

## Court Changes

Jonathan Rennert, Organist and Director of Music at St. Michael's, Cornhill has become the most recent and significantly the youngest recruit for some years. He is also to succeed the Reverend Donald Baker as President of what has hitherto been known as the Livery Club.

## Administration

A feature of the summer months has been the welcome reappearance of Liveryman Hilary Wiltshire. As one time Assistant to Pastmaster/Clerk Richard Crewdson, she brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to help the Clerk in running the Company and to improve the effectiveness of our organisation.

## Archives

The initial survey undertaken by Liveryman Paul Campion has been completed for the Court. Numerous fascinating discoveries were made. The scope for further detailed work is apparent. The issue of funding is now under consideration.

## Master's Invitation Lunches

These informal gatherings initiated this year have proved a popular innovation with the fourth one planned for the 10th October at the Clerk's office. Also the Court have agreed that they will continue throughout 1996.

A degree of flexibility is envisaged to accommodate those Liverymen living well out of town who have not previously attended. Should they be visiting London on one of these dates and would like to come along, they should notify the Clerk in advance.

Contrary to expectation, there has been no "hidden agenda" and the guest selection is entirely random. If your number has not come up yet, be assured that it will!

## Company Pamphlet

Already on the second edition, it contains a brief note on our past and present and a list of the various awards and funds. It is available to Liverymen as an aide memoire and for potential new members, sponsors and benefactors.

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## THE MIDSUMMER BANQUET



By kind permission of the Drapers' Company and in particular their then Master, Sir Nicholas Jackson, Bart., also a Liveryman of our Company, this annual gathering of the Livery and their Ladies took place in their magnificent hall above. Photo: Peter Holland.

## Revelation

The Master and Pastmaster John Iles attended the 143rd and last British Open Brass Band Championship to be held at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, earlier this month. It was won by Black Dyke Mills.

Following the contest, Nigel Boddice was announced as the first winner of the new Harry Mortimer Medal in recognition of his teaching and work with young people in the brass band movement. The Iles Medal was awarded to Howard Snell who was also appearing at the contest in his role as musical director of the Britannia Building Society Band.

Philip Wilby, the composer of the test piece, recently received a special award from the Master at an informal gathering in the Company's Office. He has kindly agreed to donate an autographed copy to the Company's archive. Entitled 'Revelation', it marked a tribute to the music of Henry Purcell on the tercentenary of his death.

Other Liverymen present were Bram Gay for the Harry Mortimer Trust, Stan Kitchen with Studio Music, Frank Renton with the BBC and Peter Wilson of the British Bandsman.

## THE COMPANY DIARY to 30th April 1996

### ITEMS IN BLUE ITALICS DENOTE LIVERY CLUB EVENTS

<b>1995</b>		
<b>27</b>	<b>Sept</b>	Master and Wardens' Committee.
<b>29</b>	<b>Sept</b>	Common Hall. Election of the Lord Mayor.
<b>10</b>	<b>Oct</b>	Master's Invitation Lunch.
<b>11</b>	<b>Oct</b>	Court and Court Dinner.
<b>19</b>	<b>Oct</b>	President's Dinner at the Charterhouse.
<b>8</b>	<b>Nov</b>	Installation Court and Livery Dinner.
<b>15</b>	<b>Nov</b>	Evensong at St. Paul's Cathedral.
<b>22</b>	<b>Nov</b>	St. Cecilia Service at Westminster Abbey.
<b>23</b>	<b>Nov</b>	Festival of St. Cecilia. Royal Concert at the South Bank.
<b>1996</b>		
<b>3</b>	<b>Jan</b>	Master and Wardens' Committee.
<b>18</b>	<b>Jan</b>	Court.
<b>TBA</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<i>Guildhall School of Music.</i>
<b>12</b>	<b>Mar</b>	Master's Invitation Lunch.
<b>16</b>	<b>Mar</b>	Social/President's Committee.
<b>22</b>	<b>Mar</b>	United Guilds Service.
<b>28</b>	<b>Mar</b>	Finance/Investment Committee (a.m.). Master and Wardens' Committee (p.m.).
<b>17</b>	<b>Apr</b>	Court and Dinner.