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## MESSAGE FROM THE MASTER

1 May 2025

Dear Carmen,

It is with great sadness that I inform you that our Senior Past Master, Clive Birch MBE, passed away in hospital on 29<sup>th</sup> April. He was 93.

Clive was a Carman through and through; he contributed significantly to the Company in so many ways for over 65 years, including being Master in 1983-4.

His knowledge of the Company, sage advice and incredible work with the Company's governance, books and publications will be sorely missed.

This morning I convened an emergency meeting of the Court. Members of the Court individually and collectively expressed their sorrow whilst acknowledging the enormous amount for the work Clive did for the Company. He was even working on the next Carman Annual the day before he died.

The Court resolved to express their sincere condolences to Carolyn, his wife, and their family.

Clive's funeral will be a private service, but a Memorial Service will take place in due course to allow the Company to gather and pay their respects and share memories of a very special Carman. Details of this will follow.

Yours in fellowship

  
MASTER CARMAN