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CHARTER & CIO APPROVED



Master Mark Griffiths hires a 1915 FIAT Box Van, registration number LN 7113 from Liveryman Joy Laister and her driver, Barry Worthington, at his Installation in October

2017 plans unfold

The past year has been devoted to the revised Charter, under the scrutiny of the Court of Aldermen and Privy Council, while the Charity Commission considered the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation trust deed. Dependent as it was upon the outcome of both initiatives, the 500 Carmen Appeal was temporarily delayed. Despite that, the 2017 Panel and the joint Court-Trust forum have not been idle.

The 2017 Panel has focused attention on developing the anniversary celebrations, with a core programme of enhanced events, and a small number of prestigious additional ones, and the Forum has evolved a new operating structure.

The 1517 Foundation will be celebrated in St Paul's Cathedral, with a reception afterwards for civic leaders and all 110 Livery Masters. A highlight of the year will be an historic banquet at Hampton Court Palace, and it is also hoped to hold a reception in Buckingham Palace.

The 500th anniversary of the Royal Mail in 2016 coincides with the Carman anniversary year, which starts with the Installation in October, when the two organisations hope to join forces. Plans are also developing for a major presence at the Lord Mayor's Show. Installation, the Charity lunch, Mansion House banquet, Cart Marking and Joint Services Dinner will all mark the quincentenary.

The Company's new supplementary charter has been approved by HM the Queen in Privy Council, having received Court of Aldermen approval. The Charity Commission has also approved the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation, which will in April take over the assets of the current Benevolent Trust.

Both charter and new Trust deed reflect the Company's dedication to philanthropy for the public benefit, as the direction the Carmen have been taking for some time now. The charter clarifies Company objects and defines powers to achieve them, all in line with best modern practice.

The CIO trust deed echoes the charter's provisions and strengthens the Trust's powers to acquire and operate premises for charitable purposes, and to house the Company's other activities.

As Company and charity grow even closer together, the new trust deed empowers the Court to appoint future trustees, while retaining the current disposition of four Court members and three Liverymen.



Mrs Anne Edward gave a moving and inspiring speech to Carmen at the Charity Lunch in January at Merchant Taylors Hall, describing her son's journey to greater ability at Treloar's College.

VOTING CHANGES

In response to continuing requests by members, the Court has approved postal voting at the Court election, for a trial period of two years. This is limited to freemen and liverymen who have attended at least three out of six core events in the 12 months preceding the election date.

Votes must be cast in sealed envelopes, received not later than one week before election day, from members on a register of previously signed request forms.

Voters may also vote for candidates up to the number of vacancies, and are no longer obliged to vote for that number. This relaxation is also on a two year trial.



Guests celebrate at the Waterloo Ball at Armoury House in May.



The Master distributes gifts to Past Master Michael Power's grandchildren at the Carol Service in Temple Church in December.

Letter to Carmen

Dear fellow Carman

We are only nine months away from our anniversary, Carmen 500 – a party year, a year of thanksgiving, and a year of faith in the future.

Our new charter defines our aim to increase our giving, our work for public benefit, and our new trust provides the means.

Structural change will enable us to explore and initiate ways in which we can have even more fun doing even more good, enjoying events, and raising funds.

More of you can get more involved, giving your time and skills and ideas, as we open the system up to even more members.

Look at our record, what we have done, what we do, whom we help, our awards: our military friends, the schools and colleges we support.

Tell us what more we might do, whom we might help, where we can make a specific Carman difference.

We can look at our industry and any gaps we might fill, how we can help the logistic Forces personally or with education, and at London's poorer children.

We can also look at research and the future of mobility, at the transport heritage, its conservation and exposition.

We are an unique fellowship of movers. Let's move more, more often – and better.

Clive Birch
Senior Past Master



Leo Greenlees, deputy head chorister at St Paul's Cathedral, has the support of the Carmen Benevolent Trust.



Christopher Rodrigues CBE (Port of London Chairman) and Dr Katherine Riggs (Director, Thames Vision) receive the Royce Award at Mansion House from the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor, Alderman the Lord Mountevans, and the Master.

South flows North

Three major organisations receive awards at Mansion House this March, excluding the Viva Shield, for which no relevant submission was received. They range from two significant London winners to a major northern operation.

The Sir Henry Royce Memorial Foundation Award goes to the Port of London Authority for its innovative Thames Vision, taking our London river's custodian into a significantly imaginative future.

The Environmental Award goes to Peel Ports, the Manchester-based canal container terminal and shuttle service, which saves over 1m road miles and 700,000kg of carbon emissions.

The Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport wins the

Herbert Crow Memorial Award for knowledge enhancement for its virtual filing cabinet of over 700 journals worldwide and 10,000+ global corporate reports.

Joint Services Award

In April at the Joint Services Dinner, the Royal Logistic Corps Safety Award will be awarded to FTX Logistics, which implements a 20 year contract employing TA reservists, delivering a major service to the Ministry of Defence.

FUTURE GOVERNANCE

Following numerous meetings of the 2017 Panel, its working party, and a Forum of Court and Trust members, a new operating structure has been considered by GPC and commended to the Court, which approved it in principle.

The new structure has been further refined in response to Court members' and other trustees' comments and was sanctioned by the January Court.

It envisages trust representation on several Court committees and panels, more non-Court Liverymen appointed to such bodies, and the addition of professional outside advisors where relevant.

It will eventually include a new charitable operations and development committee, to consider new areas of philanthropy, and two new panels, for education and for military, to act alongside the

awards committee as platforms for exploration and initiation of philanthropic developments.

The General Purposes Committee will report to both Court and Trust, and the investment panel will advise both. In due course an audit committee may be considered.

The effect will be to integrate Court and Trust in Company governance, to facilitate even more proactive philanthropic development. In due course, this may well provide a basis for a tax review, releasing more funds to do more good and make more of a difference.

Spirit of Ecstasy

The 14th Carman lecture was held in February at Hunt House, Paulerspury, the HQ of the Rolls Royce Enthusiasts' Club and of the Sir Henry Royce Memorial Foundation, (of which the Master is Secretary) which supports the Carmen's Royce award for excellence. Some fifty Carmen, guests and RREC members heard author and Rolls expert Malcolm Tucker detail the genesis and creation of the Spirit of Ecstasy flying lady symbol that adorns every Rolls Royce radiator. His talk unfolded a fascinating insight into the relationships between Rolls, Royce, Johnson, Montague and designer Sykes – and the probability of the statuette's inspiration, Eleanor Thornton. After lunch, guests toured Hunt House with guidance on the extraordinary archives detailing every Rolls made, model, car and engine displays.



Picture that

To commemorate the 500th anniversary, Past Master Nick Meyer has commissioned a portrait of the 2017 Master, Wardens and Clerk for posterity, by artist Sergei Lavenko, whose painting of HM the Queen is among her favourites.

At the same time, a portrait photographer may also be commissioned by the Company to portray the anniversary Court, with a view to limited edition prints.

From the Master

I find it hard to believe that a third of my year as Master has already passed. I am happy to report that I have not put on any weight and thanks to past master Neil Coles my liver is still in good shape!

I am also pleased to report that the office move to Plaisterers' Hall went smoothly due to the hard work of Walter, Helen and young Master Anthony Gill and thanks to the skill of Past Master Westcott the surrender of the lease of our former office premises and the negotiations regarding the dilapidations claim have been successfully concluded.

We are now settled in, enjoying the fellowship of both the Plaisterers and the Marketors and as a result of the move our outgoings have decreased considerably and the finances of the company are in good shape.

I was privileged to be part of the recent annual Lord Mayor's visit to Treloars College which was both humbling and inspiring and I am extremely proud of the continuing financial support that the Ben Trust, our charity, gives to improve the lives of many severely handicapped young people.

In January I chaired the first Court business meeting, enabling an open discussion to take place on any issues that members of the Court wished. I was impressed by the compassionate, considered and efficient manner in which the numerous applications for financial support are handled by the Ben Trust having attended two of their trustees' meetings.

The Carmen are highly regarded throughout the City and it is an enormous privilege to be Master. Thank you all for the support that you have given Roland and myself.

I hope that the programme for the year is sufficiently varied to include something for everyone and that many of you will join Roland and me for what I hope will be a fun weekend in Bath on 10-12 June.

Mark Griffiths, Master



Master Mark Griffiths plays violin in the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy at his Master's event – Purcell, Pepys and the Theatre in November.

EDUCATING CARMEN

Ten senior Grecians at Christ's Hospital last year received Carmen's prizes for all-round commitment, when Chairman of Governors Mike Hiard recalled he had been the first to receive a Carman prize, in 1977. The Company currently supports two Christ's Hospital pupils and three at King Edward's School Witley, apart from awarding prizes and financing ability equipment.

Carman presentee Kemi Skeete attended Cart marking with her mother, and is now pursuing a career in accountancy and finance. Presentee India Hogan scored well in her GCSEs, plays clarinet and hockey.

At King Edward's School Witley, presentee Amber Miller won history and food technology prizes, and school hockey colours, Tiger Chisman the Latin and Mildred Jones prizes and school colours in art and Catherine Ngan

won a music prize and the Gold Duke of Edinburgh award.

Carman prizes were awarded at the City of London Freeman's School, and Trust gifts to Treloars School and College have enabled pupils with communication devices. Past Master John Older, the Company's school liaison officer, has attended all major school events and maintains regular personal contact with all presentees and their parents.



70 Car Club Carmen and guests enjoyed the anniversary of the liberation of Guernsey in May.

Ball raised £40,000

Over 280 Carmen and guests joined the then Master at his Waterloo Ball at Armoury House in May, guarded by the Company of Pikemen and Musketeers, joined by four Chelsea Pensioners, and entertained by the musicians of the Royal Logistic Corps. Over £40,000 were raised for the Carmen's 500 Appeal, Royal Hospital Chelsea and the Gurkha Welfare Trust's earthquake response appeal.

The evening featured the Young Set, and Big Hair (which included Assistant Buswell's daughter) and a surprise tribute performance of Abba's Bjorn Uvaeus, by no less than the Master himself. It included auctions and a prize draw, the former conducted by co-chairman of Bonham's, Malcolm Barber.

Guests took away a souvenir programme with a special history of the Battle, and a commemorative pack including a facsimile Campaign Medal depicting the Prince Regent and the seated figure of Victory.

Gerald Golder

Master 1995-96, Gerald Golder has died, aged 81. He joined the Carmen in 1967 and was elected to the Court in the 1980s. He master-minded the changes following the late Warden Basil Hooper's enquiry into Company governance, oversaw the Clerkship's move from Lt Col Geoffrey Pearce to Cdr Robin Bawtree and the transfer of charitable funds from the Court-run Benevolent Fund to a new charitably registered Benevolent Trust, incorporating the London Cartage Fund. He also instigated the now standard practice of Master and Wardens meeting regularly to ensure continuity in office, and oversaw an overdue welcome for ladies to attend events.



Gerald Golder joined and then ran the family business, Otway and Golder. A trustee of the Camberwell Housing Society, a 1950s established social housing association for the elderly, as Chairman in 2005 he invited Carmen to join the board, where they now form the majority of trustees. His son, Iain, is an Assistant and his widow has been capped as an Honorary Freeman. His sister Corinne is also a Liveryman and married to Past Master Older.



The Master Carman's ABBA tribute at the Waterloo Ball.



Richard Buswell was elected to the Court in July and installed as an Assistant in October, when Past Master Roger Cullimore was appointed Emeritus.

Honorary Members

Honorary status has been extended beyond Liverymen who are members of the Royal family, the Hon Chaplain, military Assistants, or Carmen *honoris causa* and Freemen winners of office awards or *honoris causa*. Henceforth, existing Liverymen who have paid a lifetime subscription, are no longer active, and wish to retire from active membership, may be appointed Honorary Liverymen Emeritus. They remain Liverymen, but without voting rights.

In addition, existing Liverymen or Freemen or newcomers may be appointed Honorary Liverymen 500 in recognition of outstanding philanthropic contributions to the Carmen 500 Appeal in excess of £100,000.

Moving Carmen

In the autumn, the Company moved out of Five Kings House, following protracted negotiations with the Vintners, to terminate the tenancy and limit departure costs. Past Master Graham Westcott spearheaded discussions, and the successful quest for alternatives to reduce and hold future office costs. The offices are now at Plaisterers' Hall, with access to extra meeting facilities.

The Court has also moved into more informal mode, with an informal business January meeting to update newcomers and discuss ongoing issues and an informal Past Master's lunch to review progress and the forthcoming anniversary.

MASTERING THE MILITARY

For the first time, the Joint Services Dinner was held in Guildhall, and Past Master HRH the Princess Royal not only made the awards, but also responded to the Armed Forces toast, after taking the salute as Honorary Colonel, in Guildhall Yard following the Royal Logistic Corps beating the retreat.



Lt General Gregory signs the Armed Forces Corporate Covenant with Carmen at Guildhall before the Joint Services Dinner in April.



Past Master HRH the Princess Royal joins Sword of Honour winner Lt Rachel Allen RLC, the Master, and Robert Pooley, swordmaker.



Past Master HRH the Princess Royal takes the salute at Guildhall Yard as the Royal Logistic Corps beats retreat before the Joint Services Dinner in April.



The Bruce Owen Memorial Golf Day was held by the Carmen Golf Society at Cuddington in September, when Team Ratcliff won.

Master Lt Col Paul Holder also signed the first Livery Armed Forces Corporate Covenant with Lt General Andrew Gregory CB.

The Princess presented the Sword of Honour to Lt Rachel Allen RLC, and the Soldier of the Year Cup to Pte Emma Drew; the Royal Navy Cup to Lt Gary Turner RN and Medal to WO1 Gavin White, and the RAF Cup to Flt Lt Richard Ray and RAF Medal to AC Rebecca Baxter.

Other awards, presented at unit events included the 19 Tank Transport Sqn award for LCpl Daniel Whalley, 2MT Sqn RAF award to Sgt Simon Mudford, and the Pollitzer Cup to Flt Sgt Brian Kayll of 24 Squadron RAF.

Record-breaking Master

As Master 2015–2016, Lt Col Paul Holder RLC set records, as the first serving officer to be Master of any Livery in the City since World War II, if not before, for attending over 400 events, achieving the 500 Livery ceiling and raising over £40,000 for charity.

Appointed Military Assistant to Lord Mayor the Lord Levene in 1999, he became the Company's Standard Bearer, was clothed in 2000 and elected to the Court in 2007.

During his year, the Joint Services Dinner was held at Guildhall for the first time, and special events included all three rehearsals for the Queen's Birthday Parade on Horse Guards, an off-road driving experience at Leconfield and a special Corps-based Carman event in September at RLC Deepcut, to mark Her Majesty's regal longevity.

The Master's Thirst Thursdays became a monthly enhancement of fellowship, and his work with then Immediate Past Master Cdr Bawtree RN achieved the 500 Livery ceiling, and a waiting list for future clothings. He was supported throughout his year by Helen Lewis.