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## SPRING TREBLE AT SHOE LANE

*Near miss for Alexander in supreme award*

AS BUILDER GROUP AND THOMAS TELFORD WRITERS divided the 1991 IPB Journalism Awards, Building architectural editor Martin Spring scooped no fewer than three titles. At November's presentation, sponsored by Trafalgar House at the London International Press Centre he was named IBP Journalist of the Year ahead of former NCE (now New Builder) staff writer Delroy Alexander by panel chairman Clive Branson, publisher of EuroProperty.

Earlier, Spring had stepped up twice before guest of honour and Trafalgar House chairman Sir Nigel Brookes to collect individual awards. He starred in the architectural category, sponsored by the RIBA (the Sunday Times' Hugh Pearman was highly commended for his "valiant support of good architecture") and in rehab/environment, sponsored by Kyle Stewart Ltd (highly commended Denise Chevin, technology editor of Building, and Dave Parker of New Builder).

Spring's portfolio was praised by the architectural judging panel, chaired by immediate RIBA past-president Max Hutchinson, for his ability to "communicate directly with all the construction industry and to discuss complex architectural theory in a clear and accessible style". The rehab/environment category judges, chaired by Kyle Stewart Special Works MD Anthony Harris, noted how the industry's positive role in improving the environment emerged in articles on hostels for the homeless, renovation of public housing and the restoration of Frank Matcham's County Arcade in Leeds' Victorian Quarter.

IBP Civil Engineering Journalist of the year is Delroy Alexander who recently switched titles within the Telford Group. The award was sponsored by Ove Arup & Partners and director David Gordon chaired the judges.

Their criterion, he said, was that the three articles submitted should present "an interesting and informative mix of subjects". David Fowler, news analysis editor of NCE, was highly commended.

IBP Building Journalist of the Year is Building assistant editor Penny Guest. Reporting for the judges Raymond Groves, MD (Operations) of sponsors Y J Lovell (Holdings) plc said that she "demonstrated her skills over a wide variety of topics."

Runner-up was freelance Richard Catt. The judges also gave honourable mention to "a very good set of articles" from the Financial Times' Andrew Taylor which, they felt, could equally have appeared in the business/financial category.

This award, sponsored by Redland plc, was also taken by Building in the person of business editor Peter Cooper for his in-depth surveys of the state of the industry. PR director Anthony Shillington, reporting on behalf of financial director and panel chairman Gerald Corbett, gave a highly-commended Andrew Taylor his second honorable mention of the evening for "a style which is always consistent and views which are always well balanced."

CSW reporter James Whitmore is IBP property journalist of the year. Jeremy Neysum, chief executive of sponsors the Grosvenor Estate, praised the topicality and depth of interest and enthusiasm displayed in his profiles of property companies and personalities such as MEPC and Chesterton's William Wells.

The 1991 IBP News Reporter of the Year Award, sponsored by Higgs & Hill Developments, was split between New Builder news editor Alastair McLellan and NCE news reporter Richard Watson for their coverage of the construction industry implications of the Gulf War. Higgs & Hill Developments MD and panel chairman Nigel Dancer praised the editors of the sister publications for their initiative in despatching a news team "within a few hours of peace being declared." Freelance Mira Bar-Hillel received a commendation.

IBP Photographer of the Year is Richard Davies of New Builder. Panel chairman Paul Gates, of the Professional Photography Division of sponsors Kodak, praised a portfolio including studies of Cannon Street Station (New Builder's cover for 13 December 1990) and Canary Wharf. Highly commended were Alan Delaney of Architects Journal and Tony Weller of Building.

IBP Young Journalist of the Year, finally, is Andrew Duffy, formerly of Contract Journal and now of New Builder. Panel chairman John Trussler, president of sponsors the CIOB, praised his "keen insight into the building, industry, despite not having been involved very long" shown in articles on banks and the industry, the Bristol Galleries and the refurbishment of the Theatre Royal, Norwich, which have evidence of "great promise".

### Thanks

The ceremony was introduced by Geoffrey Bowden, of Westminster Communications, who deserves the thanks of the entire membership – and industry – for his immense hard work in organising the awards. It is a tribute to his efforts that, despite a drop in the number of industry titles caused by recession, entries were up on 1990 at a new record of 130.

He joined in thanking Trafalgar House for sponsoring the ceremony with Paul Finch, who completed the formalities by introducing the company's chairman. Sir Nigel recalled his days in the publishing industry, from which he retained "an affectionate interest in IBP" and highlighted his group's strategy of rebranding its member companies under the Trafalgar banner.

*Awards in Summary – see back page*

## EUROPEAN INITIATIVE TAKES OFF

SOME 45 MEMBERS AND GUESTS attended the launch of IBP's European initiative at Press Day at Interbuild in November. IBP President Paul Finch and Vice-chairman Gerald Bowey made a joint presentation of plans for an EC-wide network of contacts looking to IBP for information on the UK construction industry. The event was sponsored by Interbuild organisers Andry Montgomery.

Paul Finch gave guests, who included representatives from four EC countries, a flavour of IBP activities. He stressed the balance between enjoyable social gatherings and business events such as press briefings, seminars and the awards.

Gerald Bowey, who outlined plans for an IBP-run industry database, stayed at Interbuild for most of the week and was thus able to meet a number of additional EC journalists. As a result he reports that "apart from recruiting individual journalists in France, Germany and Italy, IBP has established formal contact with the Association des Journalists de la Construction (France)", while discussions are also under way with a German representative.

"In addition," says Gerald, "I am pleased to report contacts with Dutch and Russian press representatives, which are being actively pursued. As a result, IBP has made many useful contacts, I am confident that we will achieve our aim of a database network of overseas contacts by this time next year."

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## DOCKLANDS TITLES SCOOP 92 AWARDS

RICHARD CATT is IBP Journalist of the Year 1992. The building surveying editor of Chartered Surveyor Weekly, who was also named Rehab/environment Writer of the Year, received his award at a ceremony on Wednesday, 18 November at the London International Press Centre where the invited guest of honour was SIR CLIFFORD CHETWOOD, chairman of George Wimpey plc and immediate past president of the BEC.



Sir Clifford Chetwood

submitted in this year's competition - on Capital & Counties' chairman DONALD GORDON.

The assessors made their decision on the strength of a portfolio of articles "of wide-ranging interest and very well written," said panel chair CLIVE BRANSON. "Conservation is very much to the fore and the writer made the most of his opportunity."

Highly commended in the overall category was CSW's deputy editor, ROBERT KYNOCH. Kynoch, who also won the Property Journalist of the Year prize, was praised for the single best article

At the ceremony, which was sponsored by Skanska, awards went to ten journalists out of the 128 who entered. With three titles going to Docklands-based CSW, another two were claimed by near neighbours New Civil Engineer. Results in full are:

### IBP JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR Sponsor: IBP.

**Winner:** RICHARD CATT, Chartered Surveyor Weekly.  
Highly commended: ROBERT KYNOCH, Chartered Surveyor Weekly.

Assessors: CLIVE BRANSON, property editor of the European (chair); JOHN PARRY, managing director, the Hammerson Group plc; DAVID DEES, director of Alfred McAlpine Construction Holdings Ltd.

### IBP ARCHITECTURAL JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR Sponsor: RIBA.

**Winner:** PETER BLUNDELL JONES, Architects Journal.  
Assessors: ROBIN NICHOLSON, director, Edward Cullinan Architects Ltd (chair); RICHARD PARNABY, partner, Brown & Parnaby; PETER DAVIS, director of marketing, RIBA.

### IBP BUILDING JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR Sponsor: Y J Lovell (Holdings) plc.

**Winner:** JAMES DENNISON, ABC&D.  
Highly commended: DENISE CHEVIN, Building.  
Assessors: BOB SELLIER, chief executive, Y J Lovell (Holdings) plc (chair); IAN BROWN, director, Blyth & Blyth Group; MICHAEL KELLARD, partner, Scott Brownrigg & Turner.

### IBP CIVIL ENGINEERING JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR Sponsor: Ove Arup & Partners

**Winner:** PATRICK REYNOLDS, New Civil Engineer.

Assessors: KEITH DAWSON, partnership director, Ove Arup & Partners (chair), in succession to the late DAVID GORDON; PETER ROGERS, director, Stanhope Properties; BOB KIRBY, director, Costain Environmental Services Ltd.

### IBP NEWS REPORTER OF THE YEAR Sponsor: Higgs & Hill Developments.

**Winner:** JOHN WAPLES, Estates Times.  
Highly commended: AMANDA BAILLIEU, Building Design.  
Assessors: NIGEL DANCER, managing director, Higgs & Hill Developments Ltd (chair); RICHARD NORTHEDEGE, deputy city editor, Daily Telegraph; Brian Martin, partner, Fuller Peiser.

### IBP REHAB/ENVIRONMENTAL WRITER OF THE YEAR Sponsor: Kyle Stewart Ltd.

**Winner:** RICHARD CATT, Chartered Surveyor Weekly.  
Assessors: Alasdair Donnachie, chairman, Kyle Stewart (chair); Peter Athey, senior partner, E P Stevens Partnership; Mark Pollard, Milden Project Services.

### IBP BUSINESS/FINANCIAL WRITER OF THE YEAR Sponsor: Redland plc.

**Winner:** ANDREW TAYLOR, Financial Times.  
Highly commended: ALEX CATALANO, Estates Gazette; ANDY DUFFY, New Builder.

Assessors: GERALD CORBETT, group financial director, Redland plc (chair); DONALD ANDERSON, senior financial analyst, Hoare Govett; HEATHER CONNOR, business correspondent, the Independent.

### IBP PROPERTY JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR Sponsor: Grosvenor Estate Holdings.

**Winner:** ROBERT KYNOCH, Chartered Surveyor Weekly.  
Assessors: JEREMY NEWSUM, chief executive, Grosvenor Estate Holdings (chair); JEREMY BAYLISS, senior partner, Gerald Eve; CHRISTOPHER TURNER, property analyst, Barclays de Zoete Wedd.

### IBP YOUNG JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR Sponsor: Chartered Institute of Building.

**Winner:** HELENA RUSSELL, New Civil Engineer.  
Highly Commended: NAOMI STUNGO, Building.  
Assessors: CHRISTOPHER LAING, president, CIOB (chair); PATRICK CULLIMORE, practice development manager, CIOB; JULIAN BARLOW, director of PR, CIOB.

### IBP PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR Sponsor: Kodak Professional Imaging.

**Winner:** ADRIAN GREEMAN.  
Highly commended: ANTHONY WELLER, Building.  
Assessors: PAUL GATES, Kodak Professional Imaging (chair); CHRIS DICKIE, editor, British Journal of Photography; TIM SOAR, architectural photographer.

Photographic coverage of the awards will appear in our Christmas/New Year issue.

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## OTHER AWARDS

**FRIDAY, 4 DECEMBER – CLOSING DATE FOR 1993 QUALITY BRICKWORK AWARDS**, organised by the Brick Development Association and Building for projects completed in the three years to 31 November 1992. Entry forms from Award Office, BDA, Woodside House, Winkfield, Windsor, Berks SL4 2DX (tel: 0344 885651).

**SUNDAY, 31 JANUARY 1993 – CLOSING DATE FOR 1993 PANTONE EUROPEAN COLOUR AWARDS**, with categories for architectural and interior design. Entry forms from Pantone Europe, Draywood, Stone Cross, Mersham, Ashford, Kent TN25 7JH (tel: 0233 721228).

**FORMER FT HQ BRACKEN HOUSE** has won the Building category in the 1992 British Construction Industry Awards for owners Obayashi Europe BV, architects Michael Hopkins and Partners, engineers Ove Arup & Partners and contractors Trollope & Colls Construction Ltd. The awards, sponsored by the Daily Telegraph, New Civil Engineer and New Builder, drew a record 193 entries.

The Civil Engineering award went to the Conwy Crossing, the UK's first immersed tube tunnel. Engineers were Travers Morgan Ltd and Christiani & Nielsen AS for the Welsh Office, with the Costain Tarmac Joint Venture as principal contractor.

Winners in the Small Project category are four beacons designed by engineers the MRM Partnership for the Gloucester Harbour Trustees to mark the navigation channel under the Second Severn Crossing. The contractor was Hydrocore Ltd.

**LIVERPOOL STREET STATION** has won the Building Conservation category in the 1992 RICS Awards for BR's Architect and Design Group, with Network Civil Engineer as structural engineer and Rider Hunt & Partners as QSs. The Efficient Building Award went to Stansted Airport (architect Sir Norman Foster & Partners; construction management Paul Weller Laing Management Ltd; structural engineer Ove Arup & Partners; QSs Beard Dove and Currie & Brown – all working with BAAC).

Joint winners in the Urban Renewal category are Liverpool's Canning Conservation Area (architect TACP Design; QS John Dansken & Purdie; management contractor Wimpey Construction UK) and Newcastle Business Park. Developers of the latter were Tyne & Wear Development Corporation/Dysart Developments (Tyne & Wear) Ltd; architects Whittam Cox Ellis Clayton Partnership/ Hattrells/Taylor Tulip Hunter/Mauchlen Weightman & Elphick; QS E C Harris & Partners; project manager Project Manager International; and landscape architects RPS Clouston/Designland.

The Craftsmanship in Building Conservation Award went to architects Freeland Rees Roberts and contractor Rattee & Kett Ltd for their repair work to the West Doorway of King's College, Cambridge. QS was Davis Langdon & Everest.

**INDEPENDENT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY WRITER DAVID LAWSON** has been named national daily correspondent of the year in the 1992 Laing Homes Residential Property Media Awards. He received his award from John Laing plc chairman **MARTIN LAING** at the Hilton on 30 October, where environmentalist **JONATHON PORRITT** was guest of honour.

Highly commended are **MARGARET BUNTROCK** (Daily Telegraph), **RACHEL KELLY** (Times) and **CAROLINE MCGHIE** (Independent on Sunday). Caroline

also won a special award for raising awareness of environmental issues.

Regional daily correspondent of the year is **STEWART MCINTOSH** (Glasgow Herald) with high commendation for **ALLAN HERMON** (Western Morning News). Weekly local newspaper correspondent of the year is **ALLAN JOHNS** (Weekly Property Guide, Oxford) with high commendation for **DIANA RUNCLES** (Chelmsford Weekly News).

Specialist magazine correspondent of the year is former IBP president **MICHAEL HANSON**, for work in Estates Gazette, with high commendation for **DAVID HOPPIT** (London Magazine). General magazine correspondent of the year is **DAVID CRAWFORD** for contributions to MoneyCare and Mayfair Times, with high commendations for **ROSALIND RUSSELL** (Country Homes and Interiors) and **MARY WILSON** (Boardroom and Expat Investor).

**TIMES RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT RACHEL KELLY** has won the journalist citation in the 1992 National Home Improvement Council Awards. She was presented with her award by Environment Department Under Secretary **TONY BALDRY MP** on 21 October.

The regional newspapers category for the best campaign in support of National Home Improvement Month was won by the Northern Scot from a shortlist which also included the Manx Independent and the West Briton. The local authority and housing association categories were won by, respectively, Leicester City Council and the North British Housing Association (North West Region).

## DIARY DATES

**SATURDAY, 28 NOVEMBER – LONDON TRANSPORT ARCHITECTURE**, full-day visit by Architectural Tours. VENUE: meet Architecture Foundation, 30 Bury St, St James', London SW1. TIME: 1030. COST: £29. BOOK: on 081-341 1371.

**THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER – IBP CHRISTMAS PARTY**. VENUE: Salon Prive, Soho Soho, 11-13 Frith Street, Soho, London W1V 5TS. TIME: 1900 until forcible ejection. COST (including buffet, half bottle of wine, music, unintentional cabaret): £15 (members); £18 (non members). Please use reply form on page 3.

**THURSDAY, 7 JANUARY 1993 – IBP executive committee.**

**THURSDAY, 28 JANUARY – IBP CHAIRMAN'S RECEPTION AND WINE TASTING**, sponsored by **MICHAEL DRUITT WINES** and the **CONNAUGHT ROOMS**. VENUE: Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London WC1 (off Kingsway, near Holborn and Covent Garden tubes). TIME: 1800 for 1830 to 2030. MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING POTENTIAL MEMBERS AS GUESTS. Please use reply form on page 3.

**THURSDAY, 4 FEBRUARY – EUROPE: SHARED KNOWLEDGE**. **MINDY WILSON**, European Affairs Co-ordinator, Building Employers Confederation. VENUE: to be announced.

**THURSDAY, 25 FEBRUARY – INTERBUILD '93, EXCLUSIVE IBP MEMBERS' BRIEFING** by the Building Trades Exhibition Ltd. VENUE: to be announced.

**THURSDAY, 4 MARCH – UK PROPERTY: WHERE NEXT?** Presentation by **CHRISTOPHER JONAS**, PRESIDENT OF THE RICS, chaired by **CLIVE BRANSON**, property editor of the European. VENUE: to be announced.



Winners line up at the Laing Homes Residential Property Media Awards, which were presented on 30 October at the Hilton.

From the left are: Stewart McIntosh, David Lawson, Martin Laing, Allan Johns, Jonathon Porritt, David Crawford, Caroline McGhie, Michael Hanson and TV personality Sue Carpenter (commère).