



The CARMAN

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Legacy appeal: Royal support £1½ m PLEDGED

The Legacy Appeal announced in 2014 has raised significant sums and attracted Royal patronage. Pledges to date exceed half a million, and HRH Prince Michael has graciously consented to be Patron.

Pledges range from major benefactions to modest support, with numerous Carmen committing funds towards the Company's first real home. On Foundation Day 2015, more will be invited from all Liverymen and Freemen willing and able to make the dream come true - a celebration of the Carmen's first five centuries.

Details will also be announced of an exclusive fund-raising dinner, hosted by the Royal Patron at Kensington Palace, for prospective benefactors, both Carmen and friends of the Company.

Carman events this year will emphasise the Appeal, and all non-charitable funds raised will go to the 500 cause. The Waterloo Ball will specifically raise funds for the Appeal.

The Appeal will seek funds to invest, refurbish and maintain a property, for the use of the Company and its charity.

At future events, members will be updated on funds raised, and pledges will be sought. The interim target for 2015 is £1million. Potential properties have already been inspected, including a listed school and a City hostelry.

Keep an eye on the website, your e-mails and the post for further announcements.

Court renewed

The 2014 election was uncontested, with two candidates and two vacancies.

The new Assistants are Carl Lomas MBE and Paul Bourgeois. They were welcomed to Court and inducted. Assistant Bourgeois has been appointed Chairman of the Car Club, and both will act as Court Stewards for the ensuing year.



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The 2015 July election for one Court vacancy has so far attracted five potential candidates.



Past Master Michael Power's grandchildren Pippa and Sophie Harkin receive their gifts from the Master at the Carol Service in St Michael Cornhill in December.



The Master, with his Senior Warden Mark Griffiths, and Junior Warden Marsha Rae Ratcliff, on Installation Day at Fishmongers' Hall in October.

NEW CHARTER & TRUST

To optimise donations, streamline Company finances and bring the Company's activities in line with best practice and tax efficiency, the Royal Charter has been rewritten, and the Ben Trust deed reviewed with the possibility of change to a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO).

Both documents reflect half a century of change, the Company's and Trust's philanthropic ethos, and the Carmen's work in the public domain for the public interest.

The new Charter has been submitted to the Corporation, to proceed to the Privy Council for Her Majesty's approval. The Trust is also discussing seeking Charity Commission approval to become a CIO, which is a modern form of charity suited to voluntary organisations with potential property interests. Both documents would henceforth fall in line with modern Livery charters and Charity Commission best practice for liveries.

At the same time, the Company is represented within a small group of Liveries whom the Revenue is consulting as to its future Livery VAT guidelines.

With redefined objectives, new powers, and specific provisions, the Company will seek exemption

from VAT on membership incomes which, with inflation-indexed quarterage, could stabilise operating accounts long term.

With any conversion of the Trust to a CIO, the Carman charity may be able to take an interest in utilising future Company premises, for which Appeal donations could be relevant.

MEDALS SAVED

Carmen have saved a brave Past Master's war medals. Flt Lt Stanley Paige received the DFC for courage when he recovered an early VI flying bomb in 1944. He was also decorated for saving his Dakota when it flipped in a monsoon, and delivering supplies to the 14th Army. His family auctioned his medals and logbooks this month. Carmen banded together to buy them for display in the future Carman home. They fetched £3000 (plus £750 fees). PME Paige was Master Carman in 1973-74 and founder Master of St Paul's Wharf Lodge. He died in 2002.

Letter to Carmen

Dear fellow Carman

Five hundred years of Carmen; two centuries of family carmen; fifty five years a liveryman, forty-six years on the Court – one conclusion is survival of the fittest but, for a Senior Past Master, it is more likely the forbearance of his peers.

Sooner or later we all face intimations of mortality, however unpopular that may be. Even the fittest face fate. Prevention beats cure, so my faulty valve needing renewal, I invited some keyhole magic, to be told I was far too fit for that and better suited to the full zipperology.

Afterwards my surgeon – Super Mario they call him -- told me 'I held your heart in my hand, and it's perfect'. I told him that was a bit dodgy and he should keep his romantic notions to himself.

While all this was afoot and afein, Carmen and Court joined family and friends to boost the adrenalin, and really touched the heart with fond enquiry and full support. And that, my friends, is what it's all about. The Carmen are family, and they care, and it shows.

Which is why I am here, why I do my twopennorth, and why you do too. All of you who pay dues, give for need, run things, attend events, gain but one reward – fellowship. That is why we have a headstart with our Legacy Appeal, and why I am utterly confident we will raise all we need to buy and change and run our own home.

There will be those who have neither time nor means, but who have laid the ground for those who have, and those who have, who will give a little or a lot as they wish, for they - you and I - all hold the Carmen's hearts in our hands, and want nothing more than to ensure another five hundred years of fellowship and philanthropy.

The Legacy Appeal will put the Company's future on a sound asset base, in its own home, tailor-made for good practice and more giving, so more families can chalk up centuries, more members a lifetime, more liverymen Court service, and future Masters the longevity to serve and survive.

My heartfelt thanks to you all

Clive Birch
Senior Past Master



The Rt Hon the Lord Mayor Fiona Woolf, Royce Award winners Ian Fry and Simon Morgan, John Lowe of the Royce Foundation and the (now Immediate Past) Master at Mansion House March 2014.

PREMIER AWARDS

The 2014 transport awards, presented at Mansion House, see the Viva Shield go to the Mercedes Formula 1 Team for their UK team's success in the Constructor's and Driver's championships, the Royce to Drayson Racing Technologies for Lord Paul Drayson's achievement of the electric land speed record, and related electric car developments, and the Merit Award to DPD Ltd for their consistent, continuous and contemporary cutting edge technology and service.

The Crow Award goes to the Port of Tilbury for its new Logistics Academy, benefitting apprentices and trainees, businesses, and the local economy, while the Safety Award goes to the Industrial HGV Task Force, an initiative dedicated to HGV safety, with an enviable record in its first year.

The Lifetime Achievement Award will go to Richard Brown CBE, past Eurostar CE and Chairman, Director of National Express, and rail franchise hero following the West Coast procurement debacle.

The Environmental Award goes to the BMW Group for its radical carbon fibre lightweight electric hybrid i3 car.

The previous year's awards went to the outstanding Kings Cross station redevelopment (Royce), York National Railway Museum (Crow) for its Mallory Anniversary programme and Mike Brown and the London Underground team (Merit), for three years of exceptional change and improvement.



Carmen on the World War 1 Battlefield Tour at a war memorial in 2014.

Carman Scholars

The Company connection with Christ's Hospital thrives, as another Carman presentee is due there in 2015. Of current presentees, Kemi Skeete is in her last year and seeking an Apprenticeship in industry/accounting. She is a member of the Chapel and Gospel Choir and the School's volleyball team. India Hogan plays the clarinet in the band and plays hockey.

At King Edwards School Witley the three Carman presentees have all applied for University. The school was left a large legacy by late Liveryman Jean Pearce and in recognition a plaque was installed in the Music Room.

At Treloars a young lady called Kitty has made excellent progress with the equipment supplied by the Benevolent Trust last year.

Past Master John Older is the Company's Schools Liaison Officer.

Apprentice Joseph Denyer explains LIFE AS A CHORISTER



Life as a chorister is fascinating. It was my violin and piano teacher who thought that I should try for St Paul's Cathedral.

At St Paul's, you begin as a probationer for about a year and you don't sing in Evensong. but you do attend and have special rehearsals. After that, you become a full chorister, singing in all of the services.

We sing seven a week, three on a Sunday. Thursday is our day off singing, but a normal school day. I have been lucky enough to sing at the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the funeral of Baroness Thatcher.

As Head Chorister, I have to set an example to the younger ones and carry the cross in Matins and Evensong. I am very grateful, enjoy being a chorister, and hope to carry on singing afterwards.

From the Master

Firstly, I would like to thank all Carmen for their continued support and enthusiasm. In my first four months as Master, I have been overwhelmed by the backing and encouragement I have received. Equally, I have been enthralled by the great work that is being undertaken on our behalf, by the different committees, panels and clubs within the Company.

As I represent the Company at different events, I have been struck by the high esteem in which our Company is held throughout the City. Indeed, our Company strength, links with the transport profession, sense of purpose, ties with the Services, Benevolent Trust, and those legendary 'Warm Carmen Welcomes', are the envy of many.

I hope you found the published Carman Company programme of events for 2015 full and varied. I would like to highlight a couple of events later in the year. The Joint Services Dinner Night will be held in Guildhall on 22 April. With a larger venue, this now gives us scope to increase the number of Carmen, and their guests, for what promises to be an evening to remember. On 20 June we will be holding a Carmen Waterloo Ball on the National Commemoration weekend to mark the bicentenary of the Battle of Waterloo. I hope that you can join us at The Honourable Artillery Company for this momentous event.

That leaves me to wish you and your family the very best, and I look forward to continuing to serve as Master, and to see you all in the year ahead.

Paul Holder, Master



The Master hires the Carmen's Car from Liveryman Ray Lockett – a 1935 Austin taxi – outside St Magnus the Martyr.



The ADL E400 hybrid bus in the Lord Mayor's charity livery, Carmen Leon Daniels and Sir Peter Hendy, with the Lord Mayor, Sheriff Sir Paul Judge, Master Carman and Nicholas Woolf at Cart Marking in July 2014.



London Transport Museum Director Sam Mullins, the Master and Senior Past Master en route to a Carman's lunch at HQS Wellington, on a Routemaster, following the Carman's Lecture at the Museum in November.

Cart Marking 2015 entries

This year's Cart Marking ceremony will take place on Wednesday 15 July 2015 and applications for entries are now being accepted. Explanatory notes and application forms may be requested from the Company offices. All applications must be fully completed and accompanied by a current picture together with a potted history/specification. The closing date for entries is Friday 20 March 2015 and in the event of a large response this date will be strictly adhered to. The organisers are again looking for sponsorship of the brochure through advertising and donations, including suggestions as to who might be approached. This year's mark is 'X' so the Master should be able to find the spot!



Carmen listen and learn from Alan Chandler at Petroliana in June.

From the Immediate Past Master

Living in what I call the mid-West, the word 'livery' conjures up horses, stables, studs etc so it has taken a bit of explaining as to what a Livery Company is. It is amazing how little is known.

It has been the greatest possible honour and privilege to be Master of our great Company.

Anne and I have done some amazing things which will remain with us throughout our lives. We record our deep appreciation of all the support and encouragement, especially from our first class office team.

There have been many highlights. For our annual Carol Service we went outside London for the first time, to King Edwards' School, Witley.

Another highlight was the April Court Meeting and Joint Services Dinner in the Painted Hall at the Old Royal Naval College, Greenwich. Both Anne and I had done courses there.

Then came Ascot with the Royal Logistic Corps on a glorious summer day when we rode from Windsor to Ascot in a coach and four, waving royally to the crowds!

At Cart Marking I was able to mark the first Royal Navy entry, and to have Liveryman John Surtees OBE with us in his 80th year.

I quite enjoyed running the London 10K, and am grateful again for members' support which raised over £2,700 for my charity, the Mission to Seafarers. The Benevolent Trustees agreed to share with me the sponsorship of the Head Chorister at St Paul's Cathedral, Apprentice Joseph Denyer.

At my last Court as Master I clothed the 500th Liveryman, Bob Lawrence, a fellow Honorary Steward at Wimbledon and a good friend.

So thank you, members of the Carmen's Company, for allowing us to represent you in this way.

*Robin Bawtree,
Immediate Past Master*

Forces Favourites

With a military Master, amid national debate surrounding Forces cuts, Carmen will celebrate the 200th anniversary of Waterloo on 20 June at the Honourable Artillery Company with the first Ball for seven years and a Joint Services Dinner at Guildhall in the presence of our Royal Past Master, the Princess Royal.

New military Assistants will be joining the Court, and awards now include that for 19 Tank Transporter Sqn personnel. The RAF Cup and Medal have been reviewed, and repositioned, so that past as well as present graduates of the Defence Movement Squadron are eligible, extending the Cup to officers in both 2 Group and 38 Group.

HMS *Northumberland* has now agreed to affiliation with the Company, and visits are planned for summer 2015. This has been organised by the Immediate Past Master, who arranged the original HMS *Cardiff* affiliation when Clerk.

Awards presented at the Joint Services Dinner in 2014 included the Sword of Honour: Capt Andrew Griffiths RLC and Soldier of the Year L/Cpl Christopher Vincent RLC. SAC Megan King won the RAF Movements Trainee

Award, Cpl Steven Lye the 2 Mechanical Transport Squadron award and Flt Lt Chris Aston the 24 Squadron Pollitzer Cup. The Royal Navy Cup went to Lt Val Stamper and the RN Medal to LSC Ianna Parsons.



The military award winners with HRH the Princess Royal and the Master at the Joint Services Dinner April 2014 in the Painted Hall, Greenwich.



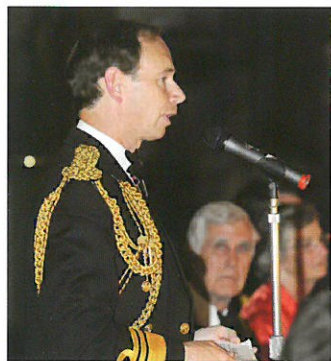
HMS *Northumberland* replaces the decommissioned HMS *Cardiff* as the third warship associated with the Company. First was HMS *Anson* in 1946.

Motoring on

Past Master Emeritus Jack Henley has passed the wheel to Assistant Paul Bourgeois after a decade as Car Club Chairman. The Club has recently visited Sandringham and Lotus and last year travelled to the Chandlers' astonishing Petroliana collection and the Lewis car collection. PME Henley took command of the Club a year after the late Dennis Shaw founded it, and has been instrumental in developing its programme to mostly private venues, while raising charitable funds, and embedding the annual concourse in the Carman calendar.



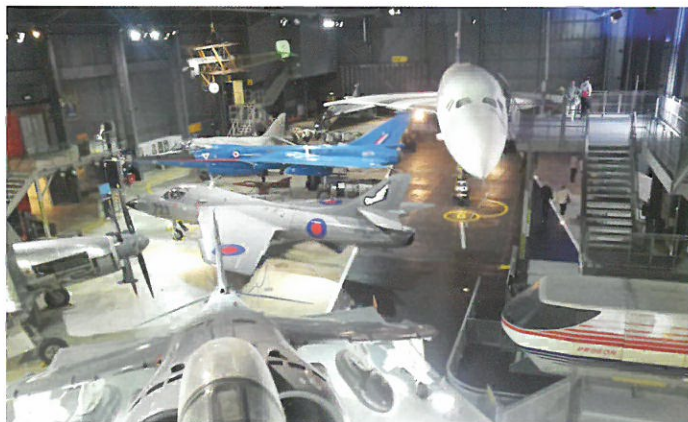
The Immediate Past Master with retiring Car Club Chairman Jack Henley and Concourse winner Graham Lintott at Lewis Collection.



The Second Sea Lord, and Court Assistant, Vice Admiral Sir David Steel, speaks at the Joint Services Dinner.



The Master Carman wins the Inter-Livery Pancake Race on Shrove Tuesday in Guildhall Yard.



Carmen are dwarfed by the exhibits at the Fleet Air Arm Museum in Yeovilton in May 2014, before recovering with a lamb roast at the (now Immediate Past) Master's home near Sherborne.

THIRST THURSDAYS

Maintaining his predecessor's sterling work on membership recruitment, the Master instigated a novel event – the informal Thirst Thursday, held monthly at a City tavern for Carmen and any of their friends interested to learn about the Company, with a view to joining the fellowship. Two meetings have each attracted around 18 Carmen, yielding five candidates, and the third is due as we go to press.

With the Livery stable at its 500 ceiling, a waiting list is imminent, to take up any vacancies through death or retirement, while the Freedom stands at 173, up nine in three months, with a final target of 500.

Playing Ball

The Carman Golf Club faces a busy year, with the Inter Livery competition for the Prince Arthur Cup on 21 May, a match against Wanstead Golf Club, in which the Company holds shares bequeathed by the late Hon Solicitor and Past Master Woodroffe Benton in May/June, that against the Royal Logistic Corps at Aldershot on 25 June and its own Golf Day at Cuddington on 24 September, alongside World Traders Golf Day 20 April, Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers a week later, Information Technologists 9 June, Marketors 29 June, Loriners 31 July, Fuellers 8 September and Fruiterers on a date to be advised.



The new Carman display at the entry to the first London Transport Museum gallery.