



BWF

Annual Dinner & Awards

Friday 24th November 2017

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Welcome to the 2017 BWF Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony

A formal black-tie dinner with a relaxed atmosphere, the Annual Dinner & Awards night provides a great opportunity for BWF members and their guests to network, celebrate achievements and enjoy a five-star evening with woodworking industry colleagues. The awards presentation offers a showcase for the sector's best projects, products, processes and people.



Running Order

6.30pm: Drinks Reception

7.50pm: Call to Dinner

Welcome & Grace: BWF President

8.00pm: Dinner

9.30pm: Guest Speaker Graham Poll

10.00pm: BWF Award Presentations

Health & Safety Hero Award

Process Efficiency Award

Product Design in Wood Award

Project of the Year Award

Trainee of the Year Award

Apprentice of the Year Award

10.45pm: Post Dinner Networking & Bar
(credit/debit cards only)

12.00am: Carriages



The Venue: Drapers' Hall, London



The 2017 Annual Dinner & Awards will take place in the majestic setting of Drapers' Hall in the heart of the City of London.

The Hall, situated in Throgmorton Street, was bought from King Henry VIII in 1543 for the sum of 1,800 marks (approximately £1,200). It had been the house of Thomas Cromwell, Earl of Essex and Chief Minister to Henry, but had been forfeited to the King on Cromwell's execution in July 1540.

The building was destroyed in the Great Fire of London in 1666 and subsequently rebuilt, later surviving the Blitz during the Second World War.

Home of the Drapers' Company, the richly decorated Drapers' Hall is steeped with history and recognisable from films and TV programmes such as *The King's Speech*, *GoldenEye*, *The Apprentice* and *The Great British Menu*.

The hall includes four finely decorated main rooms used for the company's functions. The largest of these is the opulent Livery Hall which will provide the perfect setting to announce this year's BWF Awards winners.

Your Guest Speaker: Mr Graham Poll

We are delighted to introduce Graham Poll, one of the most well-known and experienced English football referees of all time, as the guest speaker for tonight.

An excellent communicator and presenter, Graham Poll is a regular in the media and an acclaimed after-dinner speaker.

Whilst his achievements are considerable, including refereeing the last FA Cup Final at the original Wembley stadium in 2000 and becoming the first referee to reach the milestone of 300 Premier League matches, Graham will always be remembered for issuing one player with 3 yellow cards at a World Cup match during the 2006 final competition in Germany.

Educated at Alleyne's School in Stevenage, Poll left education to follow a highly successful sales career. He left full time employment in 1999 due to his dedication to achieving world recognition in football. Before becoming a full time professional referee, Poll started his own business with fellow referee, Graham Barber, developing an internet site which they negotiated the sale of for £1.5m in 2001.

Graham was the English representative at two World Cups, UEFA Euro 2000 and refereed the 2005 UEFA Cup Final. He was regarded as one of the most prominent referees in the Premiership and retired from refereeing with 26 years of experience and a career spanning over 1,500 matches.



Woodworking Project of the Year Award

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2017 Shortlist

The Woodworking Project of the Year Award recognises the very best in design, application or ability in joinery manufacture. The award was set up in memory of John Hedgecock, the former technical director at the BWF. It is a fitting tribute to a man whose dedication and knowledge of woodworking and joinery manufacturing was second to none.

The award recognises innovative, complex or simply beautiful projects and rewards excellence in our industry, providing the opportunity for UK woodworking companies to receive special recognition for exceptional technical achievement.



Gelder Joinery

Bespoke architectural joinery in Oxfordshire

Gelder Joinery Limited

For their wood work restoration of an Edwardian House.

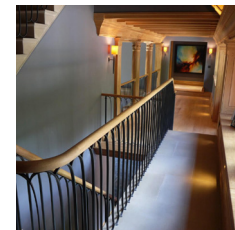


Kierson

PROTECTING THE WORLD THROUGH BUSINESS

Kierson

For the restoration and upgrading of historic windows and reproduction of new windows in Chesterfield.



Houghtons of York

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For the manufacture and installation of polished oak ceilings, bay window seat and linings, gallery landing columns and balustrading.

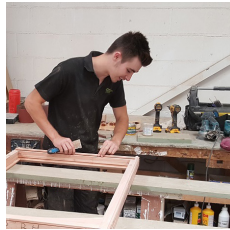
Apprentice of the Year Award

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The Apprentice of the Year Award celebrates the success of the rising stars of the joinery industry.

The award recognises apprentices that have really stood out during their time with a joinery company. They may have achieved some fantastic feats in their work, or shown extraordinary commitment that really adds value to a company's workforce.



Oliver Walker

of Gowercroft Joinery

"From the start of his employment, it was clear that he was an ambitious young man with a desire to learn and improve. While completing his apprenticeship he has exhibited exceptional commitment, and has been involved in some very prestigious projects."

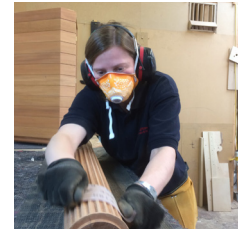
2017 Shortlist



Harry Dorsett

of Barr Joinery

"Harry's truly outstanding achievement is how incredibly far he has come in such a short space of time. He has been with Barr Joinery for just over a year and already he is able to work independently, find solutions, take the initiative and operate as a safe pair of hands."



Houghtons of York

Toni Beverley

of Houghtons of York

"Toni is a wonderful individual, a real team player, who has made significant contributions to some of our larger projects both within our workshops and on site whilst also completing a range of smaller ones with only the minimum of guidance and assistance."

Product Design in Wood Award

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The Product Design in Wood Award is for excellence in technical innovation, application, and achievement innovation in joinery product manufacture and design. The Award recognises design and technical excellence for a specific product, rather than a project.

2017 Shortlist



WESTBURY
WINDOWS & JOINERY

Westbury Windows and Joinery

For their French Doorset.



Promat

Promat UK Ltd

For Promat
SYSTEMGLAS®.



Gowercroft
JOINERY

Gowercroft Joinery

For their Richmond
and Winston Heritage
Windows.



Morland™
FIT OUT PRODUCTS

Morland

For their ABS Edge
Banded Melamine Faced
FD30 Fire Doors.

Trainee of the Year Award

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The Trainee of the Year Award is one of two awards that celebrate the success of the rising stars of the joinery industry.

This award seeks to celebrate those that have entered through other training routes, including graduates, A-Level students and in-house trainees. They may have achieved some fantastic feats in their work, or show extraordinary commitment that really adds value to a company's workforce or their production.



Gelder Joinery

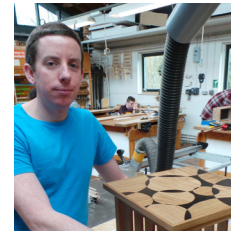
Bespoke architectural joinery in Oxfordshire

James Mayo

of Gelder Joinery Limited

"James is turning into an excellent joiner. He enjoys going out to site to help with installation, and he says being able to see the final product in place enhances his understanding of the importance of a good quality finished product."

2017 Shortlist



ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA
COLLEGE

Matt Brown

of Leamington Spa College

"Matt has been prepared to stretch his abilities to achieve great work. He has even helped other students with advice and guidance about their work, demonstrating an unselfish approach to college."

Process Efficiency Award

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The Process Efficiency Award celebrates improvements that help customers get the best possible products at the best possible prices, at the best possible quality levels and in the best possible delivery times.

Projects of all sizes are eligible, from the simple to the complex, from the one off brain wave to measureable results born of gradual improvement and tenacity.



AJB Group

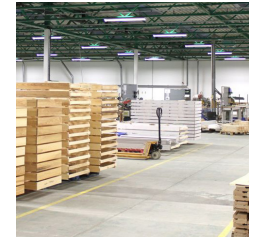
For their 'Process Efficiency to the Max' initiative.

2017 Shortlist



Mumford & Wood Ltd

For their BRE LINA Environmental Product Declaration work.



Cotswold Manufacturing Ltd

For their 'A Simple Change of Plan' initiative.

Health & Safety Hero Award

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2017 Shortlist

The Health & Safety Hero Award recognises an individual or collective effort to improve health and safety performance within a business. The health and safety of staff must be the top priority of every business in the UK and the Award is part of our wider Health & Safety Hero Campaign for the woodworking industry.

The Award is in memory of Michael Lee, former Membership Director at the BWF.



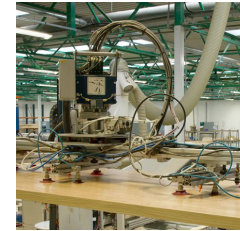
AJB Group

The focus on health and safety has been pivotal in the relocation of the business through commitment to capital investment in health and safety controls and in instigating a culture of health and safety awareness across the business.



Marldon Joinery

Moving into new premises provided the impetus for a complete rethink of health and safety policies. Marldon appointed a specialist auditor with a new and fresh vigour for all things health and safety. They have steadily worked through the Audit Report, fully involving their employees.



Kevin Cloughton of Cotswold Manufacturing Ltd

After his success on the NEBOSH course, Kevin was appointed as the H&S Officer. He executed a raft of changes which included new risk assessments and safe systems of work for all machines and job processes.



Best of luck to all those shortlisted.

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