



# The CARMAN

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## THE 500 LEGACY

Carmen have an enviable legacy, and plan to add another. On 19 March 1517 fourteen freemen created the legacy we enjoy – the Fraternity of St Katherine the Martyr of Carters. In just over three years we celebrate 500 years of that fellowship. We start the party in October 2016. Over 15 years, we have saved enough to celebrate. Now we want to find the funds for our own home – our legacy for tomorrow's Carmen.

We don't need a hall, but permanent offices, meeting room and silver storage. We seek stability – control of premises, costs and future. We ask your help to make that dream come true.

For two years dedicated Carmen have researched the options. The right City property lies in the

£2-3m range. The fund starts now. It ends when we have enough.

Members are invited to give or raise money. All who help will be remembered – onsite and in our anniversary book, including friends, both personal and corporate. Names will be featured on rooms, windows, stones, chairs, and the Board of Honour.

You are invited to be a Benefactor, Patron, Companion, Sponsor, Partner, Guildsman or Friend of the Carmen, giving or pledging from £500 to £500,000.

You are also asked to raise collective donations with your own Legacy Loving Cup.

Full details of how you can contribute are enclosed.

### The virtual Loving Cup

You have pledged or given your own personal contribution to the Legacy Appeal. You want to raise more. You can, because every one of you now has a Virtual Loving Cup in your name. Whenever you want to send a card or gift to another Carman, you can instead make a donation to their Loving Cup. If they ask you what you would like, say for your birthday, you can say – 'please put it in my Loving Cup'. You can say that to anyone – think of all the unwanted gifts you can convert to such a great cause! And save your friends retail aggro....

On top of that, you can organise extra funds, apart from anything you personally donate. Whether you run a carboot sale, raffle, tombola, garage sale, or organise sponsored events for the Legacy Appeal, every sum you raise goes in the Cup, in your name.

The Clerk will keep the running totals – he already has a database up and running. And when your Cup is overflowing with £500, your name will go on the real Quincentenary Loving Cup, which will be there for Carmen for another five hundred years.

### It's in the book!

In 2017 we shall have two new history books.

*Carr and Carman*, our 1999 modern history, will be updated to 2016, some pictures replaced in colour, a new cover, and pages dedicated to those who give to the Legacy Fund.

Full pages will feature Benefactors and Patrons; half pages Companions, quarter pages Sponsors and eighth pages Partners, all with pictures. Guildsmen will also be featured and Friends listed by name.

The 2016 *Carr and Carman* will commemorate every single giver to the Legacy Fund.

In 2017 our second new book, *The Glorious 500*, will tell the story of our 500th year, feature those who give to the Legacy Fund and, in a limited, individually numbered and discounted edition, list all pre-publication subscribers.



Installation October 2013 – the new Master, Cdr Robin Bawtree OBE RN and his Wardens, Lt Col Paul Holder RLC and Mark Griffiths, and Standard Bearer Maj Scott Dunlop RLC, with the Lord Montgomery's staff car, outside Stationers' Hall, where it was traditionally hired for the day.

## TIME TO GIVE

Carman all seek the same – to put something back and to honour the Company. Now is the time and the opportunity to do both – by giving to the Legacy Fund. How much depends on every individual, but every individual will be remembered – permanently.

In our Carman House, benefactors who give or pledge £500,000 will be commemorated with a named room. £100,000+ Patrons will be emblazoned on a wall. Companions giving £25,000+ will be featured on a major feature such as a window, while £10,000 Sponsors will be visibly associated with a conspicuous fixture, such as a chandelier or desk.

£5,000+ Partners will be named on chairs and Guildsmen's £1,000+ will be marked on other fittings. Friends at £500 will be memorialised on paving stones.

Those who raise small sums enabling larger collective funds, beyond their own gifts, will be engraved on the Quincentenary Loving Cup.

Every giver will feature in the 2016 history book.



Newly elected Assistants to the Court in July at Vintners' Hall – left to right: Iain Golder, Andrew Turner and Peter Acton.



## From the Master

As I write, there are just under 1200 days until our 500th anniversary, a major occasion in the life of Carmen and you will all soon receive more details of the Appeal. We hope all Liverymen, Freemen and Apprentices will contribute in some way towards our own home in the City. What better legacy can we leave for our successors than a building we can call our own!

The other exciting statistic is that we are rapidly approaching our Livery ceiling of 500 and hope to clothe our 500th Liveryman in 2014. However, there is no limit on the number of Freemen, so please encourage your relations and friends to consider joining us; we would like 500 Freemen too!

Meanwhile I have been enjoying the great privilege of being your Master; so far I have attended 27 very different events ranging from a gowning and reception in the House of Lords, lunch with the judges at the Old Bailey, a reception for Transaid at Buckingham Palace hosted by our Past Master, HRH The Princess Royal, lunches, dinners, lectures and carol services, one the Transport for London Service where I read the last of the nine lessons at a packed St Martin-in-the-Fields Church. This was organised by Carmen Chris Godbold and Trevor Haynes, and attended by about 1,000 members of the public.

We have a busy spring planned, with our usual Mansion House Banquet, this year on a Monday, and the Joint Services Dinner in the Painted Hall at Greenwich. However, there are two events which deserve more support. Our Foundation Day service will be held in our Guild Church, St Michael Paternoster Royal, with trumpet fanfare, pledge and choir, and lunch just opposite at Innholders. The United Guilds Service in St Paul's Cathedral is also a colourful occasion, with the Lord Mayor and Liveries. So do try and come to one or both. The Battlefield Tour in the summer has exceeded expectations and we have 80 interested members so far. We will be asking for a commitment and deposit by the end of February.

*Robin Bawtree, Master*

# 2013 Awards

With the Olympics uppermost in the national mind, Carmen remembered that its impeccable delivery depended as much on transport as athletes. At Mansion House in March, the Viva Shield went to the Games Transport Board for its extraordinary achievement in assessing, revising and organising London's multi-modal movement, so that everyone travelled everywhere in time on time, despite double the travellers.

That was coupled with the Award of Merit to the Ealing Community Transport Committee, which did for the less able what the Board delivered overall. The RAF Museum, Hendon received the Herbert Crow Award for its visionary educational programme.

The RLC Carmen's Safety Award for 2012 was given to Force Protection Europe and Ricardo plc for the UK's Ocelot Foxhound protected patrol vehicle, safeguarding missions and lives in theatre.



Viva award winner Christopher Garnett, Chairman, the Olympic Transport Board, with the Lord Mayor's representative, Alderman Sir John Stuttard and the Master, at Mansion House in March 2013.

## PARTY PROGRAMME

In 2017, Carmen will celebrate. The Court plans a year founded in the core programme – the four Court events, Livery Banquet, Carol Service, Cart Marking, and Foundation Day itself, augmented by an Anniversary Ball, and a Carmen's Reception, with all events enhanced by special venues and additional attractions.

The Livery year starts with the Prologue in 2016 – the October Installation of the Anniversary Master. November could see a special Reception, lecture and supper and the Lord Mayor's Show with special Carman entries.

The Foundation year opens with a significant charitable school focus and Mansion House will host a distinguished array of Royal, City, Forces and transport leaders. The Foundation Day Service will be celebrated at St Paul's. The Joint Services Dinner will seek a London military venue.

A Quincentennial highlight will be a charitable Costume Ball, in a really exciting venue, and the July lunch will feature Carmen civic awards.

The Livery year ends with the October Court but the celebrations continue into 2018 with the Epilogue, marked by publication of a pre-subscribed limited edition book recording the Anniversary Year.

To achieve all this, the 2017 Panel will seek and appoint fund raisers, Ball and Show organisers and merchandise managers.



RAF Northolt saw Carmen under the wing of a Battle of Britain Hurricane.



## JEREMY GOTCH

Carmen have lost a Past Master Emeritus of rare distinction – Jeremy Gotch, who died aged 79 in August, following a heart attack. Clothed in 1968, he was Master in 1996, when the Clerkship changed hands, new panels were created, and the first non-Royal lady Liverymen clothed. In 1993/4, he served as lay Sheriff – in the family footsteps of Carman Jack Evan Cook, 1958 Sheriff. He also headed the Carman Technical Panel, which reported to the Corporation on congestion.

He served the City, chairing the Lord Mayor's 1995 Appeal, raising £1.2m for St John Ambulance, and promoting City service within the Company. In 2010 he led formation of The Carmen Singers. He took Emeritus status in 2010, remaining active in Court and Company.

A banker's son, Jeremy Gotch was born in Shanghai, and later interned alongside JG Ballard, who recorded their experience in *Empire of the Sun*. After RASC service, he read Modern Languages at Jesus College, Cambridge, joined Shell and moved into international freight, as MD then chairman of Caib's UK rail division, where he pioneered tank containers for chemicals. A Fellow of CILT, vice-president 1990–93, he chaired the Association of Private Wagon Owners 1980–91.

A Dulwich resident for 54 years, he was a secretary of the Dulwich Sports Club, trustee for 24 years and chairman of the Dulwich Estate, also College governor, and chairman of the Dulwich Picture Gallery and of its Friends. He was a proud Knight of the Order of St John. He leaves his wife, Janet, Carman son Christopher and two daughters.



# Mediation Matters

Following nine years of Company efforts to pursue an appeal against VAT on members' dues, instigated and rigorously pursued by Past Warden and Treasurer Robin East, Liveryman Mary Bonar and the Senior Past Master, with Company lawyers, met HMRC officers in 2013 in mediation. Despite a strong case, the appeal was rejected.



The Master and Alderman Fiona Woolf accompany Liveryman Sir Peter Hendy in Guildhall Yard when this 1962 RouteMaster was marked in July.

It was based on the European directive which requires evidence of public benefit and major civic, patriotic or philanthropic activity, all of which the Company claims are reflected in its pledge, mission, objectives and outcomes.

Facing the continuing imposition on fines and fees, the Court decided to form a working party, and take expert advice, to review Company financial governance.

## Gerry Long

Past Master Emeritus Gerry Long sadly died in December 2012. He joined the Carmen in 1970, and served as Master 1989-90, having chaired the Aims and Objects Committee as well as serving on Awards. He was instrumental in finding the Company's first independent offices and introduced the concept of inexpensive meals, originally labelled the Luncheon Club, perpetuated by the Carol Service supper. Gerry served in the Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve during World War II in Europe and the Far East, then worked in the oil industry, retiring as a senior executive with BP and acquiring Reevethorpe service stations, which he developed into a Renault distributorship. He was chairman of the League of Friends at Kingston Hospital, raising £1m+ for its first scanner. A member of the MCC catering committee, he also owned the Rosevine Hotel – in St Mawes, where he eventually moved from Cobham.



## Bryan Olive

The court suffered the loss of Assistant Bryan Olive in May, when he lost his fight against spinal cancer. He was clothed in 2002, joined the Court in 2009, and served as Military Liaison Officer. A retired naval Commander, he studied and secured a doctorate in psychology, gained his pilot's licence, sat on Bishop's synods locally and nationally, became a freemason and charity steward, was chairman of the RN Yacht Club and bent his considerable mind to many pursuits, including antiques, care homes, and his local church. He willed a magnificent cased clipper clock to the Company. His wit and erudition will be sorely missed.



## Letter to Carmen

Dear fellow Carman

Happy new year to you all!

At this time of year we most of us make resolutions, and sadly flag after a few weeks, shrug and resolve to try harder next time. 2014 is no exception.

It must be nigh on fifteen years ago that we woke up to the fact that we would be 500 in 2017 and we needed to save some dosh so we could throw a bit of a party.

Despite inflation, recession, and our constant ongoing benevolence, a combination of good treasurer, careful husbandry and Court acumen has ensured that we do have the means to consider a programme of enhanced events, to celebrate properly.

Two years ago we also realised we needed to leave a mark. You simply cannot let 500 years pass without something more than a good party.

A dedicated band of Carmen, rather like those freemen of 1517, put their heads together and, after much discussion, consulting the membership, and Court debate, determined on a specific legacy – to secure the future for tomorrow's Carmen.

Ever since the Company aspired to formal facilities, costs have risen, and it has become clear that such an ancient company needs a permanent asset base, and to control its own home. The Carmen need security and stability, storage and space to work and meet, somewhere to house our significant charity, and the capital base we have never enjoyed.

So now the real work begins. My new year's resolution? To help those dedicated people who are working so hard to generate the Legacy Fund, and plan the party.

I hope you'll join me – by raising funds, finding friends to give a little or a lot, organising events, making sure we secure the future, and that 2017 is truly a year to remember.

Clive Birch  
Senior Past Master

## TRUST IN US

The Benevolent Trust has increased its capital base by 18.5% in the past year despite a reduction in income. It hopes to see this corrected by an increase in covenanted contributions.

Grants made and other costs were accordingly halved, to ensure the Trust continued efficient and effective. Causes among those supported included educational efforts to prevent criminal activity by the young, holidays for cystic fibrosis sufferers and their carers, disabled children's equipment, London's homeless, the air ambulance and the Carmen's RLC unit.

## Cars and Carts

The Car Club in April visited the Aston Martin new showrooms at Newport Pagnell, and toured the heritage workshop, where classic cars, many of them owned by Royal and otherwise renowned drivers, are restored or refurbished.

In August members were introduced to over fifty historic horse-drawn vehicles at Carman James Hyatt's home in West Sussex.

The Club raised £6,000 for the Benevolent Trust and £1,000 for the Carmen's 2017 fund.



Carmen Car Club members pause before lunch, following their visit to the Aston Martin showrooms and heritage centre.





Carmen enjoy first class travel on the Underground in March.

## Special events

The Master's special events in 2013 focused on transport and the Forces, opening with a March visit to the overall Underground Control Centre and the new Victoria Line centre, coupled with a private train journey between the two.

This was followed by the April visit to RAF Northolt and the Uxbridge Battle of Britain bunker, in May to Bletchley Park, home of the wartime Enigma code busters, and the inside story of LandRover at Gaydon, including unforgettable off-road experiences.

In June the Master took Carmen to Horse Guards Parade on two weekends to watch Trooping of the Colour and then clay pigeon shooting at Beaconsfield.

## From Five Kings House

A Happy New Year to you all. As you may know, the Carmen's website is kept up to date with events and photos, and you can book and pay for events through website forms, using direct debit. Please book events early and call Helen Ashworth if you have any queries.

Forthcoming events include 10 March Mansion House, 19 March Foundation Day service and lunch, 4 April United Guilds service and 23 April Joint Services Dinner, where Past Master HRH the Princess Royal will present our military awards.

We will soon be sending you more details of how to support the Legacy Appeal, so please keep an eye on the website and your mail!

Walter Gill, Clerk

# OHMS AWARDS AND REWARDS

Carmen recognised excellence across all military logistics at the Joint Services Dinner in April at Plaisterers' Hall, and enjoyed visits to four units during the year. Past Master HRH the Princess Royal presented the Company's military awards, and General the Lord Dannatt was the guest speaker.

Carmen visited 19 Tank Transport Sqn at Bulford in October 2012 and RAF Brize Norton in February 2013, when they saw 24 Squadron and the Defence Movement School. In July, Carmen joined other Liveries on a visit to the Royal Naval Dockyard, Portsmouth and RFAS *Diligence*, and finally spent a day at 2 Mechanical Transport Sqn at RAF Wittering in September.

The 2013 military awards saw Lt Alex Norman RLC receive the Sword of Honour, while Lt Jim Butler won the Royal Navy Cup and Flt Lt Jim Davies the RAF Cup. The Carmen's 24 Sqn Pollitzer Cup was awarded to Sqn Ldr Neil Philp, and the 2 Mechanical Transport Sqn award to Cpl Aaron Smith. The Movements Trade trainee award went to SAC Craig Nichol and Soldier of the Year was Pte Kailasman Limbu.



HRH the Princess Royal and Sword winner Lt Alex Norman.

## Arrivals and Departures

Four new apprentices have joined us: Thomas Warren, Finlay Scott, Henry Jones and Rupert Bagge. We have welcomed five new Freeman apart from military award winners – Miss Ramona Simms Webster, Mrs Wendy Dalton, Mrs Christine Sturgess, Stefano Tomaselli and Philip Moore.

Thirty new Liverymen have been clothed including Asst Britt's wife Linda, Past Master Meyer's daughter Amanda, our chaplain Huw Mosford, Treasurer Mark Ivanson, Asst Laister's wife Joy, and Past Master Older's wife Corinne.

Equally welcome are Richard Bagge, Mrs Beverley Bell, Richard Blundell, Richard Conneely, David Curry and Roger Davies; Geoffrey Davis, John Harris and Edward Hinton, along with Peter Morrey, John Murphy, Gerard Newman and Steven Pennell; John Savidge, Mrs Julia Scott, Martin Strutt and Simon Thorpe; Frank Wallis, Roger Walters, Mrs Sylvia Watson and Richard Wilding; Mrs Margaret Williams, Jeffrey Williams and Dominic Yeardeley.

Sadly we have lost Past Masters Emeritus Jeremy Gotch and Gerry Long, and Asst Bryan Olive, as well as Liverymen Michael Banfield, Roy Griffiths and Freeman John Mitchell; Past Liveryman John Turner, Liverymen Victor Drust, Ronald Miller and Victor Jenner, and Freeman Keith Phelps and Stanley Blackburn; Mrs Frances Burton, Derek Wright and John Williams retired from the Livery, while Mrs Betty Robinson and Mrs Florence Pollard retired from the Company.



Joint Services winners with the Master in April.



Carmen came away from Bletchley Park with a heightened awareness of Colossus and the Enigma code-breaking, which radically hastened the end of World War II.



Carmen take lunch in the RAF Brize Norton mess.