



Photo: Bob Masters

Perpetuum Mobile

THE COURT has been keenly aware that the office of the Master lacks the dignity of a suitable vehicle in which to convey him during the conduct of his official duties.

Your Editors' attention has been drawn to the possibilities of the car illustrated herewith as having a strong claim. Apart from being quite unique, included amongst its most appropriate features is an eight engined Gabriel Horn organ which is operated by exhaust gases.

The Swan - also the Livery Emblem - is complete with feathers, beak and eyes that light up at night. The car's compressor is also capable of spitting boiling water from its nostrils.

The vehicle was bought by a secret purchaser at Brooks Motor Auctions this July for £187,000.

While we have no information about the musical capabilities, we are wistfully wondering whether the anonymous purchaser might be a member of the Livery and will be mindful of our needs!

Appeals and Awards

From the Allcard and other Company Funds

The Lord Mayor's Charity Appeal 90/91 (Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund).
Southwark Cathedral Organ Appeal.
Harrow School Development Trust (endowment of Junior Brass Prize).
Truro Cathedral Music Foundation Appeal.
Music Students Hostel Trust.
The Royal National College for the Blind (Electronic Braille Machine).
Alpha Grove Community Trust (Instruments for Youth Band).
The Parkhouse Award.
British Youth Opera.
Southern Counties Amateur Band Association Youth Band.
Oval House (Instruments for Youth Band).
Sheriffs' and Recordors' Fund Concert.
London International String Quartet Competition (Fifth Prize).

From the Percival Hart Fund

Manchester Mid-Day Concerts Society.
A promising singer to be selected by Mr Richard van Allen of the National Opera Studio.
Clonter Opera Farm.
City Arts Trust for the fourth prize at the Walter Gruner International Lieder Competition.

From the Benevolent Fund

Sheriffs' and Recordors' Fund.
Corporation of the Sons of the Clergy.
Royal Society of Musicians Henry Wood Fund.
Organists' Benevolent Fund.
Incorporated Society of Musicians Benevolent Fund.
Music Trades Benevolent Society
Musicians' Benevolent Fund.

Presentations

AFTER THE MEETING of the Court on 10 April, Miss Eileen Croxford was presented with the Walter Willson Cobbett Medal for 1991 and Miss Felicity Lott was presented with the Sir Charles Santley Memorial Gift for 1990.

Peter Wilson, who has recently become a Liveryman, has been chosen to receive the Iles Medal for 1991.

CHURCH MUSIC Your Opinion?

The decision of the Archbishop of Canterbury to use synthesizers and charismatic vocal items in his enthronement service is causing much debate. Increasingly, such compositions and non-traditional instruments are being introduced to church services. With the endorsement of such developments, the Archbishop has surely given this trend considerable stimulus.

From correspondence published in the national press, opinions seem to be evenly divided. There is, however, deep concern that a continuing erosion could result in the eventual loss of our great musical tradition which has sustained church services for centuries.

The question is to what extent the new music should be introduced - if at all.

We have been requested to seek your opinion on this very important matter. If you decide that the new trend should be opposed, the Company could make recommendations to the appropriate bodies such as the Royal School of Church Music and the Guild of Church Musicians, and to arrange for the issue to be raised in Synod.

Would you please write to the Editors with your opinion.

Correspondence

Dear Mr Clerk

Publication of Accounts of the Company and its associated charitable trusts

I was most interested to read the letter from Liveryman Tribble on this subject when it appeared in the recent issue of Preserve Harmony. I have long felt that the Company should publish and make available to all members of the Livery the Accounts both of the Company and the trusts which it administers. Not to do so deprives members of an important part of the picture they have of their Company, and would I am sure encourage some of them to be more generous in supporting it.

Yours sincerely

Martin Williams

Editors' Note: *This matter will be considered at the next Master and Wardens Committee.*

Master's Letter to the Livery

The Master has received 15 replies to his letter to Liveryman inviting them to state what contribution they could make to the life and work of the Company. He is considering them in detail and will be recommending to the Court that a number of them be thought over with the intention of their implementation.

Are you getting knotted?

IF NOT, Laurie Goodwin will be pleased to assist you! Livery Company/Club Ties (Company crest on blue silk) are available £12.25 incl.P&P from 164 Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 ODG