

2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND NATIONAL SEMINAR + 25th ANNIVERSARY DINNER

We are delighted to confirm that to celebrate the LCA's 25th Anniversary we would like to invite all members and associates to a Dinner to round off this year's Annual General Meeting and Seminar, which will be held at the Marriott Forest of Arden Hotel in Meriden, Warwickshire on Friday 5th June.

PROGRAMME The day will start at 1.00pm with a soup and sandwich lunch in the Upper Conference Foyer, to be followed at 2.00pm by the Annual General Meeting in the Aylesford Room. At 3.00pm there will be a short tea break whilst the room is reorganised for the seminar, which will then take up the rest of the afternoon, closing at 6.00pm. The drinks reception will officially start at 7.00pm, with dinner following at 7.30pm. The total cost of the lunch, seminar and evening meal (excluding drinks) is an incredibly good value at £75 (+VAT) per head. For those wishing to stay over night, a discounted rate has been negotiated with the hotel. A single room is £95 for bed and breakfast (including VAT) and a twin / double is £105 (per room) for bed and breakfast (including VAT).

AGM Formal notice calling the AGM will be issued on Friday 1st May and if anyone has a specific item they wish to be raised at the AGM, would they please provide this office with the details no later than Friday 24th April. Copies of previous minutes, draft audited accounts, etc. will, as usual, be available on the day. Reports from the various Council Committees will be presented and if anyone wishes to put themselves forward for election to Council, again could they please advise this office no later than 8th May.

SEMINAR Since our formation in 1984, the Lead Contractors Association has steadily built a reputation for quality standards in detailing and workmanship that is the envy of the construction industry. One of the significant foundations of the Association has been our National Seminar at which a series of presentations provide an update of industry developments and information on technical issues, as well as a wide ranging list of topics of interest to all. The final programme is still being confirmed, but this year's presentations will include an industry update and outlook from the Chairman of the Lead Sheet Association, Joss Campbell. There will be news about the Heritage Skills CSCS card for leadworkers and the National Heritage Training Group's register of Heritage Contractors that will affect every LCA member. We will also be looking at roof safety systems and other health and safety issues that directly affect our membership. On the technical side, there will be close up case studies so you can see what exactly made the 2008 Murdoch Award winner and Sponsors Award winner stand out from the rest of the entries and there will be a presentation on vetting. In discussing what the vetting officer is looking for and how you can improve your grading, we will also be highlighting common design and installation problems and how to avoid them. There will also be workshops on using SMM 7 and a demonstration by ConstructionSkills of a Business Management Analysis software package that any organisation can use to help provide an insight into how your business actually operates (as opposed to how you might think it operates).

25th ANNIVERSARY DINNER In our Silver Jubilee year, we want to supplement the usual business-like atmosphere of our annual general meeting and technical seminar, with a more sociable celebration by way of an Anniversary Dinner. With the superb Forest of Arden Hotel as our venue, we have arranged a very special event to celebrate 25 years of the LCA. A private reception and dinner has been arranged in the Kennilworth and Stratford Suite during which you will be entertained by Chris Priest (British Champion of Close-up Magic and international award-winning magician). We have also commissioned superb artist Geoff Tristram (have a look at his web site!) who will be taking time off from illustrating the poster campaign for Jeremy Clarkson's new book and caricaturing the players at the World Snooker Finals to spend the evening drawing caricatures of some of those attending the LCA Dinner as their personal memento of the event. For your after dinner entertainment we have organised a fun mini-casino, complete with professional croupiers. Everyone will be given chips with which to "place their bets" and there will be prizes for the most successful gamblers at the end of the evening.

We do hope you will join us in celebrating our 25th Anniversary for what promises to be an interesting day and enjoyable evening.

Please contact Centurion House (01342 317888 or Email rwr@lca.gb.com) for a booking form, which we would ask you to complete and return with the appropriate remittance to this office. We will confirm receipt with a full VAT invoice for your records. We look forward to welcoming you to the Marriott Forest of Arden on 5th June and if, in the meantime, there is any query, or further information is required, please do not hesitate to contact us.