

Preserve Harmony



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EDITORIAL

Time for change.

With all the activity in 'Head Office', the social side has not been forgotten. But any organisation can only be as vibrant as its membership wishes. With the enclosed questionnaire, Liverymen will have the opportunity of helping to set the future agenda.

How supportive you wish to be is of the utmost importance if we are going to get the balance right. Doubts have been expressed about the number of events planned for this year – too many leading to the danger of dilution? As can be imagined, various ideas have been mentioned – some involving major changes to the more established functions.

The debate is under way. The picture is a timely reminder to prompt your participation!

DYNAMIC DIRECTION!

THESE ARE BUSY TIMES. At the instance of the Master, Adrian Davis, and the Court, the Company is in the process of the first comprehensive review of its organisation in recent times. The approach of the quincentenary, the expansion of our work and responsibilities coupled with the recent changes in the administration have demonstrated the need for this analysis. Even the Livery Club has not escaped! Ahead of us lie exciting opportunities because we are the only Livery Company directly involved with the performing arts and we must be in a position to take maximum advantage of them.

Organisation

Dr. John Hosier is leading a working party to consider and report upon our organisation. Education, fund raising, communication – including publicity and sponsorship – history, heritage and future developments are part of his remit.

Treasury

The Treasurer and Senior Warden, Francis Carnwath and Deputy Treasurer, Norman Tribble, are looking into the financial and accounting aspects. Over the years, some complex arrangements have developed with the different funds, medals and awards. Meetings have been held with our Brokers and the Charity Commission to investigate whether our investments and trusts can be streamlined.

Public Relations

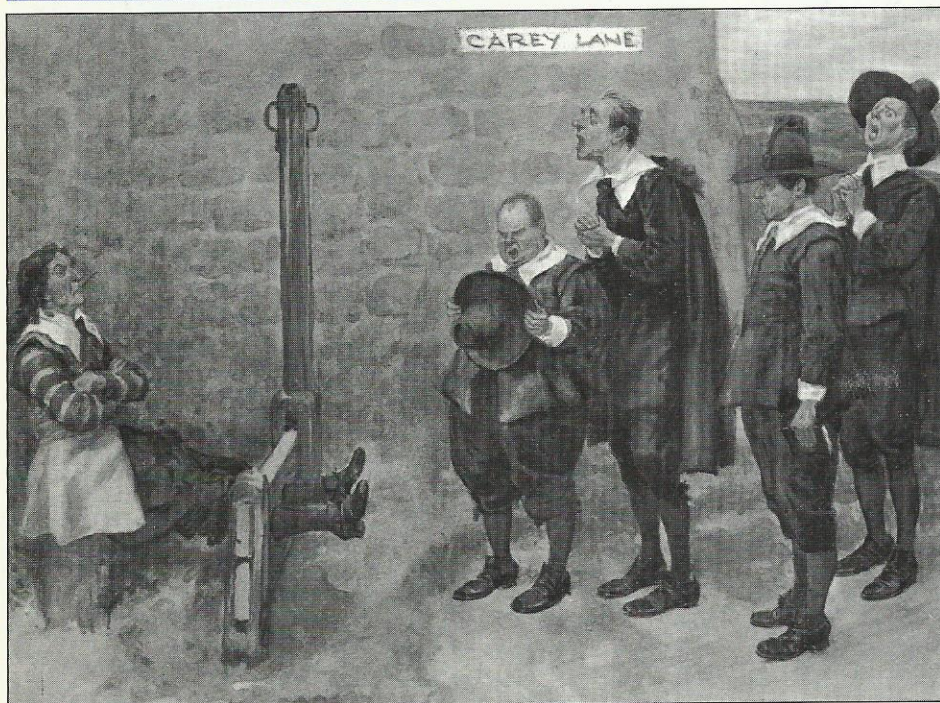
The Public Relations Committee, including Liveryman Anthony Peagam have co-opted Assistant Gavin Barrett and Liveryman Caroline Loeb. Together, they have prepared the questionnaire which accompanies this issue.

Quincentenary

In our first issue in September 1990 there was an article entitled 'Looking Ahead'. It mentioned the 500th anniversary of the Charter from the Lord Mayor and Aldermen in 1500 and the intention to record the occasion 'with an appropriate celebration' in the Millennium. The Quincentennial Committee has started work under the Chairmanship of Sir Alan Traill who is due to be Master in that momentous year.

Administration

With the expansion of our activities, it is anticipated that the administration will be strengthened in the near future.



'MUSIC HATH CHARMS TO CHEER AN ERRING BROTHER – HE NEVER RETURNED HIS QUESTIONNAIRE!'
From the painting by G. Brown RI.

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