

**The Lunch.** Together with another dozen or so Companies, we have lunch following the service at painters' Hall, Little Trinity Lane (running down towards the river from Mansion House tube station entrance on the South side of Cannon Street). I have up to 20 places available, and the cost, including wines and VAT, will be £51.00. Whilst those attending the Service will have priority, we should be able to accommodate all who wish to lunch. Extra seats can often be arranged.

Please book in for the service and/or the lunch using the application form provided, and if having lunch, include your cheque made out as always to The Worshipful Company of Constructors. I can take late bids for the Service so long as my allocation of tickets holds out, but I must have your lunch booking by **12 Noon on Friday 26 February.**

### ***Visit to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry, 8 April***

The Foundry has been in continuous production since 1570 and has been in its present location since 1738. It is world renowned, and has many historical connections with cathedrals and great buildings worldwide. The Foundry is not working at the time of visits as that would be too dangerous, but a full, expert tour which shows all the processes is given. After the tour, the party will go next door to the Georgian Foundry House for supper with wine.

The tour starts promptly at 1730, and the cost, including supper, is £38. There are 40 places available and if oversubscribed, there will be a ballot. Please use the form provided on the attached flyer, and send it, with your cheque made out to The Worshipful Company of Constructors, to the organiser by **Thursday 18 March at the latest.**

### ***Making Bookings***

I take the opportunity to remind members that the **only** way to make a booking for any Company event, formal or informal, is to complete the booking form and send it, with your cheque, to the organiser, whether the Clerk or a member of the Events Committee. We are discussing electronic ways to take payments, but have not found a foolproof way to recognise them for what they are. If the form is not to hand there will be one on the website that can be downloaded, where our full programme is also shown, with any further details. Unless specifically requested, email bookings are not accepted, although enquiries are welcome that way. Sometimes you may not be able to name all your guests at the time you send the booking form, and that is acceptable and you can just book so many places. There is rarely any need to send an email to ask if the are spaces available, unless you are very late. Fill in the form and send the money; all should be well! Thank you. Please note that bookings are not accepted before an application form has been issued.

### ***Events from May onwards.***

Full details of the events below will be sent out nearer the time of each. You will only be able to book when forms are issued. Activities coming up include –

***The Master's Weekend*** in Kings Lynn, Norfolk, 21-23 May. There is a lot of information in her booklet that was sent round at the start of her Year. In extreme brief: 21 May, golf for those that like it, and a tour of Sandringham House; evening, dinner in a medieval tithe barn with dancing. 22 May, guided tour of Kings Lynn, free afternoon, civic reception and black tie dinner in the Guildhall Assembly Rooms. 23 May, church service in the town's Parish Church and lunch at the hotel. Optional visit to Titchwell RSPB Reserve.

***The Constructors' Lecture,*** City University, Northampton Square on 18 May at 1800 (tbc), in partnership with Costain and the University. Humphrey Cadoux-Hudson, MD Nuclear New Build EdF. All members will receive an invitation from City University around mid March, and must respond directly to the address on the card. This will be a "closed" invitation only event as the University is concerned that the topic may attract protesters.

***Tour and Dinner House of Commons,*** Whitehall, 16 June, hosted by Hon Member Nick Raynsford MP.

***Woodlands Farm Summer Party,*** Nr Canterbury, 10 July (was 3 July, note the change of date). The Master and her Gentleman, "at home".

***Constructors' Golf Day*** at Tandridge GC (just off the M25 near Reigate) on 22 July. Competitions for members and guests. The Clerk will do his best not to win again, but a little serious opposition would be welcomed! (That should draw them out). A splendid cup to keep for a year and excellent prizes.



*Tim Nicholson receiving the cup from Nick Parrett of Wilkins Kennedy in 2009.*

***College of Arms*** visit and supper on 23 September. Very limited numbers.

### ***Storage for the Company's archives.***

If any member in the home counties has got about 40 sq ft ("third of a garage") of dry and reasonable secure space, the company has some 20 boxes of paper archives that are looking for a new home. Contact the Clerk if you may be able to help. A modest "costs covering" rent will be paid.

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