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## HONOURS BRIGHTEN YEAR END



LEFT: IBP Journalist of the Year and Rehab/Environmental Writer of the Year RICHARD CATT (centre) receives his award from SIR CLIFFORD CHETWOOD. Looking on is assessors' panel chair and IBP vice-chair CLIVE BRANSON, property editor of *The European*. RIGHT: Chair GERALD BOWEY gives retiring IBP President PAUL FINCH (right) a thank-you present marking five years which have greatly enhanced IBP as an industry force. Finch, who remains on the executive committee, received a Krups personal coffee maker to feed his lifelong addiction to the stimulant at IBP's Christmas Party at Soho Soho, which was packed by over 60 members and guests. Photo by Tim Spencer.

PRESENTATIONS OF IBP's 1992 JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR AWARDS, at the Awards Ceremony held at the London International Press Centre on 18 November, and of a gift to mark Building Design editor PAUL FINCH's stepping down after five years as IBP President, handed over at a well-attended Christmas Party on 10 December, brought 1992 to a close. They provided some happy notes at the end of one of the worst years in the history of the industry.

Speaking at the presentation of the awards, full details of which were given in the November 1992 IBP Bulletin, George Wimpey Chairman and immediate past BEC President SIR CLIFFORD CHETWOOD drew some comfort from the Chancellor of the Exchequer's Autumn Statement. It suggested, he said, that the Government had "at last begun to listen and given us hope, for the first time in years, that they are prepared to put some muscle behind a construction-driven recovery."

He noted some encouraging signs. The stamp duty initiative of 1992, "though small beer, was a direct response to our demands.

"The retention of the Construction Industry Training Board was a more direct success. We now have one of only two statutory training bodies left in this country, which means that the devastation of training which would have followed in the wake of recession has been limited.

"With the CITB we still have the ability to create a national pool of people trained to standards which are nationally recognised. That would certainly not have been the case if a voluntarily-funded training organisation had been forced upon us."

He questioned, however, whether the Government's attitudes added up to "a package which will inspire confidence. If they don't, we will be pressing very hard for them to re-address the outstanding issues in the March budget".

### RIP

A SAD NOTE was struck earlier in the 1992 awards timetable by the tragic death, on 22 September, of DAVID GORDON. He was chairing the assessors' panel for the Civil Engineering award for the third time.

As deputy chairman of civil engineering of sponsors Ove Arup & Partners, he took considerable personal and professional interest in the awards, and will be remembered with grateful appreciation by IBP and the civil engineering press. He was succeeded as panel chairman by partnership director KEITH DAWSON.



Skanska, who sponsored the IBP Journalism Awards evening in November, are the developers of Thomas More Square, overlooking the Tower of London and St Katharine's Dock. The largest single development by a Swedish company in Britain, it offers 550,000 sq ft of space. IBP journalist members wishing to visit should contact GEOFFREY BOWDEN on 071-222 0666.



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## SINGMASTER WINS TOP AWARD

*Building gains new team honour*



*IBP's Journalist of the Year 1993 with the 1993/4 committee; from left: Paul Jowers (Vice-chair), David Helsen, Don Westcott, Clive Branson (Vice-chair), Alan Hughes, Gerald Bowey (Chair), David Crawford (behind Bowey), Lee Mallett, Deborah Singmaster (IBP Journalist of the Year), Andrew Taylor, Peter Bill (President), Paul Finch, Michael Hardware (Treasurer), Delroy Alexander, Geoffrey Bowden (Awards Organiser). Not in picture: Penny Eglin (Secretary), Sarah Bennett, Dominic Morgan. Photo: Derek Rowe (Photos) Ltd.*

AJ FOCUS WRITER DEBORAH SINGMASTER is IBP Journalist of the Year 1993. Her award, which followed her earlier naming as Architectural Journalist of the Year, was presented by LORD RODGERS of Quarry Bank, Director of the Royal Institute of British Architects, at a ceremony in the RIBA's Florence Hall on Monday, 22 November.

The awards, which attracted a record entry, acquired an appropriately international flavour with European entries in three categories and Belgian journalist NICOLAS OLDENHOVE gaining a high commendation in civil engineering.

IBP's own award is decided among winners in individual categories and a high commendation went to PETER COOPER of Building for the quality of his articles on China. Assessors for the supreme award were IBP Vice-chair and European Property Correspondent CLIVE BRANSON (chair); Richard Ellis Partner MICHAEL WARNER; and Associated Newspapers Property Director JOHN ETHERIDGE.

The evening also saw the presentation of the first Editorial Team Award, sponsored by Marley Building Materials. The winners were named as IBP President PETER BILL'S team at Building, with high commendations for the teams led by STEPHEN GREENBERG at the AJ and PAUL FINCH at Building Design.

The team award assessors were: Financial Times Construction Correspondent ANDREW TAYLOR, RIBA President FRANK DUFFY and Building Centre Chief Executive TERRY McGIVERN. Marley Building Materials Managing Director MIKE ROBERTS acted as non-executive chairman.

The category winners were:

### IBP ARCHITECTURAL JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

*Sponsor:* RIBA Companies Ltd

*Winner:* DEBORAH SINGMASTER, AJ Focus.

*Commendations:* NEIL PARKYN, freelance; GILES BARRIE, Building Design; CATHERINE SLESSOR, Architectural Review.

*Assessors:* RICHARD PARNABY, Partner, Brown & Parnaby (chair); HELEN ELIAS, Regional Director, RIBA; MICHAEL FLETCHER, Partner, Fletcher Priest.

### IBP BUILDING JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR

*Sponsor:* Y J Lovell (Holdings) plc

*Winner:* RICHARD CATT, freelance.

*Assessors:* BOB SELLIER, Chief Executive, Lovell Group (chair); IAN BROWN, Director, Blyth & Blyth Group; MIKE KELLARD, Partner, Scott Brownrigg & Turner.

**IBP wishes its members, friends, sponsors and supporters a very happy Christmas and a rewarding New Year**

**IBP CIVIL ENGINEERING JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR**

*Sponsor:* Ove Arup & Partners

*Winner:* BEN ROSKROW, Construction News.

*Highly commended:* DAVID PARKER, New Civil Engineer/New Builder; NICOLAS OLDENHOVE, CNC (Brussels).

*Assessors:* ERNEST ERWIN, Director, Ove Arup & Partners (chair); HUGH DELAP, Chief Engineer, London Regeneration Consortium; STEPHEN GROWAK, Technical Development Co-ordinator, Ove Arup & Partners.

**IBP NEWS REPORTER OF THE YEAR**

*Sponsor:* Higgs & Hill Developments

*Winner:* JOHN WAPLES, Estates Times.

*Highly Commended:* NEIL DOYLE, New Builder. Commendations: ADRIAN BARRICK, Building; ALASTAIR McLELLAN, New Builder; PHILIPPA CRAWFORD, Estates Gazette; BEN ROSKROW, NB/NCE; JOHN LEITCH, Contract Journal.

*Assessors:* JOHN THEAKSTON, Chief Executive, Higgs & Hill (chair); ROGER MANN, Managing Director, Hyperion Properties; RICHARD NORTHEGGE, Deputy City Editor, Daily Telegraph.

**IBP REHAB/ENVIRONMENT JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR**

*Sponsor:* Kyle Stewart Ltd

*Winner:* HELENA RUSSELL, New Builder.

*Highly Commended:* RICHARD CATT, freelance.

*Assessors:* ALASDAIR DONNACHIE, Head of Marketing, Kyle Stewart (chair); TONY NORGAN, Managing Director, Norgan & Co; MARK MANNING, Willis Faber.

**IBP BUSINESS/FINANCIAL JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR**

*Sponsor:* Redland plc

*Winner:* PETER COOPER, Building

*Highly Commended:* ALASTAIR STEWART, Building; DAVID NUNN, Contract Journal.

*Assessors:* GERALD CORBETT, Financial Director, Redland plc (chair); ROBERT DONALD, Analyst, County NatWest; ANGUS McCRONE, journalist, London Evening Standard.

**IBP PROPERTY JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR**

*Sponsor:* W S Atkins

*Winner:* PETER HOLDSWORTH, Property Week

*Assessors:* BARRY HUTT, Chairman, W S Atkins Building Group (chair); DAVID YOUNG, Director of Planning & Property Services, Oxfordshire County Council; STEWART KNOWLES, freelance journalist.

**IBP YOUNG JOURNALIST OF THE YEAR**

*Sponsor:* Chartered Institute of Building

*Winner:* CHARLIE JACOBY, Estates Gazette/Estates Times

*Assessors:* ROBERT WHALTON, President, CIOB; JULIAN BARLOW, Commercial Director, CIOB; LUCKY LOWE, Membership Promotion Manager, CIOB.

■ FORMER IBP PRESIDENT MICHAEL HANSON swept the board at the 1993 Laing Homes Media Awards, which were presented at the Regent Hotel on 22 October. Named as winner of the Residential & Specialist Magazine category for his series of articles in Estates Gazette, he went on to scoop the judges' special £1,000 award to the writer considered to have made the greatest overall contribution to property journalism.

The judges included last year's national newspaper category winner DAVID LAWSON, TV personality JAN LEEMING, John Laing plc chair MARTIN LAING and Laing Homes sales director PAULINE LAND.

The Daily/Sunday National category was won by MIRA BAR-HILLEL (Daily and Sunday Telegraph), with the Daily/Sunday Regional award going to ALLAN HERMON (Western Morning News). Winner of the Weekly Local category was RICHARD ARQUATI (Watford Observer) with a highly commended for NIKKI ACKERLEY (Surrey Advertiser).

General Interest Magazine category winner was DAVID HOPPIT (Grown Ups Magazine). In the Residential and Specialist Property Magazine Category, RUPERT BATES (What House) was highly commended.

■ THE HOUSING CORPORATION has launched a new award scheme to recognise the journalist "who, in the opinion of the judges, has made the most significant contribution towards greater awareness of their role and importance of social housing in England over the last 12 months". The winner will win a trophy and £1,000 prize money, donated by the Britannia Building Society.

The judges will be: Radio Four PM Presented CHRIS LOWE; Housing Corporation board member JULIA UNWIN; Britannia Building Society Chief Executive JOHN HEAPS; and UBS Ltd director JOHN WRIGLESWORTH. Entry forms, which should be returned by 17 January 1994, are available from: IAN BROWN, The Housing Corporation, 149 Tottenham Court Road, London W1P 0BN.

**DIARY DATES – INCORPORATING IBP JUBILEE YEAR PROGRAMME**

**THURSDAY, 27 JANUARY – IBP VISIT TO THAMES WATER'S LONDON RING MAIN with pick up from and return to Central London. NUMBERS LIMITED, so please express early interest using the return slip on page 3 of this issue.**

**THURSDAY, 27 JANUARY – WOMEN IN PROPERTY** Northern branch workshop on Presentation Skills by former drama lecturer JANE WINTER. VENUE: Pannone & Partners, Manchester. CONTACT: JACKIE PROSSER, tel: 061-832 6773.

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10 – IBP combined post-Christmas and New Year Party with a difference – a Chinese-style buffet supper. VENUE: New World Chinese Restaurant, 1 Gerrard Place, Chinatown, London W1. TIME: 1830 for 1900. TICKETS (including half bottle of wine): £15.00 (members); £17.50 (guests). BOOKINGS, with cheques made out to IBP, to: DON WESTCOTT, DWA, 9 Kent Court, Queens Drive, West Acton, London W3 0HS (tel: 081-992 1760).**

**PEOPLE & EVENTS**

CONGRATULATIONS to JAYNE BLOCK (née Goodchild), who gave birth to Freya Jayne Alice on 13 September. Jayne plans a return to work in the New Year.

MICHAEL HANSON has opened an office for his Property Writing Partnership at the Tram House, 520 Garratt Lane, Earlsfield, London SW17 0NY (tel: 081-944 3938).

JOY GOODWIN has left GD&O International to join Vital Public Relations Ltd, 3 Friars Lane, Richmond, Surrey TW9 1NL (tel: 081-940 4144).

ABCD columnist JACK BARFOOT topped the bill at a recent season of one-act plays at Beckenham's Little Theatre with his "Poetic Licence". The rest of the bill was filled by northern playwright ALAN AYCKBOURNE.

THE ASIAN What's New in Building is now being published by Toucan Publications from 322-C King George's Avenue, Singapore 0820 (tel: (65) 2997 121; fax (65) 2997 545). Editor is JESSICA LOON.

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