

March Lunch

March's lunch saw us trying out the Babylon restaurant in Kensington, with its famous roof gardens. Whilst the weather wasn't perfect for lazing on the terrace we were able to have our pre-lunch drinks looking out over the gardens and the extensive views of London.



Kevin Martindale

There were only two new faces at lunch this month with most being veterans of previous campaigns. Kevin Martindale has been at the forefront of the construction industry, as a director of Gardiner & Theobald, for many years. Our paths first crossed at the Royal Lodge when we were installing new interiors for Prince Andrew's new home; that he had taken over after the Queen Mother had passed away. We are now working together on Carlton House Terrace.

James Dunn is well known to the industry having been a pillar of Holloway White Allom for many years. He is now using that experience to provide high-end clients with a bespoke management service in the premium residential sector. Having discovered that he shares my interest in hitting a little white ball around a field, we are hoping to meet up again soon for a match.



James Dunn



Bill Bennette & Peter Sawa

Peter Sawa whose company I have enjoyed on many occasions, has joined the same exclusive club as James, and become a former 'HWA man' by joining French construction giant, Bouygues to head-up their drive into the UK's residential sector. An almost unknown entity on our shores, but as one of the world's largest construction companies they clearly have the structure and finances to make an impact.

Bill Bennette has been at the top of the Interior design market for as long as I can remember and continues to thrive by providing his client's with an impeccable service. Bill had managed to join us once before but had not quite realised that we consider lunch to be an event

that occupies the entire afternoon and part of the evening. This time his schedule was clear and we all enjoyed his delightful company well past dessert.

Some of you may remember the extensive work we undertook in designing and crafting large parts of the Alfred Dunhill store on Davis Street. It was here that I had the great pleasure of meeting David Ferreira and we have remained firm friends ever since. He is always a joy to spend time with and I look forward to seeing him again soon.



Neil Stevenson & David Ferreira



James Howard

James Howard has been a stalwart at Tim Flynn's practise for many years working on many of the capitals finest projects. He is engaging company and had many tales to tell of his life as architect to the rich and famous. Being a proud Welshman I think he was a little baffled by our decision to celebrate the anniversary of the Act of Union, given that we lacked a Scottish representative, but the champagne was greeted with enthusiasm.