

Letters to the Editor

Leycester Meares Bequest

Dear Editor,

Would you be good enough to publish in the *Bar News* my personal thanks and those of the Honourable Ray Reynolds for the Bar's response to the appeal for CAPFA - and, in particular, for the Leycester Meares Bequest of which we are Trustees?

Some of your members may have received the Bar Association circular too late to contribute by 30 June - but be not affeared: if cheques drawn in favour of CAPFA are sent to Miss Kimberley Ashbee at the Bar Association office, even at this late stage - or later - they will be earmarked for the Bequest and will still qualify for a tax deduction.

HH Bell (Judge)

Re: This Sporting Life

Dear Editor,

I read with some interest and some wonderment John Maconachie's tale of the Bench & Bar v Services Golf Match in the Spring/Summer 1994 *Bar News*. Despite Maconachie's disclaimer, I am afraid he must have been all too successful in his search for more strong liquor after dinner, since his version of events was so different from the reality which I observed both on the course and at the dinner itself.

True, it is that "Gray shot the lights out", the golf enjoyable and the Army's hospitality wonderful, but thereafter facts gave way to fiction in Maconachie's telling especially so far as the dinner was concerned. Though it may make for a less sensational story, I can reassure your readers that the participation by all members of the Bar in both the golf and the evening events was appropriately civilised, even stylish and entirely "in keeping with the elegant surroundings".

DM Flaherty

It's in the Stars

Dear Editor,

I thought that the enclosed copy of the "Stars" may be of some interest to the readers of the *Bar News*. I was recently involved in a trial with Barber and Proctoer involving three accused.

The jury had been sent out by His Honour Judge Flannery after a two week trial. The jury were deliberating during the course of Friday morning when someone decided that a look

at the "Stars" could save us the endless soul searching which comes with the jury deliberation. "Why did I ask that question?" "Why didn't I make that submission?" "Do you think that fellow down the front is really with us?" "What did that damn question they asked really mean?"

Easily solved, just read the answer in the "Stars". Strange, of course, when it was revealed that the two accused were Aquarians and both of their counsel (born on the same day) were Leos.

AQUARIUS

(Jan 21 to Feb 19)

"Something you hoped would not happen will occur - and you will just have to live with it. This is no time for you to be melodramatic, this is the time to cope with the crises."

But it got worse.

LEO

(July 24 to Aug 23)

"Something will come to an end - and it isn't just the working week. Unfortunately this thing won't end the way you and others with you, expected or wanted."

The mood was despondent, the clients morose, the solicitors apprehensive, the phone rang. "Sheriff here, we have a verdict"... The butterflies like pterodactyls in the stomach (why after 9 years is it that they refuse to go away?). "Not Guilty" - all accounts.... **** the Stars.

Glenn Whitehead

An Ode to Young Barristers

Live to attain
Not shrink like a violet
In perfumed and feigned pain.

Tall as eucalyptus
Stand
Above nihilists
In drifting sand.

When final judgment and no appeal
Reports and memories reveal
Not a passenger or a trailer
But a leader somewhat taller.

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