

## BRASS BAND DIPLOMAS OF HONOUR

We are grateful to our sponsor, the British Bandsman, whose Managing Editor is Liveryman Peter Wilson, and the British Federation of Brass Bands for their assistance. For the second year, the choice of the five recipients was a formidable exercise - so much dedication and hard work over so many years. Those awarded were:

*Gerallt Hughes* of London and South East area. He is 80 years old, MD of Charles Church Camberly Band and currently giving 20 free lessons per week to young players.

*John Few* of East Anglia, a founder member of Waterbeach Brass and former bandmaster of the junior band at Cottenham.

*Tom Gibson* of the North East area, founder of Houghton Schools Band in 1973 (now the Houghton Kepier Youth Band) and the senior band, Houghton Brass, ten years later.

*William Hunt*, chairman of the Cornwall Brass Band Association, has been MD of St. Breward Silver Band since 1975 and has been training learners for 30 years.

*Charles Kitchen*, 85, of the North West area. 'Father' as he is affectionately known, has just completed 75 years of banding mostly with Fairfield (Buxton) Band with whom he still plays.

## STATUTORY NOTICE

The Charity Commission has, in principle, approved a Scheme to simplify the structure of the Charitable Funds which are administered by the Musicians' Company.

Full details, for those who are interested, may be obtained from the Company Office.

### FOR CRYING OUT LOUD...

Reported from the Church Times; 'Voice trials for Durham Cathedral Choir - open to boys born after 31st August 1998.'



Photo: John Swannell

One of the two recipients of this year's Sir Charles Santley Memorial Gift is Dame Kiri Te Kanawa.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Liveryman Caroline Loeb can spot a good vintage! She has recently become engaged and appeared in glowing form with her fiancé at the March Company Concert at the Wigmore Hall.

Liveryman John Owen Ward, Clerk to the Fletchers' and Bowyers' Companies, has become Chairman of the Livery Consultative Committee of the City of London.

## SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE

Contributions as well as suggestions for this special issue to celebrate our Quincentenary and the Millennium are invited. The Company office will be pleased to put you in touch with the editors and members of the PR and Communications Committee.

## CREMONA TRUST

We are grateful to Charles Beare for repairing the Guarneri violin which has been offered to the young talented violinist, Su Ock Kim. She is a winner of the Shell Award, has performed at a Maisie Lewis Young Artists Fund sponsored Company Concert as well as one of our functions.

## 6th BEETHOVEN INTERCOLLEGIATE PIANO COMPETITION

Organised by the Beethoven Piano Society of Europe and under the Patronage of HE The Austrian Ambassador, nine competitors assembled in December at the Austrian Cultural Institute. Following some outstanding playing and exciting interpretations, the winner was Inon Barnatan, RAM, having played the Bagatelle Op 126 no 1 (all candidates) followed by his choice, Sonata op 27 (Appassionata) in F minor. He was presented with his prize and the Company's Silver Medal by the Master, who is chairman of the Society.

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