, an Army officer, was posted to Germany in 1948 and took his family with him. Julyan attended the BFES school in Luneburg and then was sent to preparatory school in Seaford, Sussex, his family by then having moved back to England. Subsequently he went to Eton College followed by Trinity College, Dublin, where he obtained an MA. He actually collected the degree at a ceremony in 1997 having graduated in 1965 to the amusement of many! This happened to coincide with a convincing win by England at Lansdowne Road.

He started work in the City with a firm of stockbrokers called Kitcat and Aitken (now no longer) where he was a "blue button" on the floor of the old Stock Exchange in Throgmorton Street. This was a way of life totally different to nowadays where everything is carried out either electronically or by telephone. He subsequently joined another firm of brokers, Grieveson Grant and Co (also now no longer) where he became a private client broker, a job he continued to do for the rest of his working life in the city -not far short of 40 years. His final place of work was WN Middleton and Co which he joined as second senior partner (of two!) in 1975. This subsequently became Greig Middleton having merged with RC Greig of Glasgow in 1982. For a period, the firm was the largest private client

broker in the UK, having grown steadily over the previous 20 years. However a number of takeovers have meant that they too by now have disappeared to all intents and purposes.

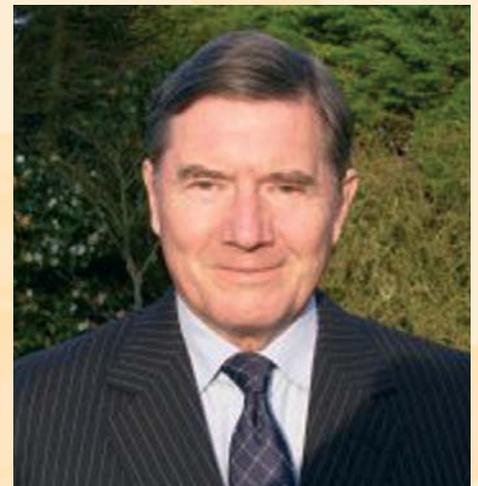
Julyan is married to Diana and they have a daughter Emma and a son Charles whose wife Clair has recently produced a granddaughter. His family connections with the City go back many years. He is descended from Sir Robert Clayton whose arms are displayed in St. Margaret's Lothbury and who was Lord Mayor in 1679/80 as well as being a member of the Drapers and Scriveners Companies.

He is also descended from Edward East who was Master of the Clockmakers Company in 1645 and 1652. East was a well known clockmaker in Fleet Street whose shop was believed to have subsequently become Hoare's Bank. He lived to the ripe old age of nearly 90.

Julyan joined the Tylers and Bricklayers Company in 1980, having been proposed by Past Master John Langrishe and seconded by past Master Michael Parry -Crooke, John Peck being Clerk at the time.

For sometime his firm were brokers to the Company so that when he eventually joined the Finance Committee of which he is now

Chairman, he began to take on the job of liaising with the current stockbroker, Brewin Dolphin. He is also on the Wine Committee and the new Committee recently set up by the Master to encourage younger people to join the Livery. He lives in glorious South Wiltshire and his hobbies include gardening, skiing, shooting and walking.



**The Renter Warden  
Julyan Gordon  
2007/08**

## Recently welcomed Freeman and Members elected to the Livery

	Company Freeman	Liveryman	Background
William Andre Newell	04.10.07		Architect
Edward Christopher Rolls	04.10.07		Naval Officer-Air Traffic Control
Albert Edward Jack Killick	22.03.07	04.10.07	Financial and Banking-Retired
David Stanley Fensom	22.03.07	13.12.07	Proprietor of Fensom Building Contractors
Richard John Bowser	22.03.07	13.12.07	Corporate Banker-Lloyds TSB-Relationship Director
Michel Joseph Maurice Saminaden	04.10.07	13.12.07	Chartered Public Finance Accountant
Donald Alan Slade	19.06.07	27.03.08	MD of Tile Contractor-Retired (Ceramics)
Gerald Classey	04.10.07	27.03.08	Premium Service Manager-Fidelity International Investments
George Harry Clark	27.03.08		Builder/Expert Bricklayer/Lecturer and Examiner in Brickwork

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## Visit and tour of the College of Arms 18 July 2007



*The Earl Marshal's Court*

**On a summer's evening in July the maximum permitted number of the Company took advantage of the Master's invitation to tour the College of Arms as guests of Windsor Herald of Arms, Mr William G Hunt. Mr Windsor, as he is known affectionately at the College, devoted the evening to us in a most generous way. His enthusiasm for his office was such that we were able to share in the history of this heraldic authority.**

The evening's enjoyment divided into a four-act event, the first an address to us from the Earl Marshal's Court, the Court of Chivalry. Of interest was the cushion on the chair from the Queen's 1953 coronation. We learned about the history of the College, founded in 1484 by King Richard III. Since the time of Edward I, heralds have been members of the Royal Household, directly appointed by the Sovereign on the recommendation of the Duke of Norfolk, Earl Marshal.

In 1555 the heralds were presented with the site of the present College of Arms, known also as the Heralds' College. In the Great Fire 1666, the College records were saved and taken to the Palace of Westminster until a new building was constructed from 1670. We all thought of these dates in relation to the Tylers and Bricklayers of London obtaining their Royal Charter in 1568.

In 1866 the southern wing of the College was demolished for the construction of Queen Victoria Street, although the basements remain under the street as storage. We were concerned to hear that there is shortage of money to attend to dampness and occasional flooding from drains under the street.

It seems that hopeful enquiries from the public as to whether their families are entitled to bear arms are met with probably 90% failure. At this point in the proceedings some new words came

to light; enquirers are termed armigerous classes, and those who aspire to be armigers.

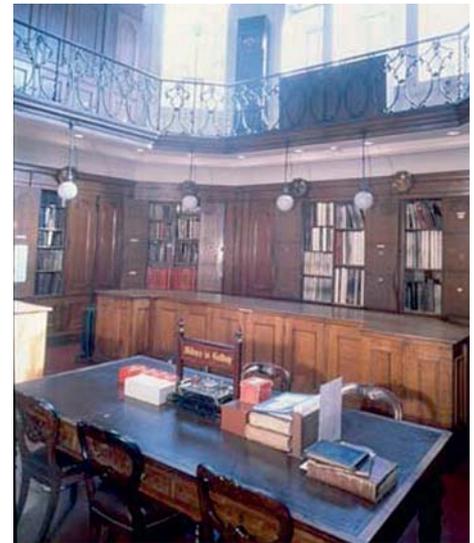
Historically there are three levels of officers of arms: Kings of Arms, Heralds, and Pursuivants. On behalf of the Crown, the Kings of Arms grant coats of arms by letters patent. Before they can even consider the granting of arms, an application must be made to the Earl Marshal, and a fee paid. Applicants must be "eminent" and we were given estimates of the costs involved. The applicant does not buy a coat of arms: the arms are freely given, but fees must be paid to the heralds and artists involved as professionals. In this way the College is self-financing.

We then were led into the Waiting Room, where enquirers are seen, a magnificently panelled intimate room with a fine table where our host, after pouring us all a glass of wine, seated himself in the middle of the table without the slightest bend. For this "second act" we were informed of the background to the Windsor Herald's appointment, his salary set by William IV in the 1830s at £17.80 per annum, unchanged to this day, his army service, and professional career. He explained that his name on his passport, first as Portcullis Pursuivant of Arms and now as Windsor Herald of Arms, did present problems at airports but the College has a special arrangement with the Passport Office to get round the obvious difficulties.

Instructed to put down our glasses and not to touch any documents, we were taken into the Record Room. Here Windsor Herald, in the third act of the evening, amazed us all as he energetically brought down antique reference books and historical documents from the shelves. Opened in front of us, but not able to touch, we saw examples of the official records of the College, ancient books of postage stamp size impressions of elements of previously authorised arms, as well as remarkable pages of a book recording the funeral procession of Queen Elizabeth I. The arrangement of State funerals



*The Waiting Room*



*The Record Room*

and the monarch's Coronation in Westminster Abbey fall under the jurisdiction of the Earl Marshal, and the heralds are responsible for the organisation of these. The room contains many hundred manuscript volumes.

In addition to the official records there are the unofficial collections. These include an extensive library of printed genealogical and heraldic works. The College's unique manuscript collections are just as extensive. These date from the fourteenth century, and contain the working papers and other manuscripts of numerous past heralds.

The heralds have the advantage over other genealogists not only of access to the unique records and collections of the College of Arms, accrued over five centuries, but also of being part of a continuing tradition of expertise and technique.

The final act for the evening took us back to the Waiting Room where, as if by some magic during the short visit to the adjacent room, the fine table had been laden with a splendid supper. Our host re-filled our glasses and answered questions, going to the trouble of going back into the Record Room to research a family name mentioned by one of our members. It proved to be a Scottish family and, therefore, not within the College's records.

How refreshing it was to see an institution operating on an historical basis without any noticeable use of modern technology.



## Appeal exceeds all expectations



*Christ's Hospital*

**Many livery companies have acquired presentation rights to send deserving children to Christ's Hospital in the heart of the Sussex countryside.**

So, during my year as Master, I appealed to liverymen and freemen to help me raise £16,000 so that the Tylers & Bricklayers Company could take its place alongside our peers and present a talented child from a disadvantaged financial background to benefit from this life-changing experience.

In response to my Appeal, the magnificent sum of £34,500 was raised, thus enabling the Company to send two children to the school, and

to nominate a liveryman of the Company for election as a Donation Governor for the period that we have a child at Christ's Hospital.

As a first step the Company has invited the Bishop of London to identify two suitable children from within the Diocese of London. Each child will board at the school for seven years, from the age of 11 through to 18, with the second child entering the school when the first child has completed his or her education there.

The Court approved the establishment of a Working Party to be responsible for developing the relationship between the Company, the

Christ's Hospital Foundation, the Bishop of London, and the presentees, and the Court gave its approval to the appointment of the following members of the Company to serve on this body: Christopher Lintott, Charles Payne, Christopher Taylor, Robert Welsford, together with the Master during his year in office, and the Clerk. Christopher Lintott and Charles Payne are themselves old boys of the school.

This Working Party met for the first time on 17 January 2008 and recommended that the Tylers & Bricklayers Company be represented by Charles Payne on the Christ's Hospital Court of Governors. This nomination was approved at the meeting of the Council of Almoners on 19 March 2008. The Working Party also recommended that Robert Welsford be responsible for liaising with the Bishop of London on the identification of the first child to be presented by the Company in 2009.

The Company has over the years been especially supportive of education with the provision of awards at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, the City of London School for Boys, the City of London School for Girls, the City of London Freeman's School in Ashted, Surrey, and St Paul's Cathedral School. This latest initiative continues our established and worthy charitable objectives.

**Tom Hoffman, Past Master**

## St Mary's Cathedral and the Gilbert Scott family

I live mostly in Edinburgh, the City of Adam, Playfair and Lorimer. One of its landmarks which can be seen for miles around is St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral. How it came about is an interesting story. The Cathedral owes its existence to two spinster sisters, Barbara and Mary Walker who left the whole of their respective fortunes to the Episcopal Church in Scotland, thus enabling the building of a Cathedral dedicated to St Mary the Virgin.

An architectural competition was arranged. Amid not a little controversy, including accusations of plagiarism and favouritism, the design of Sir George Gilbert Scott was chosen from five other competing designs. The foundation stone was laid by the Duke of Buccleuch in 1874. There is no mistaking the Architecture, it is Gothic and Scott drew inspiration from the early gothic churches and abbeys of Scotland. He gave it as large a floor space as the site would allow, and made the massive central tower and spire and the twin western spires prominent features, especially when floodlit. The enormous weight of the central tower is carried on four main pillars and spread through diagonal arches and buttresses in the outer walls, leaving

unusually open views. The Cathedral was consecrated in 1879.

Other works by Sir George Gilbert Scott include the Albert Memorial, St Pancras Station and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

You may well ask what has all this to do with the Tylers and Bricklayers Company and the answer is nothing except that Sir George Gilbert Scott was the grandfather of Sir Giles Gilbert Scott who was



*St Mary's Cathedral*

made a liveryman of the Company by redemption in 1942. His claim to architectural fame includes Liverpool Cathedral, the Guildhall roof, the traditional telephone box and Battersea Power Station for which he received the Company medal in 1935. His son Richard (Dickie) Gilbert Scott is currently a member of the Livery and in the family tradition his designs include the west wing of the Guildhall and the Guildhall Art Gallery. A talented family indeed!

**Peter V Dickens, Past Master**



*Sir George Gilbert Scott*



## Obituaries 2007

**Paul Ratcliff Harris OBE 1913-2007**  
Joined the Company in 1962  
Master of the Company 1990-91



Paul was born in Ealing on 31 August 1913 and educated at Gresham's School in Norfolk. He was a contemporary of Benjamin Britten, with whom he shared a study and (Paul claimed) 'ate all his chocolate biscuits' and played chopsticks with him on the House piano.

Paul wanted to be a doctor but although he was offered a place at St Mary's Hospital in Paddington (according to Paul 'because they needed a second row forward in their rugby team'), he decided against this and enlisted in the Tank Corps being subsequently granted a commission. He later joined the Metropolitan Police and shortly before the war his father's firm M. P. Harris & Co., builders merchants, where, after a distinguished war service, he eventually became managing director.

Paul became well known in Eastbourne and was widely recognised for the enormous contribution he made to the many organisations in which he was involved, including being President of the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce, Captain of the Royal Eastbourne Golf Club as well as having been Master of the Tylers & Bricklayers Company. He was awarded his O.B.E. for his tireless service to the Sea Cadets for over fifty years both in Eastbourne and nationally. He was an avid golfer and sailor, a vintage car enthusiast, painter, poet, photographer and lover of the arts. This is Edition 19 of 'The Upper Warden's Newsletter' which was Paul's brainchild, the first edition being produced for him by his then Upper Warden, Nick Carter in 1990.

Paul's love of golf encouraged him to donate a cup that is now the Tylers & Bricklayers "Paul Harris Golf Trophy" competed for annually on the Company golf day. Paul himself won the cup several times.

Paul was married to his late wife Barbara for sixty years as well as being a devoted family man. His family have generously donated Paul's Past Master's Badge to the Company to be included in our treasured possessions to preserve his memory which is continued by Paul's son Jeremy being a liveryman of the Company. Those of us who knew Paul will certainly never forget him not least for that twinkle in his eye when his dry wit brought the Court down to earth on many occasions.

**Newlyn Mason-Elliott TD 1924-2007**  
Joined the Company in 1973  
Master of the Company 1997-98



Newlyn was a man who was passionate for all kinds of sport and activities from his early days at Oakmount School in Southampton and Canford School near Wimborne right up to the latter years of his life.

When he was 18 years old he joined the army and saw war service in India with the 11th Sikh Regiment where he stayed until he was demobbed in 1949. He often reflected on these years with emotion and great respect for the Sikh soldiers under his command. Newlyn, the business man, joined the old established firm of Elliott Brothers at the age of 23 as the fourth generation. This began Newlyn's affinity with tiles and bricks which continued throughout his career. He became Managing Director until he retired in 1985 and remained Chairman almost to the end of his life.

In 1948, when he became a director he married Mary and they moved to Manor Farm Swannick which became a wonderful family home for their four children.

Sailing became his enduring passion and he was elected Commodore of the Warsash Sailing Club in 1963 and as with all his passions he involved his family. As a result of sailing trips to France, he developed a love of France and at the age of forty-four he gained an A level in French at night school. He yearned for a special boat - a Swan 43 - and having found one in Chesapeake Bay, he and two companions (average age of seventy) sailed it home across the Atlantic taking 25 days and eventually cleared customs at....Newlyn!

Newlyn was elected President of the Builders Merchants Federation in 1982 and was very proud to be installed Master of our Worshipful Company of Tylers & Bricklayers in 1997. This gave him the opportunity to develop his enthusiasm for education and training for which he was well respected. We are all grateful for his generous bursary which enabled us to set up the 'Mason-Elliott Awards' for roof slating and tiling and for ceramic tiling. These significant awards are made annually to successful craft trainees at National Skillbuild level competitions which encourage trainees to progress to compete at international level and to follow rewarding careers.

Newlyn approached everything he did with much energy and dedication and lived life to the full. We will always be reminded of him at the installation of our new masters when we see the Master, Wardens and Clerk wearing the Tudor Bonnets which were Newlyn's gift to the Company. Above all he was a kind and compassionate man, a true gentleman and one we feel privileged to have known.

**John Bernard Fenwick 'Dan' Mathews 1920-2007**  
Joined the Company in 1955  
Master of the Company 1985-86



Dan was educated at preparatory school in Crowborough followed by Felsted School in Essex - his education being interspersed with holidays cycling miles to watch Point to Point events, following the hounds on foot and playing cricket.

After leaving Felsted he worked for a short time mixing cement for the well known pre-stressed concrete firm then called Concrete Ltd. This was the start of Dan's lifelong connection with the building industry. This period was short-lived however, as he then signed up with the RAF, maintaining that he did so as their recruits were the only ones of the three armed forces who wore ties.

He was sent to Torquay and after successfully passing out, he applied to be a pilot but was told he was too heavy-handed so he became an observer/navigator flying in Wellington bombers. He had flown thirty-nine sorties and with one more sortie to go, he was shot down. He miraculously escaped serious injury and was taken prisoner and although he would not describe himself as courageous he most certainly was. Dan needed all his courage and determination to survive the thousand mile trek westward enforced by the Germans. When he eventually arrived home after three years in captivity, he was lovingly nursed back to health by his Mother. He soon recovered and rejoined the family firm Bison Flooring where he successfully worked for the rest of his life.

In 1950 Liz and Dan were married and led a rich and happy family life together. Dan enjoyed sharing his passion for golf with his brother Tom. In later years he was a keen participant in the competition for the Tylers & Bricklayers 'Paul Harris Trophy' which he won a number of times. The family firm was based in Yorkshire and in this period Dan suffered a serious car accident which put him out of action for a year. By the time he recovered the family had moved back to London.

Dan's other favourite sport was cricket and he played club cricket in Sussex and was Captain of the Hurlingham Club for many years and became a familiar figure at Lords for Test Matches.

He was very proud to be elected Master of the Tylers & Bricklayers Company, bringing his love of the crafts of building to the fore in the Company. Dan was a kind hearted man always cheerful and ready to support with enthusiasm any initiatives proposed by younger members for the benefit of the Company. Liz Mathews has kindly donated Dan's Past Master's Badge to the Company as Dan had wished. We all loved Dan - he had a great innings, well played.

# Golfing with the Tylers and Bricklayers by the Clerk

There are many members of the Company who enjoy playing golf, but have as yet, been unable to join in on our own annual golf day. This is something we would dearly love to rectify and have tried to find a solution by changing both the time of the year and the location of the event in an effort to attract our erstwhile golfers. So may I take this opportunity to encourage all you golfers, high and low handicappers, to come along and join us on what is a fun and sociable occasion.

## Diary Date

This year's event is due to be held at Bush Hill Park Golf Club on Thursday 14 August 2008. Full details will be published in June.

## The Tylers and Bricklayers Golf Day 2007 et al

My first experience of the Company's golf day was during 2003 when the competition for the Paul Harris Trophy took place at The Addington Golf Club in Kent, which was the home course of Past Master Graham Bateman. We then moved to Knole Park Golf Club in 2004, the home course of Past Master John Wilson-Wright and also situated in Kent.

By 2005 a three way match had been mooted between the T's and B's, the Constructors and the Paviers Livery Companies and it was decided to hold this fixture at the home course of the Clerk to the Constructors Company, Mr Tim Nicholson, which is Lamberhurst Golf Club in Kent. For some reason the Paviers were unable to raise a team, however the match continued with a close victory for the Constructors over the Tylers and Bricklayers.

The event was repeated in 2006, again at Lamberhurst Golf Club, and this resulted in a more emphatic win for the Constructors Company.

In 2007 after 4 years of staging the event in 'The Garden of England' it was decided that a change of venue could result in a change of fortune so it

was agreed to stage the event in 'God's own County', Essex! On 3 July the Constructors, Paviers and Tylers and Bricklayers teams did battle at Warley Park Golf Club. As in all previous years the best individual score recorded by a Tyler and Bricklayer would result in the winning of, the coveted, Paul Harris Trophy.

No less than 5 previous winners of the Paul Harris Trophy paraded during the late morning to enjoy the sustenance of large bacon baguettes and coffee before rushing out to the practice ground to hone their golf swings. The weather and the excellent condition of the golf course conspired to leave us with no excuse but to play our best and enjoy the day.

We have all heard the term 'hole in one' and this obviously relates to the ball finishing in the required hole in just one golf shot. More than 99% of 'holes in one' are scored on par 3's as naturally, these holes are intended to be reached in one shot. Amazingly on this day, one of the Constructor's team, Mr Phil Laycock, scored a 'hole in one' on a par 4, scoring an 'Albatross'. This is almost unheard of and it did the Constructors overall score no harm when Phil recorded a 1 for 5 points!

Despite this 'setback' the Tylers and Bricklayers team was triumphant, recording a hard earned

victory over our close friends from the Constructors and Paviers Livery Companies. After showering and changing into more formal attire we retreated to the Club House for a fine 3 course meal and a chance to share the tales of 'nearly' in a real convivial atmosphere. The prizes were duly presented with the Paul Harris Trophy being deservedly won by Liveryman, Mike Gee, who is a great supporter of this event and travels from Lancashire each year to take part. Special mention was made of Phil Laycock who was rewarded with a couple of bottles of wine for his efforts.

And so we move on to 2008's event where the Constructors could be seeking revenge. The Paviers, who have yet to make their mark in this fixture may feel that they are now favourites, as the venue is the home course of their Clerk, Mr John White, who assures me that his team will be ready. The Paul Harris Trophy will again be fought for and we could even end up with a new Champion.

Bush Hill Park Golf Club has been chosen in line with the policy of varying the location in an effort to suit as many of our members as possible. It is an attractive parkland course, founded in 1895, and situated just 10 minutes from Junction 25 of the M25. All golfers, Ladies and Gentlemen, are most welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!

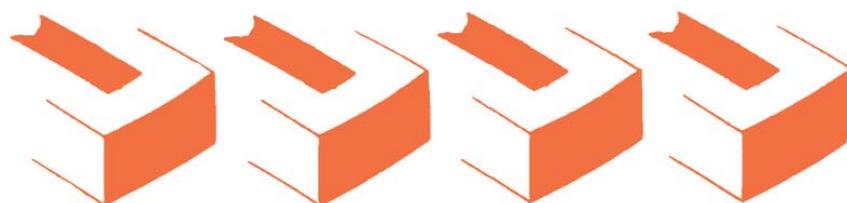
## The Paul Harris Trophy Previous Winners

1984 J B F Mathews	1996 A T B Rider
1985 J B F Mathews	1997 G J Bateman
1986 J B F Mathews	1998 P R Harris OBE
P R Harris OBE <sup>(shared)</sup>	1999 P R Harris OBE
1987 J B F Mathews	2000 No Contest
1988 J B F Mathews	2001 No Contest
1989 R G S Scott	2002 C W T Dickens
1990 J B F Mathews	2003 B L Blumsom
1991 R G S Scott	2004 B L Blumsom
1992 A J Jackson	2005 M J S Gee
1993 J B F Mathews	2006 J H Wilson-Wright
1994 P R Harris OBE	2007 M J S Gee
1995 R G S Scott	



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