



Newsletter

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Welcome to the Spring edition of our Pattenmakers' Newsletter

We Have a New Team

Alastair Watson-Gandy and Jenny Dicken start their new year as Master and Mistress 2018/19. They plan an exciting year of events and functions for all members. Looking to continue our commitment to our young, who are the future of our livery and our society.

"I feel deeply privileged to be the new Master of The Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers, and Jenny and I will do our best to make 2018 a memorable year for us all."

Alastair



Jenny and Alastair (pictured here) at the recent inauguration dinner at the wonderful Clothworkers' Hall, say one of their highest priorities is for the livery to provide fellowship, friendship and support for those in need through the Pattenmakers' Charitable Foundation. With strong funding we can look forward to an exciting and fulfilling year.

*The Court at
Clothworkers' Hall*



The Court (above) with our new Master (from left): David Best, Renter Warden, Jennifer Bryant-Peterson, and Annette Cove, Trade Warden.

A Message from the Immediate Past Master, Richard Kottler



2017 was a fantastic year for the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers. We celebrated 300 years of the granting of our Livery. Although Pattens were mentioned about 1379 as a guild of "mysterie of patymakers", we received our livery only as recently as 1717!

It was a privilege to serve as Master during our tercentenary, and we hosted two excellent occasions to celebrate – the Ascension Day Service, and the Guildhall Cocktail Party, both events graced with the presence of our Royal Patron, HRH The Duke of Gloucester.

2018 in Review

In Richard's year, the name boards in our Church, St Margaret's Pattens, were completed. As part of our 300th, Richard presented a Pattenmaker placemat with celebratory design. This has been extremely well received by members.



We had some highly successful and very enjoyable formal dinners together with several informal activities. The Young Pattenmakers organised some great informal evenings at the Church, which have increased interest in the Livery among prospective members.

Our successful Fund Raising enabled us to continue to develop our charitable donations to both external beneficiaries and our own Church.

Reinforcing our charitable education activities, we have become involved with several state schools in London, either through the Livery Schools Link or various careers events we have supported. We expect this support to increase in future.

On the very important administrative side, our new website, www.pattenmakers.co.uk, is now up and running. We have also appointed a new Assistant to the Clerk, Jane Foreman. Welcome to the team Jane.



We wish a long and happy retirement to our retiring Beadle, Raymond Lewis, who has become a Steward and we have welcomed his successor, Chris Moore (pictured left) who is also the Church Administrator at St Margaret Pattens.

We want our members to be as involved in the many activities of the Livery as possible. More than 1,700 people attended Pattenmaker events last year (a record), and we now have more than 30 members sitting on our various Committees.

The Annual Banquet



Members and guests enjoy the Annual Banquet in January 2018

Our sparkling Annual Banquet, held at January, was a tremendous success, and attended by more than 300 members and their guests. Among our many dignitary guests were the Lord mayor Locum Tenens, Lord Montevans and the Deacon Cordiner from Glasgow.

Of course, the Annual Banquet is also the opportunity for us to honour our managers who also received their awards.





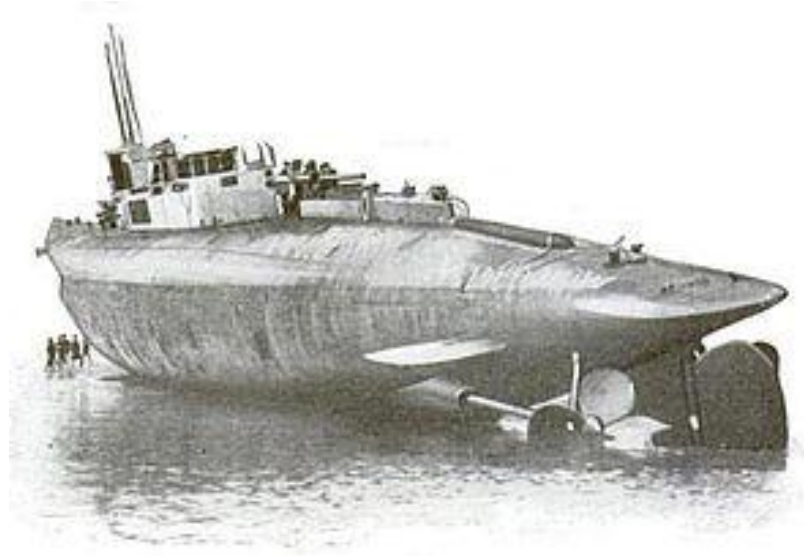
Chantilly Coles (top) and Heidi Harlow receive their awards from Lord Montevans.

Of course, many of our own Liverymen have made outstanding contributions in 2017. Our retiring Chaplain, Hugh Thomas (below), and Court Assistant, Steve Huxham (below right), for his outstanding research work, receive their awards from our retiring Master, Richard Kottler.



Liverymen and guests look on as our gallant clerk, Robert Murfin, receives his gift from Lord Montevans.

The Battle of the Isle of May Remembered



K4 beached.

The 100th Anniversary of The Battle of the Isle of May was commemorated at St Margaret Pattens Church. This commemoration was well attended by descendants of Liverymen who were lost on the submarine K4 (commissioned in 1914) when it was sunk after a collision during the battle on 31st of January 1918. The event was also attended by senior representatives of the Royal Navy.



A service was also held at St Margaret Pattens for 2nd Lieutenant Douglas Fitch. Lieutenant Fitch was the son of our longest serving Clerk, Charles Fitch (in office 1894-1924), and he was killed in action on the 16TH November 1917.

“He was a most gallant officer, beloved of his men, and his death makes a loss which is felt by us all. Throughout all the hard and dangerous work of the last few weeks your son never spared himself, and he was an example to us all.”

Lord Chartres reminds us of the importance of trust



The Clerk, Robert Murfin, the Warden to the Trade, Annette Cove, Upper Warden David Best, Lord Chartres, the Master, Alastair Watson-Gandy, Jenny Dicken, the Renter Warden Jennifer Bryant-Pearson, Lady Chartres, and the Beadle, Chris Moore.

The Rt Revd & Rt Hon Lord Chartres KCVO DD FSA was our guest of honour in March at the Clothworkers' Hall. Lord Chartres, who is the recently retired Bishop of London, addressed us on the critical importance of trust, both in the City and the world at large. This timely and eloquent reminder of how we might best conduct our affairs, fits in with the Hall's motto and the Lord Mayor's theme of building trust in the City. Following a reception, we processed to an excellent dinner in the magnificent Clothworkers' Hall. Our Court Assistant, Margarita O'Malley proposed a most humorous toast to our guests and introduced Lord Chartres. The Master, Alastair Watson-Gandy, followed Lord Chartres's address with a humorous (and admirably short) speech on his plans for the year (see below). A highly enjoyable evening concluded with the passing of the stirrup cup.



Guests enjoy pre-dinner reception drinks.

Travels of a Pattenmakers' Table Mat



On 7th February Liveryman Dr. Stephen Cribb and his wife Julie flew to Ushuaia, at the southern tip of Argentina. Here they boarded the Norwegian cruise ship, the Fram, and spent the next two weeks sailing down and around the Antarctic Peninsula achieving 68°S, the furthest south any ship had been that summer.

Dr Stephen Cribb, with the Master-elect of the Turners, holding a Pattenmakers placemat. We think it's the furthest travelled by a placemat to date, unless anyone happens to know better!

The Calendar - Upcoming Pattenmakers' Events

5th July the Summer Livery meeting is going to be a reception at Charterhouse, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6AN. Court meeting before

6th-7th July Master's weekend Eton and Windsor, staying at Cumberland Lodge in Windsor Great Park

6th September Renter Wardens' walk

12th September Common Meal TBC F&GPC meeting

26th September FM dinner at Haberdashers' Hall

10th October Young Pattenmakers' Motivational Talk

3rd October Organ Recital at St Margaret Pattens for the Organ appeal. Thanks to Rodney Tennant

11th October Court and Livery dinner at Skinners' Hall

14th November Tower of London dinner and ceremony of the Keys

20th November Whisky Tasting

23rd November Young Pattenmakers Awards dinner

13th December Carol Service at St Margaret Pattens.

10th January 2019 Stewards and Court dinner in Dyers' Hall