

## May Lunch



We are now fully settled into our new home at Kensington roof gardens and have now opted for the private dining room with balcony, which would have been fantastic if what appeared to be a tropical storm had not decided to appear. It was a spectacular display with driving wind and rain, which even managed to penetrate the roof.

This month there was a good a cross section of new faces and old friends with a number of guests renewing earlier acquaintances. It was good to meet up with Paul Pattison again after our very successful partnership re-creating the medieval furniture of Henry II's keep at Dover Castle.

There was quite a collection of stalwarts from the '100 Park Lane' project, with architect Kees Van der Sande from Formation, two directors of Walter Lilly: Andrew Postlethwaite and Andrew Crispin, as well as Jasper and John Wilkinson from Weldon's who are doing all the timber floors and of course myself. As we are providing all the ground floor joinery and a significant proportion of restoration and refurbishment, let us hope that we can get some photographs at the end to show you what we have been doing.

We have enjoyed a good few lunches with Chris Pask of Charlton Brown and Lucy Spencer from Keech Green and some point I guess we ought to get round to working on a project together. I had an enjoyable conversation with Lucy about her connections to Paul Pattison, which came as a surprise to both and certainly confirmed the adage that it is 'a small world'. As far as I can remember I think Lucy lives in the same house as Paul's ex mother-in-law and Paul's son, all in different flats, of course.

Andrzej Zarzycki and his practice Collett Zarzycki needs little introduction, and whilst I have worked on a project with the company and met Tony Collett, this was the first time I met Andrzej: unfortunately we were at extreme ends of the table, and on this occasion only got to chat very briefly. Sue Timney who is an old friend of Andrzej is another 'figurehead' within the design world, with an amazing range of interests. Quite how she finds time to head-up the Education Committee of the British Institute of Interior Design and sit on the main council with me, I have no idea.

That just leaves John Wilkinson and Ian Skelton. John has been working closely with Ian who heads-up the Lendlease team (formerly Bovis) enhancing the floors at the rather expensive apartments at 1 Hyde Park. John has extended his role at Weldon's to take over the position left vacant by Christian Flack's departure to Britannicus Stone.

Until next month...