



The Pattenmaker

WEEKLY NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY

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From the Master Elect, Jennifer Bryant-Pearson



Welcome to our first Pattenmakers' newsletter with our brand new masthead for easy recognition in your Friday inbox!

My thanks to our Trade Warden, Annette Cove and her husband, Ian Haywood, for creating this new format for us

This week our Charity committee Chair and former Trade Warden, Jane Wilson, introduces the work of her committee and going forward, we will focus on each of the individuals and organisations that benefit from our Charitable Funding. We start this week with the Kent Army Cadets and the history of our involvement.

PM Richard Kottler will be providing us each week with wonderful extracts from the History book which will be published this year to celebrate our 350th anniversary of the Royal Charter. He gives us a bird's eye view of the Company as it is today, thus setting the scene for future historical revelations

We are also going to be covering our relationship with the City of London Corporation and the importance of the Livery movement in the City. Our own Sheriff Past Master Christopher Hayward writes about the role of the Shrievalty today – and we also cover his continuing Big Slim so please support him!

Many of you will know that Past Master Sir John Timpson is a regular business commentator and writes a weekly advice column for the Daily Telegraph. There is a link to a recent article proving advice on working from home – which some of us are still getting used to.....

To brighten up your days at home, take a look at the video of the Origins of Livery set to Gilbert and Sullivan music written by Past Lord Mayor Sir Andrew Parmley – a must view for all Pattenmakers although sadly, we are too low on the list to feature!

If you would like to keep up with the City lectures, there is now an opportunity to do so through a webinar. The next live lecture by Paul Jagger entitled "Treasures of the Livery Halls" will be held on 10th April at 6pm and repeated on 17th April at 6pm. Further details and enrolment here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/treasures-of-the-city-of-london-livery-halls-tickets-100635518545>

I hope you will enjoy your weekly read and do send us your news

Please stay safe and healthy

Best wishes

Jennifer

Past Master Richard Kottler

The Master-Elect has asked me to provide a regular piece featuring extracts from the new History Book, due to be published in the Summer and for which I am proud to be the project manager. This is the first major re-write since the original one in 1926 and the research and writing team of Assistant Steve Huxham and Liveryman Dr Stephen Cribb have devoted thousands of hours to unearthing key historical facts but also fascinating stories and new information about the Livery. We felt it would be useful to start with a bird's eye view of the Company as it stands today.



Since 1977, we have had a limit of 250 on the number of Liverymen we are allowed. There is no limit on the number of Freemen. Currently, our current structure of active members is: 213 Liverymen -110 Freemen - 12 Honorary Freemen - 27 Others including Award Winners. Total 362

This includes 26 Young Pattenmakers and 89 women. Approximately, 24% of the membership is associated with the Footwear industry and 10% with the Facilities Management sector.

The Company is governed by a Court of up to 25 members (of whom 10 are Assistants) and headed by the Master, the Upper Warden, Renter Warden and Trade Warden – all of whom are elected on an annual basis. Day to day management is in the hands of the Learned Clerk, Colonel Robert Murfin.

Policy is debated and decided at the quarterly Court Meetings using recommendations from the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

There are several other Committees and their work, especially that of the Charity Committee, will be covered in later Newsletters.

This splendid song has been written by Alderman Prof. Sir Andrew Parmley and performed by Tony Saunders, an accomplished pianist and acquaintance of the Weavers' Company. This was an idea dreamed up between the Weavers' Upper Bailiff and Sir Andrew together at a dinner. Sadly, they ran out of inspiration before reaching the Pattenmakers! https://youtu.be/CMOR7_Hi12U

View from the City

Sheriff Christopher M Hayward CC



As your proud Pattenmaker Sheriff of the City of London this year I you might be interested in the role of your Civic Team both in regular times and in these

unprecedented times for our City and Nation.

The Lord Mayor elected annually by the Livery in Common Hall and drawn from the twenty-five strong Court of Aldermen is the Civic Head of the Corporation of the City of London. He resides for his year in office at Mansion House. The political Leader is the Chairman of the Policy & Resources Committee and they work in partnership to promote London and the UK primarily as the global City for financial and professional services.

The Lord Mayor is supported by two Sheriffs (one Aldermanic, one non-Aldermanic), also elected by the Livery, both of whom reside for the year with their Consorts at the Old Bailey. The Sheriffs are responsible for the Judges welfare at the Old Bailey, entertaining them daily to lunch when the Courts are sitting.

Together the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs form the Civic Team attending numerous City, Charity and Livery events in their year as well as promoting the City for inward investment overseas. Indeed, although I have only been in office for six months, I have already carried out some 350 Civic events.

At present, during the COVID 19 virus are roles are very different. We are all working virtually from our own homes, still trying to carry out Civic leadership and local government participation through the Court of Common Council in the daily governance of our great City. To that end I was promoted just over a week ago to become the statutory Deputy Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee (Deputy Leader of the City Corporation). In that role I am working with the Chairman and Officers daily not only on prioritising the City's 'critical services' that we must continue to provide but also with wider London and National Government on the pan London response to the virus.

I send all my fellow Pattenmakers my warmest good wishes at this challenging time and I pray for your safety and good health.



In the meantime the big slim continues and here is a picture of Chris 'working out' at home. He has lost 2 stone to date. The link is below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Christopher-Hayward4>

Chair of the Charity Committee

Jane Wilson

The Charity Committee exists to administer the funds of the Charity Foundation in the form of grants and awards, on behalf of the Court or Trustees, of the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers in accordance with guidelines defined by the Court.



There are several activities at the heart of the Company's Charitable giving, these generally fall within the following categories:

Footwear
Military Affiliations
Young Managers
Education
Church
The relief of Poverty

The Charitable Foundation's principal activity today is the support of the design and bespoke production of orthopaedic shoes, particularly for injured British servicemen. The Charitable Foundation maintains very strong links with both the Defence Military Rehabilitation Centre at Stanford Hall and with bespoke shoemakers around the UK. We also support this vital area through an annual Orthopaedic Footwear Design award open to the footwear design students at De Montfort University

The Young Managers Award has existed for over 20 years to help develop talented Young Managers within the Footwear Industry. In recent years this has been expanded to include Young Managers in Facilities Management, an important segment of the membership of the Company of Pattenmakers.

Amongst other beneficiaries of the Charitable Foundation are young people. As a member of the Livery Schools Link we support London state schools with financial donations and bursaries to the City of London Schools. We are proud to part fund the education of a Chorister at St Paul's Cathedral, we support the Guildhall School of Music & Drama, and London's homeless, whilst the Pattenmakers' Guild Church of St Margaret Pattens is at the heart of our Church activities.

In keeping with Livery tradition, the Company enjoys strong affiliations with each of Her Majesty's armed services.

As a City of London Livery Company participation in City life is important. There is therefore, always support in this important area, including in particular the Lord Mayor's Annual Charity Appeal. The London Marathon is a major event and we are proud to have Young Pattenmakers regularly representing the Company in this highpoint in the fundraising calendar.

Now for our Charity of the week

Kent Army Cadets

Background

The Army Cadet Force (ACF) is a national youth organisation sponsored by the United Kingdom's Ministry of Defence and the British Army. Although sponsored by the Ministry of Defence, the ACF is not part of the British Army or Army Reserve, and as such cadets are not subject to military 'call up'. Some cadets do, however, go on to enlist in the armed forces later in life, and many of the organisation's leaders have been cadets or have a military background.



History

In 1859 the British Army was heavily committed to suppressing the Indian Mutiny which left a shortage of Armed Troops in Britain to dissuade or repel a French invasion which at the time was a very real threat. At this time the War Office made the decision to organize local Militia units (predecessors of the Territorial Army), into a nationwide Volunteer Reserve Force which it names "the Volunteers".

In 1889 renowned social reformer Octavia Hill formed the first independent Cadet Battalion in Southwark Hill considered strongly that the military context of the Volunteer Cadet Companies could be used to socialise urban youths struggling for direction, and wrote that *"There is no organisation which I have found that influences the boys so powerfully for good as our cadets ... and if such ideals can be brought before the young lad before he gets in with a gang of loafers it may make all the difference to his life"*. At this time recruitment for the Cadet Forces was limited to young men "who had passed the age of make-believe"; Hill invited a serving officer of the Derbyshire Regiment to set up the

company, and such was its popularity that its numbers had to be capped at 160 cadets.

In 1914 at the onset of World War I there was a massive expansion of the Cadet Force, at this time the War Office took back control of the organisation and administration of all Cadet Forces from their Territorial Associations and once again integrated the units into the central war effort.

At the onset of World War II the Cadet Forces supported the Home Guard at a time when there was a significant threat of German invasion, this led to the War Office in 1942 re-assuming administration of Cadet Forces which at this time consisted of the Cadet Force, Sea Cadet Corps (SCC), and the Air Training Corps (ATC) (named in 1941). When it resumed administration in 1942 the title Army Cadet Force (ACF) was bestowed upon the Cadet Force leading in 1945

In 1956 with World War II over and with national service coming to an end the government set up the Amery Committee to report on the future organisation and training of cadets. Citizenship training was one of the needs and main benefits identified. During this period all Cadet organisations including the ACF participated in a pilot scheme for The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, to date it remains one of the UK's largest operating authorities of the Award.

In 2010 the cadet movement celebrated its 150th anniversary with over 150 events in communities up and down the country, and beyond, under the banner of Cadet 150.

Structure and organisation

Most British counties have centralised cadet forces that make up the ACF as a national whole. The counties are generally split into companies, each of which includes several detachments, the name given to a unit of

cadets that parade in a particular town or village. Some battalions or Counties are affiliated with a certain Regiment or Corps within the British Army, and wear their insignia including cap badge, colour of beret and stable belt subject to individual County/Area regulations.

Why are the Pattenmakers involved?

Several years ago the Lord Mayor of London launched an initiative asking the City Livery Companies to actively support the cadet forces in London.

The Pattenmakers, (or Party Goers, as Past Lord Mayor Sir David Wootton renamed us at the Annual Mansion House Banquet), not satisfied with a detachment went for a whole County! At the time of writing Kent is the second largest County Cadet Force in the UK and their update and report follows:

Kent Army Cadet Force

Here is the update from the Commandant, Colonel Richard Long TD:

Kent Army Cadet Force continues to provide fun and challenging activities and learning with a military focus for young people aged between 12-18 in Kent and Medway. Despite operating through an unfashionable mode of learning, by rote and drills rather than through creativity and self expression, recent research led at Northampton University has proved that achievement of skills by these methods enables especially cadets who start from a position of social disadvantage to overcome it: to quote 'there is no statistically significant difference between cadets who are eFSM (eligible for free school meals) and those who are not'. This is a highlight significant finding. A link to the report appears below. The reasons for this appear to be that while eFSM children struggle to compete with their non eFSM peers through creativity and self expression, achievement of cadet star levels allows cadets to

believe in their ability to learn and so overcome social disadvantage. These social advantages can be monetised: the research shows that this translates into at least £84m per annum in terms of NHS savings and lifetime benefits alone delivered annually, but I am sure that the social benefits are priceless:

https://pure.northampton.ac.uk/ws/portalfiles/portal/8770638/What_is_the_social_impact_and_return_on_investment_resulting_from_the_expenditure_100320.pdf

Kent ACF provides these advantages to nearly 1,000 young people, boys and girls, with around 300 joining each year. I recently met two ex cadets who left us less than three years ago: both are now young army officers, one with the Regular Army (Army Air Corps) and the other with the Army Reserve (Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment). The achievements of these young people are typical of those who stay the course for the full five years, but even those who do not reach those levels can be seen to improve in terms of confidence, resilience, mental health and educational achievements; these changes are apparent to the adults who guide them during their cadet service. None of this is possible without dedicated adults and our main effort during the year has been to recruit and train new ones and to commission more officers: we are ahead of targets on both those efforts.

So, apart from the abstract stuff, I can report that we attended Annual Camp at Penally in Pembrokeshire for two weeks in August to complete the phases of training and testing carried on throughout the year. The Camp was too small for all those who wanted to come but fortunately we had held a cadre in Kent for another 50 or so senior cadets most of whom who completed their 3* testing at Easter. Penally was a great success. The weather was ideal and everyone worked together harmoniously.

This year we face financial challenges in the form of reduced and uncertain budgets, and now of course the ultimate challenge of Covid-19 and an enforced shutdown of all activity. I am directing efforts now to try to keep the team together and provide activities for cadets to follow using online

communications, so that when all this is over, we can repair the damage as quickly as possible. Wish us luck with that. We greatly appreciate the support we have received from the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers over a number of years.

Colonel Richard Long TD
Commandant Kent ACF



So there we are, the annual grant from the company enables underprivileged Cadets to attend the Annual Training Camp – ensuring no cadet is deprived attendance due to lack of funding.

You should be very proud of what your generosity achieves.

Colonel Robert Murfin TD DL
Clerk to the Company

Thank to you all for your contributions

Please send all your news to the Master Elect:

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