

April Lunch

I have just been checking over the past guest lists to see who we haven't entertained for a while, and I was surprised to find that the first lunch was back in 2006. Since that time we've welcomed over 160 different guests from all from all manner of sectors.

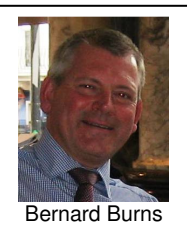
I was therefore delighted to discover that one of our guests at this lunch was Alasdair Donnachie who was a guest at our very first gathering. So for those of you wondering when your next invite might be; a simple calculation of three invitations from fifty-nine, equates to an average of once every nineteen and a half months. Unfortunately Alasdair had to leave early because it was his birthday, but not before he had very generously treated us to champagne to mark the happy day. Alasdair is well known throughout the industry and is now working with Mivan, following his decision to leave Harry Neal Limited a good time before their unhappy end.

Luke Sanders and his company LTS have a great reputation for high quality work and whilst Luke and I have not yet managed to work on a project together we are getting closer. He is though entertaining company and enters into the spirit of our long lunches with enthusiasm.



Where David gets his energy from is a mystery but I wish I could find out. His infectious enthusiasm for all things carpet related knows no bounds, and his dedication to preserving the techniques and machinery to produce traditional carpets can only be admired. If you want to know anything about carpets David Luckham is your man.

Peter Scott is a delight and a rarity within the architectural world, in that he appears to shun the wearing of black. He is invariably perfectly turned out and displays the same attention to detail in his drawings. He and Martin Ashley go from strength to strength with a stream of exciting projects that other practises can only dream of.



Bernard Burns is the driving force behind Cathedral Works Organisation or CWO as it is better known. A fellow Royal Warrant Holder he has just completed the rebuilding of part of the quadrangle at Buckingham Palace another fine feather in his cap. Bernard and I first met at a Warrant holders golf match against the MCC and I have enjoyed his company ever since.

Christian Flack has appeared a number of times in these reports as a colleague of Jasper's, sadly though he is leaving Weldon's to join a new venture with Orlando Boyne selling British Marble. Britannicus Stone is set to launch on the 26th May. Christian's contribution to Weldon Contracts has been significant and Jasper was keen to recognise this by inviting him to join us. I am devastated, as Christian was an important part of the Warrant Holders golf team and will now not be available for selection.

