

AWARDS CELEBRATION DINNER SOPHIA GARDENS FRIDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2023

We were delighted to host for the second year running an event to celebrate the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales (WLCow) young Award Winners.



The venue was the Amber Lounge in the Sophia Gardens Cricket Stadium and Liverymen, guests and Award Winners arrived to a sparkling wine reception.





Our Chair of the Charitable Events Committee Professor Simon Holt acted as Master of Ceremonies and called everyone to their tables for the start of the evening.



The Master formally opened the evening and welcomed Liverymen, Award winners and guests.

A special welcome was given to the High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Cardiff, The Masters of the Worshipful Livery Companies of Constructors, Lightmongers, Engineers and the High Master of the Worcester Clothiers.



Following the warm welcome, our Award Winners were presented with their Award Certificates.



The citation to the Outstanding Achievement Award Winners Professor Heather Stevens CBE and Dr. David Stevens CBE was given by the Immediate Past Master Dr. Kathy Seddon.



*Citation for
Heather and David Stevens on the occasion of the
presentation of the
2022 Outstanding Achievement Award of the
Worshipful Livery Company of Wales
on Friday 3rd February 2023*

What is the Award:

The Company's Outstanding Achievement Award is given to recognise pre-eminence in a particular sphere. It has been presented annually since 2007. There is an impressive list of distinguished Award winners including

Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson, Nobel Prize winner, Sir Martin Evans and more recently Michael Sheen.

We are very pleased this year to be recognising - as joint Awardees, Professor Heather Stevens CBE and her husband David Stevens CBE. The nominations group considered them ideally suited to be jointly recognised for their work together- initially at Admiral one of Wales most successful business start-ups and subsequently as philanthropists, setting up the Waterloo Foundation and helping causes both in Wales and around the world. Both Heather and David were awarded CBEs in the 2010 Birthday Honours List, David for his Services to the Insurance industry and to charity and Heather for charitable services.

Teamwork is a theme present in their lives stating ‘recognising the amazing power of a group of people that are working together for a common purpose’.

David worked with top UK companies and In 1987 He went to INSEAD business school in France On his return he worked in a consulting firm

In 1993 he and Heather became part of a small management team who set up the insurance company Admiral in Cardiff. Since its launch Admiral has grown to become one of the largest private sector employers in Wales. Heather and David married and now have

three children They live in their family home in Porthkerry.

In 2004 Admiral floated on the London Stock Exchange with a capitalisation of over £700m. Not only did this flotation result in the founder employees of the Company becoming very wealthy, but, in keeping with the fundamental ethos of the company the 1,450 employees of the company each received immensely valuable shares. In December 2007 Admiral joined the FTSE 100 as only the second Welsh Company ever to do so and it is now the only Welsh Company in the index.

In the same year Heather and David gifted just under £100m to found the Waterloo Foundation and Heather became the Chairman. Since then, they have continued to support the Foundation with regular multi million-pound donations, The Foundation has to date gifted more than £100m to causes both in Wales and around the world,. It has helped our Company with a generous donation to our Silver Jubilee Appeal to help fund Awards to Apprentices. Heather and David regularly visit organisations around the world to review projects and help identify particularly worthwhile areas for their involvement.

When David stepped down as CEO of the Admiral Group in 2020 they gave each of the group's 11,000 worldwide employees a departing gift of £1,000 to in recognition of

their hard work in helping Admiral to grow in to such a successful international company.

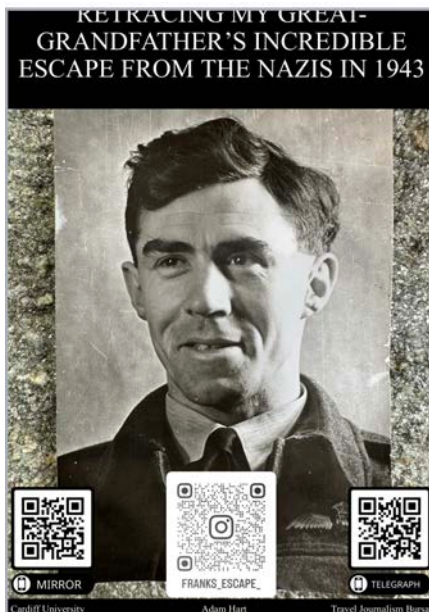
The Stevens family were generous philanthropists in other spheres too including enabling the purchase Skokholm Island by Wildlife Trust of South Wales . Heather has worked with a number of Welsh and International organisations including the National Botanic Garden of Wales and Oceana, which protects and restore the oceans on a global scale. She has particular interest in in neuroscience research and has received many academic awards and is a pro chancellor of Cardiff university

Heather and David's contribution to the development of the Welsh Economy, the development of the insurance industry and their outstanding acts of generosity make them ideal recipient of the Company's Outstanding Achievement Award and we are honoured that Heather and David have agreed to both accept the Award and an invitation to become Honorary Liverymen.

The Master's Award Winner, Ben Tarlton played the cello during the musical interlude.



The displayed posters of the Award Winners, gave all Liverymen and guests the opportunity to view them and interact with the Award Winners.



It was a very enjoyable evening and a befitting way to recognise and celebrate the success of our worthy Award recipients from Wales.





Thanks to the presenters Master **Stuart Castledine**, Junior Warden **Agnes Xavier-Phillips JP DL**, Liveryman **Angharad Lloyd Beynon** and Master of Ceremonies **Professor Simon D H Holt** and our Clerk **Christopher Dale**.

*Agnes Xavier JP DL
JW and PRC Chair LCoW
Friday 3rd Feb'2023*