



The Pattenmaker

WEEKLY NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY

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From the Master Elect, Jennifer Bryant-Pearson



The support we give to servicemen and women through Stanford Hall (formerly Headley Court) is close to all our hearts and today, Past Master Stuart Lamb takes us through the

history of our original connection and our role today

Col Rhodri Phillips OBE and Lt Col Gareth Thomas were our original contacts at Headley and are still involved with us today as Honorary Freemen of the Company - see Members' section for Gareth's latest news!

Our current Lord Mayor, William Russell will be serving another year, as will our own Past Master Sheriff Hayward so our plans for an extended term for the new Wardens, once admitted, are in line with the City's plans - full details are in the City of London Corporation news

Our gallant clerk provides the fascinating background to the Leather Liveries, of which we are members and Upper Warden Elect, Sarah Leitjen is inviting members to join the Events committee

Our Editor, Liveryman Ian Balcombe provides his Photo of the Week and Liveryman Mei - Ling Rider writes us a postcard from Austria

We welcome new Liveryman Mark Jeffery and new Freeman, Simon Bolzoni in our Members' news and Assistant Clerk, Jane Foreman reminds everyone to update their listing on the website. This is even more important at this time as we want to stay closely in touch with you all

Also you can follow another lecture available remotely on Treasures of the Livery Halls as well as read the latest on our history book, Out of the Mud, from Past Master Richard Kottler

The Clerk's Quiz was a great success so read about last week's prizewinners of the Pavarotti voucher and respond quickly this week!

City of London Corporation

City's civic leadership to provide continuity



William Russell, the 692nd Lord Mayor of the City of London, will serve an additional year in office to ensure continuity of leadership during the current COVID-19 outbreak.

The Lord Mayor was initially due to step down in November 2020 after completing a one-year term, following the scheduled election of his successor this September. He will now remain in office until November 2021, subject to being formally re-elected later this year.

The Lord Mayor acts as a global ambassador for the City, leading business delegations overseas to key international markets on behalf of the UK's financial and professional services industry. He has also been strengthening ties with other cities across the country as part of the City of London Corporation's UK strategy, which aims to increase inward investment and build awareness of how London can act as a global gateway for local firms to export their products and services.

The role involves meeting government representatives from around the world, alongside business leaders and policy makers

both at home and abroad. Lord Mayor Russell has been continuing his domestic and international business engagement virtually during the current UK lockdown.

Lord Mayor William Russell (pictured to the left) said:

"In light of the exceptional circumstances presented by the Covid-19 pandemic, this extension will provide stability and continuity of civic leadership through the current crisis and the eventual recovery phase.

"We must focus all our efforts on supporting the City, London and the UK during these tough times. Everybody should continue to work together with the same spirit of community, resilience and support that has seen us through difficult times in the past.

"The City of London Corporation has taken urgent action to support businesses, workers and residents during the current crisis. We will continue to review what further support we can provide, while also laying the foundations for our eventual recovery by continuing work on key long-term challenges and opportunities such as fintech and green finance.

"The fundamental strengths of London will help us to recover and rebuild, as we have done before."

The Sheriffs of the City of London, Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli and Christopher Hayward, will also serve an extra year term until September 2021. The Sheriffs and the Senior Alderman Below The Chair, Vincent Keaveny, support the Lord Mayor in his or her civic duties while also helping to promote the UK as a place to do business.

Sheriff Chris Hayward



Together with gift aid, he has now raised nearly £14,000 which is amazing. So far, he has lost 31.5 lbs of his 46 lbs target and continues to work towards the goal. He is very appreciative of the generous support that he has received.

The Leathery Livery Group By the Clerk

As many of you will be aware many Livery Companies group themselves into unofficial associations, for example the “woody” Companies, “Metal Bashers”, the “Wet 10 (of which there are actually 13!), the Financial Services group, Building and Allied Trades, “Foodies” and the Modern Companies. Paul Jagger tells us in his excellent book “The Freeman’s Guide” that “There is talk of forming a Binary Group of Livery Companies (those with the following orders of precedence in decimal: 1, 10, 11, 100, 101, which will combine three of the Great Twelve Companies with three of the newest. When the 111th Livery Company takes its place in the order of precedence this binary group will admit no new members until the 1000th Livery Company!” The oldest of these associations is the Leathery Group. It actually is just for the Clerks of the Leathery Companies who meet from time to time and lunch annually in November. Occasionally there are events and activities when Masters and Prime Wardens are invited, most notably the York Guilds Weekend when we are all



hosted by the Cordwainers of York in May each year (but not this year!). The Leathery Group comprises:

COACH MAKERS AND COACH HARNESS MAKERS were founded by Royal Charter in 1677 by King Charles II. They are closely involved with modern day industrial sectors – automotive and aerospace as well as the ongoing craft of coach making.

CORDWAINERS are shoemakers, originally highly skilled craftsmen who used the finest goatskin leather from Cordoba in Spain. The Company dates back to 1272, and the first Charter in 1439 licensed Cordwainers to control the shoe trade within the City of London.

CURRIERS A Currier is a specialist in the leather industry. Currying is one of the ancient and essential leather processes of cleaning, scraping, stretching and finishing hides, by oiling, waxing or colouring to the desired surface finish after the tanning process. The Company has a history, dating from 1272. Nothing to do with Ruby Murray.

GIRDLEERS The Girdlers were granted the right to regulate their trade in the City from 1327 and obtained a Royal Charter in 1449. Girdlers, or makers of belts and girdles, are no longer closely related to their original trade.

GLOVERS were originally classified as Cordwainers, but formed their own organization in 1349. They received a Royal Charter in 1639. They retain close links to their original trade. A ceremonial link is still maintained as they present the Sovereign with gloves at the coronation.

LEATHERSELLERS originate from the latter part of the fourteenth century and received their Royal Charter in 1444, and thereby is

the senior leather industry-related City Livery Company.

LORINERS were of makers of metal parts for bridles, harnesses, spurs and other horse apparel. Their first ordinances originate from 1261, which predate those of any other existing livery company, its current ordinances were issued in 1741. The company was incorporated by a royal charter of 171.

PATTENMAKERS Us!

We were recently approached by the Butchers who said they should join the group as without them there wouldn't be any leather at all! This request is still under consideration!

The focus of the Leathery group, aside of support to the Leather Industry, is heavily on education particularly tertiary education and apprenticeships.

. . . and, of course, a jolly good luncheon!

LOCKDOWN LECTURES These continue on Friday 24th April at 6pm (also on Friday 1st May) with a lecture titled **Heraldry of the City of London and its Livery Companies** - an exploration of the City's spectacular array of corporate and personal arms. Full details and enrolment may be found at <https://cityarms.eventbrite.co.uk/>

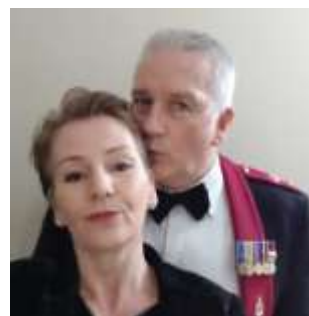
Members' News

Lt Colonel (Retd) Gareth Thomas

Gareth retired from the Army last year following the successful move of DMRC Headley Court to its new Location at Stanford Hall near Loughborough. Following 3 months of travelling in India and the Far East he returned to his clinical roots and is now working as a senior physiotherapist at Kendrew Barracks with responsibility for

care of the soldiers of 2nd Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment (The Poachers).

As the lead for the DMRC project he decided to relocate to Loughborough and met Fiona Maclean, a logistics assistant with TNT Fashion whilst celebrating a Welsh Rugby Grand Slam. They have been together for 5 years and Fiona is now a Civil Servant at Stanford Hall with responsibility for medical supplies and recently moved into their dream house in rural Leicestershire with views overlooking Bradgate Park.



On March 13th in Koh Lanta Thailand, Gareth and Fiona became engaged and celebrated both his 59th birthday and their engagement

with cocktails, bubbly and beer!

Our new Honorary Treasurer Stephen Etheridge

Apologies to Stephen – in last week's newsletter the following paragraph was inadvertently missed in the process.

I am Non-Executive Chairman of two companies one of whom has been very badly affected by the current events and has over 200 employees. A week last Monday, we had a long video and telephone conference call board meeting to agree on the scale of layoffs via a programme of furloughing. Not at all easy with a deep sense of responsibility and in my case a strong need to show calmness, support and constructive leadership to the Executive team.

When I had finished and I admit, feeling slightly drained, a message popped up in my inbox from a good friend and very eminent

businessman with much bigger roles, responsibilities and problems than mine. The mail said that it was important to remember there was always someone around to talk to, being conscious that running anything can sometimes be a lonely place. He would therefore be checking on and keeping in touch with a group of friends regularly and encouraged us all to do the same. He asked how I was, how the family was and how business was, which really said a lot about him both as a man and a character. He signed off by asking if I could recommend a good breakfast wine! Classic!

Keep well and stay safe. Stephen

New Freeman Simon Bolzoni



I was born and raised in London and I have worked on the luxury side of the fashion industry for about 20 years. This has included creating and running my

own clothing label and design studio, manufacturing and wholesaling in the UK and overseas. Early experience as a buyer sparked my fascination in traditional English footwear, specifically London's bespoke shoemaking craft existing in a small number of West-End bootmakers.

In 2006 I began training as apprentice bespoke Lastmaker at Foster & Son, London's oldest bootmaker, under Master Lastmaker Terry Moore.

Today I am the head Lastmaker and Managing Director of the company.

In my time at Foster's I have focussed on the development of the business, our offering and the brand identity. In August 2018 I created a new department in our Jermyn Street workshop specialising in handmade

leather goods, employing a small team of craftsmen in addition to our bespoke shoemaking team. Then in October 2018 we opened our own state of the art Northampton ready to wear shoe factory, the first of its kind in living memory. This now brings all of our manufacturing in-house. As well as running the business I am directly responsible for the design and development of all of our products and branding.

New Liveryman Mark Jeffery

Mark Jeffery is co-founder, along with his business partner Guy West, in 1987 at the age



of 22 of the footwear designer and retailer Jeffery-West. Mark also currently sits on the board of trustees for The Footwear Benevolent Society, Footwear Friends.

Picture shows Mark on the left with his brother David after running the 2019 Marathon for the Pattenmakers.

Mark's family has long been associated with the footwear trade in Northamptonshire and Mark began his footwear career as a management trainee at the family owned boot and shoemaking business, T & C Partridge of Earls Barton. William Thomas Jeffery, Mark's great grandfather, saved the business from closure during the depression of the 1930's. At Partridge's Mark progressed through all departments before deciding on pattern cutting and design. T & C Partridge sadly ceased manufacturing in 1986 after 110 years however the Thomas Partridge brand has been re-established in partnership with fellow Pattenmaker Paul Bennett.

Mark lives in the Northamptonshire countryside with his wife, Kirsty and their two sons, William, and Edward. William is about to graduate with a degree in geography from Bristol University and Edward is studying for his A-Levels at Uppingham School. Mark's hobbies include long distance running, he has run the London Marathon twice for the Pattenmakers (2017 & 2019), golf and cricket as well as skiing and travel. He enjoys a good hotel buffet breakfast and believes life's too short to drink cheap wine.

Postcard from Abroad

Liveryman Mei-Ling Rider

Austria has been our home now for over 4 years, although our levels of German may not demonstrate this!

I came to Salzburg, the home of everyone's favourite singing nun, to head up Advertising for Red Bull, a global brand with its HQ in a tiny lakeside village just outside of the city. Initially a dramatic change in the pace of life for myself and my South African husband Leslie, both coming from music industry jobs in London, we quickly settled into a life that has allowed us winters full of snowboarding and summers on the lakes.

Traditional Austrian dress (trachten) quickly become the norm for us when wanting to blend in at calendar highlights such as Maibaum on May 1. It's great to see tradition fully embraced by young and old across the country! We even have lederhosen Fridays at Red Bull and my 11 month old daughter Marlowe was given a dirndl just after she was born.



Daily life has taken quite a different turn recently. In a country where nature and sport are at the core of our daily lives, lockdown has been a testing but necessary time to curb this

pandemic. Having returned to Red Bull only 2 weeks prior, the lockdown came as a surreal extension to my recent maternity leave. Now the shift to not only working again, but working from home with the family, whilst trying to market a global brand through a pandemic has become the daily (exciting) challenge. Luckily the sun is shining on the snow-capped mountains making the daily wander through the empty streets of Salzburg Altstadt with my family and crazy spaniel Holmes something very special indeed.

Events Committee

Upper Warden Elect

Sarah Leijten



As I sit here in sunny-ish West Berkshire, I hope that you and yours are keeping safe and well. I know that for all of us this is an unusual time in every way. I have my daughter, also a Freeman of the Company, nearing the end of her second year at drama school and now in taking part in remote learning provided by the school which started this week. Quite how they will come up with a way to perform *The Tempest* as a cast remotely, remains to be seen! Our family springer spaniel, who thinks that any surviving pheasant is now hers to chase and

now has more opportunities than she's ever had to do so – all of us wanting to take our hourly exercise slots at different times; and a husband who is catching up on lots of those jobs one never gets round to doing.

For my part, working in the education sector as I do, life has been extraordinarily busy. Not only have all interactions now gone on-line and are being delivered remotely (not something we ever thought possible to this extent), we have an upper sixth year group who feel 'robbed', as some have put it, by not being able to take their exams.

I have put the question to them that they may well get asked in the future of 'What did you do in the 2020 pandemic that made a difference?' Also I have been spending my time preparing a full Bridging Programme of options for them to choose from to get involved in from week one of term. This ranges from learning a new skill, studying something new, entering the world of work/volunteering, continuing to prepare for life as an adult e.g. personal finance etc. I could go on. I do think though that this a question that many of us are asking ourselves – and I am certain that many of our Members are involved in activities that can provide some amazing answers to that question. It would be wonderful to hear about some of them if any of you feel you can share your stories!

As we go to print, we also had a list of super, lower key more informal events planned for the coming year e.g. the visit to the College of Arms, a visit to Forman's Smokery in the East End to name a couple. Rest assured that these will all be re-arranged and full programme will be put in place once we resume. One to report on though was the hugely successful Champagne Tasting that took place in March some weeks before the lock down. All those who attended had a

wonderful time, learnt and lot and tasted some outstanding bubbly in the process. This was organised by Harlan Lunn and I know that all felt this was something to be repeated; and hopefully more of you will be able to join us when it is. I would like to throw out a request for the Events Committee: we are going to be looking for a new Chairman of the committee in the next few months so if anyone has some spare time and would like to chat to me about it please do get in touch. In addition, if anyone would like to be actively involved and sit on the committee – again we would love to hear from you.

For now, stay safe and well – until the next update from rural Berks.

Our Charitable Fund

Bespoke Orthopaedic Footwear Past Master Stuart Lamb



During these challenging times when we find ourselves apart from one another it seemed an appropriate time to reflect on the good that we have been able to achieve when we come together as a

Livery.

It is many years ago that Liveryman Michael Illingworth, Past Master Ian Scarr-Hall and Past Master Raymond Sancroft-Baker developed the exceptional idea of providing assistance to children with walking impediments in the form of Bespoke Orthopaedic shoes. Clearly this initiative was entirely appropriate given the Pattenmakers heritage of making footwear to meet special

needs. Shortly after the Fund came into being, Past Master Richard Paice was passed the baton and has been the catalyst in making Orthopaedic shoes a key part of the Pattenmakers Charitable work.

Bill Bird Shoes and Philip the Cordwainer are both very committed to the art of making bespoke orthopaedic shoes and we have worked with them both for many years to assist patients by making grants towards the cost of these bespoke shoes. Past Master Philip Saunderson invited our Patron HRH Duke of Gloucester to visit Liveryman Bill Bird's workshop in the Cotswolds and this was an experience that triggered an idea from the Patron that was to have a profound impact on the lives of many of our servicemen and women and by extension many of us who have been involved in realising this idea. .

During the writer's year as Master in 2010 our Learned Clerk and I were invited to Kensington Palace for a discussion with HRH the Patron in connection with his role as Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Army Medical Corps and a possible link to our Orthopaedic Footwear initiative. We were joined by Lt Col Gareth Thomas who at that time was the Assistant Director of Defence Rehabilitation at Headley Court, which was then the principle MOD Rehab facility for the UK.

The Patron wanted us to explore how the Pattenmakers might be able to assist servicemen who had been injured in the Middle East conflicts. As a background to this visionary idea some 7500 British servicemen were injured in Iraq and Afghanistan from 2001 to 2014 of which 43% were blast injuries to extremities. The overwhelming effect of improvised explosive devices (IEDs) is to cause traumatic injuries to legs and particularly feet.

We were subsequently invited to Headley Court, were hugely impressed by the facilities and saw first-hand how The Pattenmakers Charity might be able to assist these patients, all of whom are modern day heroes.

It was then a huge team effort to bring this idea into being. With the dedicated help of the staff at Headley Court, particularly Lt Col Gareth Thomas and Lt Col Rhodri Philip, Bill Bird Shoes completed a pair of bespoke orthopaedic shoes for our first referral ,Captain Edmund Addington. Ed had been days from the end of a tour in Afghanistan in 2009 when, whilst leading a platoon of young soldiers, a bomb exploded underneath his fighting vehicle leaving him severely wounded. He was admitted to Selly Oak Hospital and then Headley Court, where he pursued recovery with great determination of spirit.

Ed's story is typical of the courage all the referrals made to us from Headley Court have shown. Since 2011 Bill Bird Shoes have made a further 3 pairs of bespoke orthopaedic shoes for Ed to allow him to follow his pursuits including special shoes made for running and orienteering.

It has been a wonderful privilege for the Pattenmakers to be able to assist Ed and other heroes of Headley Court. Sgt Major Bernie Broad who went on to Captain the Invictus Games for injured and disabled servicemen; Rory MacKenzie, who lost a leg in Afghanistan and after months of rehab rowed the Atlantic with 4 other disabled servicemen. Jon White who lost 3 limbs when, leading a troop in Afghanistan, he stepped on a pressure plate. Since 2010 Jon has sought new challenges and in 2012 he and his colleague completed the Devizes to Westminster Kayak race and were awarded the Gluckstein trophy. Jon also took on the supervision to build a family home, an

incredible effort chronicled by Channel 4's Grand Design programme. Major Guy Disney, a veteran of Afghanistan, overcame the amputation of his right leg, became the first jockey with a prosthetic limb to compete at Sandown over the fences and two years later won the race wearing a pair of bespoke orthopaedic riding boots made by Bill Bird Shoes and donated by the Pattenmakers.

These are just a few examples of the many servicemen and women who we have been able to help by providing footwear specifically designed to help compensate for their walking impediments. They are all heroes who have given a great deal in service of our country but what we are providing is not simply a pair of shoes. For each of these servicemen and women they represent something more than that. Whether it be the ability to once again wear appropriate footwear with formal military dress or to climb back on a horse with a pair of riding boots on – they represent a simple but often profound means of overcoming the scars that service has left them with.

Bespoke orthopaedic shoes are handmade and each pair is unique. Our way of working is for our makers Bill and Phil to refer cases to us where a potential customer has a real need for bespoke shoes but cannot afford the cost. We then make grants available of usually around 50% towards the cost of the shoes and encourage the patient to ask family and friends to assist with the balance. However the Pattenmakers felt it was right that referrals from Headley Court should be given the shoes absolutely free of charge. As a pair of bespoke orthopaedic shoes cost on average £2500 and much more for specialist items such as riding boots it is small wonder that our Charitable Foundation has given almost £150,000 to cover these costs in the last few years.

Headley Court was first used as a Rehabilitation Centre after World War II however the facility was closed in 2018 when the MOD moved the Centre to a £300m new facility at Stanford Hall in Nottinghamshire.

The project to convert **Stanford Hall** to a new ultra-modern Rehabilitation Centre was commenced with the benefit of a gift of £50m from HRH the late Gerald Duke of Westminster. It is a state of the art facility benefiting from the latest biomechanical technology as well as a large section to rehabilitate patients suffering from PTSD.

It was a mammoth task to transfer patients, staff and equipment from Headley to Stanford and when I was able to visit the new facility it was great to meet Lt Col Gareth Thomas once again who was given the overall responsibility for the transfer. The other close contact who makes the key decisions on when a patient might be suitable for a pair of orthopaedic shoes is Lt Col Rhodri Philip who has transferred from Surrey to Nottinghamshire.

Consequently we continue to have the same close cooperation with the team at Stanford Hall as we had previously with Headley Court and I feel enormously privileged to have been involved with the project from the beginning and that we as a livery have been able to play such an important role in the lives of so many servicemen and women in the past and will in the future.

When the Pattenmakers come together once again, in what I hope and believe will be the not too distant future, we can do so in the knowledge that as a Company we continue to have a unique platform and ability to improve the lives of others.

History Book

Past Master Richard Kottler



Out of the Mud

Here is the first of a few vignettes from the forthcoming Book. At a time when many of us are missing watching or participating in sport, here is a story of the Livery's most famous sporting hero - PM Alfred Baker.

We are indebted to Assistant Steve Huxham for discovering the tale.

Fast Past Master & Pass Master for England (class of 1870)

When No doubt all City Livery Companies can lay claim to a notable number of famous Members throughout their histories, and the Pattenmakers are no exception. However, we do have at least one unique claim to fame – a Past Master who scored the first goal for England in arguably the first international football match ever, against Scotland in 1870.

This was our own Alfred Joseph Baker, who was Master of the Company in 1890-91.

Born on the 10th February 1846 in Willesden, and almost within “striking” distance of Wembley, the modern home of the English game, Alfred's parents were Henry Baker and his wife Margaret. Henry's trade was as an auctioneer, a profession that Alfred

followed to great success throughout his adult life.

Alfred was educated at Rugby and evidently showed prowess at sports and athletics from an early age. Football as we know it today was of course in its infancy, but as it happened the foundations of the game were being established locally in North West London by notable figures including the young stockbroker Arthur Pember, who became the first Chairman of the Football Association in 1863. He had formed the No Names Club of Kilburn in that same year. The name is thought to be a play on words from Pember's profession, where investors are known as “Names.”

These were interesting and formative times for the sport; although football in various forms had been played for many years there was no agreed version of the rules. In October 1863, a letter to The Times sparked a debate about establishing a universal code and the first meeting of the Football Association was held on the 26th of the month. Further meetings followed, with the main issue being whether the ball could be carried or not. Ironically, Alfred's alma mater, Rugby, and the other public schools were opposed to no carrying, but Pember and his colleagues pushed ahead to say that under the FA rules players could not carry the ball and that hacking and tripping were not allowed. This effectively distinguished rugby from football.

Along with No Names Kilburn, Alfred was also a member of the famous Wanderers club, for which he made his debut on 12th November 1864, aged 18. Founded as Forest Football Club in 1859, and comprised mainly of former public school pupils, it was another famous founding member of the FA, changing the name because of the owner's

decision not to have its own ground but to become a "wandering team" with no home ground. Under the new name, the first match of 1864 was in fact against No Names Kilburn. In total, Alfred made 58 appearances for Wanderers and scored 15 goals.



Past Master Alfred Joseph Baker. From the Company's Album held at St Margaret Pattens Church.

Aside from football, we should note that the young Alfred was also a champion athlete. He won the 100-yard dash at the 1870 AAA Championships, an achievement in which he "raised himself to the first rank of sprint runners" according to a contemporary account.

However, we must return to arguably Alfred Baker's most memorable sporting achievement. In 1870, he was selected to represent England against a Scottish side in the first of a series of five matches between the two countries. There has always been some contention as to how "official" these matches were as they were organised by the FA without Scottish input, their team comprising of those with Scottish roots living in London, and who answered an advert in *The Field* magazine of 22nd January 1870.

So it was that on a cold and windy afternoon of the 5th March 1870, the teams lined up as follows at Kennington Oval:
England: Charles Alcock (Old Harrovians,

captain), Edward Bowen (Wanderers), Alfred Baker (No Names), William Butler (Barnes), Parry Crake (Harrow School), Evelyn Freeth (Civil Service), Edgar Lubbock (Old Etonians), Alexander Nash (Clapham Rovers), Julio Smith (Crusaders), Alfred Thornton (Old Harrovians), Walpole Vidal (Westminster School).

Scotland: James Kirkpatrick (Civil Service, captain), Arthur Kinnaird (Crusaders), William H Gladstone MP (Old Etonians), Robert Crawford (Harrow School), Charles Baillie-Hamilton (Civil Service), William Baillie-Hamilton (Old Harrovians), William Lindsay (Old Wykehamists), John Wingfield Malcolm MP (London Scottish Rifles), Kenneth Muir Mackenzie (Old Carthusians), George Gordon (No Names), Alexander Morten (Crystal Palace).

It will be noted that the Scottish team included two MPs, one of whom was the son of the sitting Prime Minister!

After another change of ends, England pressed for an equaliser, but the Scots held firm until the final minute. At this stage Alfred Baker intervened and set off on a "brilliant run" as *The Scotsman* newspaper put it, to dribble through the Scots defence to score, or as the paper put it "effected the surrender of the Scottish goal. The world's first football international thus ended in a 1-1 draw.

Baker's effort was described in the *Sporting Gazette* at the time as:

"one of the finest runs that have ever been witnessed"

Alfred Baker kept his place for the next two games. The next on 19th November 1870 resulted in a 1-0 victory for England thanks to an early goal from Robert Sandilands Frowd Walker. In this one Alfred came close to

scoring once, and had a goal disallowed. He kicked off for his final England match on the 25th February 1871, a game which resulted in a 1–1 draw with goals from Walker again, and Charles Nepean for Scotland.

Sadly, the story of Alfred Baker has a tragic and somewhat poignant ending. After hurrying to catch a train at Willesden Junction station on 3rd January 1900, he collapsed and died on reaching the platform. After so many notable achievements in his life, he was still only 53 years old.

Editors Note: *You may be interested in the Netflix series – The English Game. Written by Julian Fellowes of Downton and Belgravia fame. This covers the transition of Football from amateur to professional status and starts in the late 1870s and so complements this article nicely.*

Photo of the Week

Photograph provided by Liveryman Ian Balcombe



Our daily walk is 5 minutes down the road to our local village – St John’s Wood. Having gone the length of the High Street, and seeing neighbours and friends – whilst social distancing, we come to St John’s Wood Park and at the southern end is always a magnificent floral display, provided by Westminster City Council. Looking immediately behind me from where the

photograph was taken, I can also keep an eye on the progress of the new stands being built at Lord’s Cricket Ground. Going around the park brings back happy memories of taking our grown up son there as a toddler. The lockdown and therefore lack of traffic means that the air quality at present, is as good as the countryside.

To include your Photo of the week: please email to the Editor: ianbalc@gmail.com

Message from the Assistant Clerk:
Please can I remind you to check that your details are up to date on the Members’ page. If you require any assistance with this please email me: assistantclerk@pattenmakers.co.uk

Don’t forget to enter our quiz on the last page..

The Clerk's Quiz of the Week

The Answer to last week's question was
A Christmas Carol - BOB CRATCHIT

There was a dilemma last week and it has been decided that there will be three winners this first week:

The fastest answer was from

Past Master **Tim Watts** at 0853hrs Friday

but there was a typo so, pedantically, the first accurate answer was from

Assistant **Steve Huxham**

A voucher is also awarded to **Raymond Lewis** who said he thought it was the Clerk

Each question is about our City and the answer will be within or about the square mile. The first reader to send me an email clerk@pattenmakers.co.uk with the correct answer will receive a £10 voucher redeemable against any Pattenmakers' products

This Week's Question . . .

What do Aethelred the Unready, John Donne, Alexander Fleming and Horatio Nelson have in common?

Remember first email received wins a Pavarotti voucher

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