



# The Pattenmaker

WEEKLY NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY

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## From the Master Elect, Jennifer Bryant-Pearson



Following on from last week's newsletter when we began the story of our members who are involved in the fight against coronavirus, we have a report from the front line

Past Mistress Hilary Andrews takes us through her diary of returning to nursing after 17 years beginning with the application process through to shift duty on the ICU.

Others will be providing their personal experiences over the coming weeks as our members play their role in the unfolding pandemic.

Trade Warden Elect, Liveryman Martin Pickard has been putting his Facility Management ((FM) skills to good use in leading a working party for the Stanford Hall fundraising project which we hope to undertake, with your help, over the coming year. We have set a target for our 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary to raise £35000 and together with time and resources to be given pro bono by our FM members, we hope to transform the dull entrance corridor into a vibrant and

welcoming Escape Café for patients and staff. Martin outlines these exciting plans in his article below.

Our Fundraising Chairman, Liveryman Keith Glennister will be spearheading this fundraising and is asking for your support as we take this forward, as well as continuing to support our Trade events with sponsorship and donations.

Photo of the week is supplied by Liveryman Lesley Exley who is also a member of the Fundraising committee.

We welcome two new Freeman, Zoe Chowney and Nigel Heldreich in our Members' News section and our Postcard from the United States is written by Ernest Bartol from Long Island, New York.

Our charitable fund activity this week gives an insight into the work of 101 Regiment and our Editor, Liveryman Ian Balcombe gives his view on the annual sheep drive over Tower Bridge (but maybe not this year!) which raises substantial funds for the Lord Mayor's Charity and the Charitable Trust of the Worshipful Company of Woolmen.

The City of London column provides more details about the Freedom ceremony and the current changes during Covid-19 - we have a

number of Freeman planning to apply for their Freedom of the City of London so take note of our Clerk's advice!

Finally, we are very pleased to see the increase in the number of letters to the Editor and we publish some of those responses this week including the most beautiful bluebell photograph from Sharon Judge. Don't forget about the Quiz and the Pavorotti vouchers for winners!

I hope that by the time we write next week's newsletter, we will all know more about the government plans and gradual lockdown changes so that we can begin the planning for us all to meet again.

Enjoy your bank holiday and keep safe!

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## **Stanford Hall Community Lounge Project**

### **Trade Warden Elect Martin Pickard**



In a previous newsletter Past Master Stuart Lamb gave us a fascinating insight into the relationship between the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers and the Defence Military

Rehabilitation Centre originally at Headley court and now at Stanford Hall. The donation over the last few years of almost £150,000 to provide orthopaedic footwear for injured servicemen is a proud achievement though a humble contribution compared to the service given to the nation by our armed forces.

The development of Stanford Hall and the relocation of the DMRC from Berkshire to Loughborough were Facilities Management projects on a grand scale and the talk given on the subject by Freeman Lt Col Gareth Thomas

at our 2018 FM and Built Environment Dinner captured the imaginations of Pattenmakers from that sector who were quick to ask how they could help. That was the beginning of a new charity initiative that will become reality over the next eighteen months.

Following the dinner, a group of us led by Master Elect Jennifer Bryant-Pearson visited Stanford Hall to tour the impressive new facility and to meet with Freeman Group Captain Teresa Griffiths before she relinquished her role as Commanding Officer at the DMRC. While touring the site she showed us a lounge area and café which she explained did not meet the needs of patients, staff or visitors and the idea of a new way for the Pattenmakers to support the DMRC was born.

The Master Elect is keen that we should create something lasting and valuable to celebrate the 350<sup>th</sup> year of the Company holding a Royal Charter and the DMRC, while being genuinely grateful for the superb new facility they now occupy, have a space that needs to be redesigned and repurposed for the benefit of its users. Meanwhile among our Members we have project managers, quantity surveyors, service contractors and designers with all the skills and contacts needed to effect such a transformation.

A working party was formed, and a second visit took place where we met with the new Commanding Officer, Captain Alison Hofman and RSM Rob Aspinall along with several of the patients and other staff members. We met in the area concerned which serves multiple purposes as a café, corridor, entrance hall, informal meeting area and community lounge as well as providing somewhere away from wards and treatment areas where residents can meet with family and friends. Unfortunately, it looks just like a corridor in a

military hospital and so does not meet any of those needs very effectively.



Our vision is to create what we are currently calling 'The Escape Café', a place where patients, visitors and staff alike can feel free and normal. A casual space that provides a wide range of opportunities to sit, chat and relax within the grounds of this amazing facility. The DMRC has some incredible people. We believe they deserve a space that feels normal, where they can come together and simply enjoy the atmosphere or chat over a cup of coffee. We want the Escape Cafe to be a place where people should just feel normal. No more, no less.

Our vision is to create a space that not only looks beautiful but also has hidden benefits, both physically and psychologically, to gently get the best out of everyone that visits the space. It will be designed with different needs in mind providing areas that support both physical and cognitive injury and allowing people to find the space that best supports their needs and challenges.

In many senses the Escape Cafe will be part of the rehab process but subconsciously.

In order to make the Escape Cafe a special place to be a range of seven zones will be created. Each of these zones provide a different "moment in time" for users allowing

them to select the best zone to suit their mood and needs. Called the TV Lounge, Work Zone, Coffee Shop, Piazza, Lodge, Gym and Games Room - each zone will be differently styled and furnished to serve different uses and abilities.

This may sound ambitious, and it is, but there is a real need and the Pattenmakers can help to get the project started both through fundraising and by using the skills and resources of our FM and property members and contacts. We were hoping to get started on site this summer but unfortunately the pandemic has scuppered those plans. However, design work is continuing and we will be ready to get going once the current crisis has passed. Look out for our fundraising appeals coming soon and be ready to support our friends at DMRC once more.

## Chairman of Fund-Raising Committee Liveryman Keith Glennister



I hope that you are managing to remain well and keeping safe at home during this difficult time.

As Chair of the Fund raising committee, we are looking to boost our funds on different events and projects we are planning for this year (and next).

Please can I ask any members of the livery who can assist with any of our events to contact me.

You can help by sponsorship of an event or donating to the Stanford Hall community lounge project for which the Trade Warden Elect has provided details in this newsletter.

We are also looking for auction prizes or donations for our major fund raising event (new date to be announced when possible) and I look forward to your support.

Current events planned are as follows but subject to change due to the restrictions through covid-19:

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| <b>FM Dinner:</b>                        | 29th October 2020-             |
| <b>Lord Mayors Show 2020</b>             | 14 <sup>th</sup> November 2020 |
| <b>Young Pattenmakers dinner</b>         | 27th November 2020.            |
| <b>Young Managers Award presentation</b> | at the YP dinner               |

Special Fundraiser event for Stanford Hall – we are working on the details and our Master Elect is hoping to raise £35k in this 350th anniversary year of the Royal Charter.

This is a very special project for our livery and the exciting transformation at Stanford Hall has been planned by Liveryman and Trade Warden Elect Martin Pickard with FM

support. We are looking for any fund raising ideas or donations to support this unique and very important project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you can help and support Fund raising for the our Livery Charities. [keith.glennister@outlook.com](mailto:keith.glennister@outlook.com)

## City of London Corporation

### From the Fellowship of Clerks Livery Kitchen Initiative Update

By way of an update there are now three Livery kitchens delivering 300 ready meals per day to Bart's Royal London Hospital from Monday 27 April. The three kitchens led by the Drapers along with the Grocers, Merchant Taylors and City caterer Party Ingredients. The group is aiming to increase deliveries up to 500 meals per day. Participating companies have injected substantial lump sums and it is hoped that they will have the capacity to engage with another hospital, possibly Bart's Smithfield for up to 200 per day from the middle of May. The increasing capacity is slightly ahead of plan and there is confidence that 500 meals per day for Royal London will occur in two weeks. Smaller donations are still sought for hospital food storage and heating appliances. Contact Richard Winstanley at [mail@thedrapers.co.uk](mailto:mail@thedrapers.co.uk)

### Freedom of the City Applications From the Clerk of the Chamberlain's Court, Murray Craig

The Chamberlain's Court is currently closed so no ceremonies or application interviews are taking place. My team and I are working from home so can be contacted by email [murray.craig@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:murray.craig@cityoflondon.gov.uk) or by the telephone number: 020 7332 3055 which is transferring to my mobile number

For the duration of this crisis as an alternative to face to face interviews we are permitting the Livery to apply by post or via email. Payment of the fee can be made by cheque or bank transfer.

In addition virtual Freedom Ceremonies are taking place. Please contact the Clerk by email: [clerk@pattenmakers.co.uk](mailto:clerk@pattenmakers.co.uk) if either of the above affects you.

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## Sheep Drive

### Liveryman Ian Balcombe



One of the privileges of being a Freeman is to drive sheep in to the City of London. There are a number of theories and legends as to why this is but the consensus of opinion is that it derives from the days when Freemen could bring their goods including Sheep in to the City without paying a Bridge Toll. With motor traffic increasing in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century the Sheep Drive went in to abeyance, and was revived in 2013 when I took part with other Pattenmakers including the Master at that time Simon Goodman. I can now claim to have driven Sheep over London Bridge – but have to admit that the Sheep are provided with someone who knows what they are doing, together with Animal Welfare Officers, Health and Safety Officers, Metropolitan and City Police, as well as Army Cadets who keep everything moving smoothly, and of course organised by the Worshipful Company of Woolmen. It seems a shame to spoil a good story with these details. I was informed in great seriousness that I could go in Fancy Dress but could not dress as someone who I was not entitled to be. So I could not dress as a

Field Marshall as I was not one – and so I dressed as my best impression of Gentleman Farmer (my apologies to any who are) together with my Livery Medal. My young (at the time) son could not believe that that such an event was taking place and came along with my wife for the occasion. The press photographers were out in force and a picture appeared in the papers the next day questioning as to whether the Sheep got as far as the Baarbican. The Clerk organised a suitable venue for lunch and the whole event was terrific fun, raising considerable funds for Charity. If the opportunity arises, anyone who has not taken part and is entitled to do so, should do.



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## Lockdown Lectures

This week there is the 3rd in the series of lectures on the topic of 'Customs and Ceremonies of the City of London'. It will be a generous nod to the work of Dr George Williamson, author of *Curious Survivals*, which was published in 1921 and records the many curious traditions extant in the United Kingdom. His book opens with the City and says there is no place on earth where so many curious habits have been preserved. Since his time the variety of customs have only increased!

The lecture will be held on Friday 8th and 15th of May at 6pm: Enrolment at: [citycustoms.eventbrite.co.uk](https://citycustoms.eventbrite.co.uk)

The first in the series of lectures 'Treasures of the Livery Halls' will be repeated on Friday 22nd May at 6pm: Enrolment at: [liveryhalltreasures.eventbrite.co.uk](http://liveryhalltreasures.eventbrite.co.uk)

### From Gresham College

They have a lecture programme available on current subjects and also in respect of lectures about places and history of London they have just released a [London Lockdown Playlist](#). There are 75 Gresham lectures on the list.

## Members' News

### New Freeman Zoe Chowney



I am very grateful for the warm welcome that I have received on becoming a Freeman of the Company, and I hope that you and your families are all keeping safe and well and not going too stir-crazy with the

lockdown.

I grew up in Bisley, Surrey within earshot of the rifle ranges there and still fondly remember the crack of bullets breaking the summer air whilst playing in the garden as a child. My parents still live in this same house that they bought in 1969 for the princely sum of £5,850...oh, how times have changed!

After qualifying as an accountant within public practice I joined insurance giant AIG where I travelled full-time, covering Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean. It was such an amazing experience to see so much of the world, travel in luxury and be paid for the pleasure!

I have spent the last 20 plus years as a serial technology entrepreneur having founded,

grown and exited a number of tech companies. I now run [taxrelief.biz](http://taxrelief.biz) which helps a wide range of companies maximise their Research and Development tax credit opportunities.

I am blessed with two wonderful sons, Oscar (14) and Lucas (11). My lovely Colombian fiancé, Sandra (who many of you may have already met) and I were due to get married on a beach in Valencia this June, followed by honeymooning in Vietnam; however, the current difficulties have caused this to be postponed until next summer – never mind...just gives us another year to look forward to it!

### New Freeman Nigel Heldreich



I was born in Allestree, Derbyshire, and come from a long line of artists and craftsmen, who have worked in the county for more than 200 years, making everything from musical instruments to clocks, and chandeliers, as well

as caring for the furniture of the aristocracy. This family tradition was set by my direct forbear Baron Theodore Otto Alexander Heldreich, who set up the first varnish making company in Ashbourne, Derbyshire in 1805. I live with my wife Jill and daughter Elizabeth only a few miles away from Ashbourne in a small village called Kirk Langley.

My company, Wheathills has a loyal client base from all over the globe and I head a team that includes digital artists, cabinet makers, marquetry artists, gilders, French polishers, upholsterers, carving artists and design engineers.

We work as a close-knit team to design and create bespoke pieces of fine furniture, which are highly personalised for each client. At the very heart of my career is the production of bespoke memory boxes. Each commissioned box is designed with exquisite marquetry highly symbolic and significant to the client or recipient. But equally we work on large scale projects and recent commissions have included restoration of the iconic Brighton Belle – a highly significant part of Britain's national railway heritage. I have also been proud to work for many years with The National Trust, as well as many private clients, on projects to restore or/ and conserve, and maintain listed buildings.

My professional life is immersed in and dedicated to creative work and I'm just as absorbed with the accurate representation of a specific flower to be depicted in micro marquetry, as with analysing the composition of original C17th mortar, so that it can be faithfully reproduced to restore the fabric of an historic manor. When I'm not working I can be found fly fishing on the river Dove, gardening at home or walking in the Derbyshire hills with my family and dogs Henry and Albert.

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**Past Mistress Hilary Andrews**  
**Diary of a returning nurse during**  
**Coronavirus**



*Mid-April*

those that know me, no introduction is needed, but for those who don't my name is Hilary Andrews, wife of Past Master Nick Andrews. The Clerk thought that you might like to hear my story regarding

returning to the NHS frontline. I suspect that the Clerk thought that it would be good to

have some insider information about the front line for readers. However, I hate to disappoint, but the frontline is still far away. The call came in mid-March. Would I be interested in coming back to my old Intensive Care Unit? The caller, my friend and an ex colleague. My first reaction on being asked the question was 'No way!' I had been away for too long from patient facing clinical work. Although still registered as a nurse and still able to fulfil all the requirements for the Nursing and Midwifery Council in order to call myself a nurse, I have been working in primary care education with GPs, Practice Nurses and General Practice Staff for the last 17 years. Despite my initial reservation, there was however just a small part of my inner nurse that was shouting "yes, why not"?! After discussing this at home, I agreed.

At that point in mid-March, I still had training commitments and I had a business to run. Within a week or so, and with those daily announcements from Downing Street things changed rapidly and I was soon twiddling my thumbs and mentally preparing for the challenge ahead. People kept asking how I was feeling, how brave and courageous I was. I didn't (and still don't) feel afraid of the coronavirus and I didn't feel particularly brave or courageous. What I am more concerned about however, is the technology and advances in care since I last looked after a ventilated patient, where to park at work (the local hospital is notoriously bad for parking) and what shoes to wear with my scrubs (sartorial stress for a returning oldie. More on this later!)

As my ex ICU colleagues were all busy preparing for Covid-19 patients due to be arriving any day, I was put into the hands of the HR department. Now as many of you will have experienced, the NHS does not move fast. It's great in an emergency and if they are genuinely worried about you as a patient, but from my experience, this has been a long and

painful process so far. You wouldn't believe that there was a national emergency and a shortfall of experienced nurses.

Mine was supposed to be a fast track application as I had worked in quite a senior role on this intensive care unit in the past, and I was still registered. After a week I was sent a 9 page application form to complete. After another week they sent more forms to complete; New Starter form, Declaration form, Occupational Health Questionnaire, Pension form, ID badge application, Parking permit (phew!), Uniform application (even though they didn't need this as I was to work in ICU where they wear scrubs) and forms for my DBS check (Police check). In the two weeks since, they have taken up two references, and I have completed 8 hours of mandatory NHS Trust Induction online training and I still haven't got a start date. I am currently waiting for my occupational health clearance as I suspect my Hepatitis B immunity is long past its sell by date and needs to be checked.

The occupational health appointment is later this week and, if you're still interested, in hearing from the front line I'll try to continue this diary over the next few weeks.....

And Pattenmakers - the shoe crisis; good old Amazon have delivered me a shiny pair of clinical, wipeable 'Croc' type clogs – ergonomically designed for 12 hours on the feet , although far too white at present to blend in and look inconspicuous....

#### 5<sup>th</sup> May - Postscript

I have now completed six shifts back on ICU. All is going well. It looks like I arrived back on the frontline too late to help in a meaningful way – the number of Covid patients is decreasing daily – most are improving slowly and being discharged to the wards fortunately. However, I am now ready, willing and updated to help again if there is a "second wave". I have realised I haven't

forgotten everything in the intervening 17 years. Patients still need a hand being held.

### Postcard from Abroad

**Ernest T Bartol - Liveryman, but yet to be clothed.**



Hello from the other side of that great watery expanse that some call a huge pond, but it is more officially known as the Atlantic Ocean. I dwell in that part of the world formerly known to all your ancestors as the Colonies and now known as the United States of America and specifically Long Island, New York. Even more specifically in Center Moriches, a small hamlet on a bay near the famous "Hamptons" (but we are not part of moviedom's "glitterati elite") and near Montauk Point, a place where if you stand on the bluff and look due east with a very strong pair of binoculars you may see the United Kingdom.



Our home-front is a beautiful area of the world which Joanna and I enjoy immensely while sitting on our porch looking out at the creek that runs in front of our home and which leads out to the bay, while watching sail and power pleasure boats heading out to sea while enjoying a fine bottle of wine with good friends.

But that has all changed as we now live in a protective bubble due to the Corona virus pandemic that, I am aware via international news affects you as well as us. I feel like a 16-year-old teenager again, listening to the early Beatles. Petrol is inexpensive and I have the keys to the car with plenty of time to enjoy life, but I am not permitted to go out!

We are very optimistic, however, that when the isolation is over and no longer required, we will have a better, safer world where we are all permitted to enjoy each other's company, share that bottle of wine and travel safely.

We have gotten used to working remotely and to making it work more efficiently Joanna and I go to separate parts of our house. Since she is the Judge, she gets to choose her workplace and gets to order me to the smallest of rooms even though I am much larger than her in size and stature. One problem is that we have only one computer in the house. We have numerous iPhones and iPads but only one computer and guess who gets to use it frequently? In all fairness we do get to share on the Judge's schedule. No complaints there.

We are now in our 43<sup>rd</sup> day of "Staying Home" and as John Travolta sang in Saturday Night Fever we are "Staying Alive". It is, however, a wonderful experience spending 24 hours 7 days a week in total "togetherness". We are getting to know things about each other that maybe we knew before and have forgotten (Ah yes, the aging

process) or maybe never knew about each other before and have learned for the first time. We are also finding out interesting facts about our house. It DOES have 3 bathrooms each of which have plenty of toilet rolls. It DOES have a kitchen and a pantry with plenty of food and Joanna DOES know how to cook fabulous meals.



Most recently we have adopted 2 children who happen to be a couple and they spend as much time together as Joanna and I do. They do not live in our house but they do live on

the grounds in our yard. They are Edgar and Daphne and they are a pair of Mallard ducks.

When we all get back to normal please get ready to come for a visit with us in the USA as many of our friends have in the past. We have a tradition that is based on a naval requirement of when a ship is in foreign waters it is required to fly the flag of the country it is visiting as well as the flag of the country where the ship is registered. We always fly the flag of the country of our visiting guest on our porch as may be seen in the photo below.



Lastly, we wish only the best for each Pattenmaker and until we are together again.

**BE SAFE and STAY HEALTHY**

## Our Charitable Fund

### 101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal & Search)



#### History

The Livery Companies of the City of London have always been involved with the defence of the City. London Trained Bands were the City of London's militia, composed of householders who fulfilled their statutory obligation to maintain arms and serve in the defence of their City. They were under the jurisdiction of the Lord Mayor and were commanded by officers appointed by him and the Aldermen.

Although the London Trained Bands were used primarily to defend London, they marched with Queen Elizabeth the First to repel the Spanish Armada in 1588 and at least two regiments marched out from the City with the Earl of Essex's army in November 1642 to confront the royalists at Turnham Green. Militias were raised in each City Ward during the Napoleonic wars.

The Army Reserve was created from these Militias (infantry) and the Yeomanry (cavalry) as the Territorial Force in 1908 by

the Secretary of State for War, Richard Haldane.

#### The Pattenmakers' Involvement

The Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers has been affiliated for the past 20 years to 101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal & Search). Under Army 2020 Refine, the regiment moved from a hybrid regiment which served during the campaign in Afghanistan to a reserve EOD&S regiment with the regimental headquarters established in Catford. It is part of 29th (Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Search) Group, 8 Engineer Brigade.

The regiment draws heritage from 1st Middlesex Engineer Volunteers formed by Norman MacLeod at the South Kensington museum in January 1860. It became part of 56th (London) Armoured Division. The Regiment has retained an unbroken link with the London Divisions (47th, 56th, 58th, and 60th) over nearly 60 years which included both World Wars. Elements of the Regiment have been actively involved in securing the City of London from the threat of unexploded ordnance since The Blitz, which included direct support to Operation Olympics, providing military forces to assist with the Security for the 2012 Summer Olympics in London. Operation Olympics was the longest and largest military security operation in the mainland United Kingdom since World War II.

In April 2000 the then Lord Mayor of the City of London, Alderman Clive Martin, granted "City of London" status to the Regiment in recognition of its long and distinguished association with the Corporation; and is now the only Royal Engineer Regiment with Privileged Status in the City. This was a process originated by the previous Lord Mayor and Honorary Colonel of the Regiment, Alderman Sir Richard Nichols and the then Commanding Officer - me! Their

shield is on display in the Guildhall and they participate in the Lord Mayor's Show every year. In its 150-year history the Regiment has undergone thirteen changes of name, however, 'London' has been the one constant for the past 102 years.



There is debate whether the Black Cat is Dick Whittington's or a symbol of good luck during bomb disposal! The bomb motive is a battle honour designed by Queen Mary and was awarded during the second World War and is worn by all ranks and cap badges

whilst serving with the Regiment. Fully qualified EOD operators can continue the wear bomb badge as recognition of a trade qualification.

### **Regimental Update**

101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Search) is proud to share its news and developments with the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers. We have undergone momentous change since our last publication to the journal, but our appreciation for the relationship with our affiliations remains strong.

101 Engineer Regiment (EOD&S) traces its history back to inception in 1860, with deployments to Egypt in 1882, South Africa in 1900, WW1, WW2, and more recent deployments to Kosovo, Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan. Whilst we have always been Royal Engineers, our balance of regular and reservists has changed over the decades and our current role as EOD&S traces its genesis to 1966 with our first Bomb Disposal Squadron. On the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2018 our Regiment transitioned from a hybrid model to become an Army Reserve unit; composed of four

squadrons spread across multiple locations in the UK from Nottinghamshire to Greater London to Kent.

Since becoming an Army Reserve unit, we have continued to commit personnel to deployments in Iraq in support of the fight against Daesh at the request of the Iraqi government. Our soldiers and officers have been training Iraqi forces in lifesaving British EOD&S practices. We have also committed individuals in support of training and diplomatic efforts across the globe to places such as Kenya and Pakistan.

We ensure that our own training and understanding is of the highest standard, and this year we undertook a training camp in Cyprus. The training included topics across our capabilities as soldiers, combat engineers, and artisan trades.

The basis of our success is a strong team; therefore, we have also been competing at the highest levels within Army sports such as football, boxing, sailing, angling, duathlon and rowing. This year has also seen several of our personnel develop their diving ability in places such as Gibraltar and Egypt.



**Colonel Robert Murfin TD DL**  
**The Clerk to the Company**

## History Book

Past Master Richard Kottler



### Out of the Mud

I am delighted to report that over 60 members of the Livery have agreed to become Supporters of the Book. The Book will be published in July and will go on general sale in the next couple of weeks at £25 per copy plus £5 postage and packing.

Some further fascinating extracts from "Out of the Mud" will be included in future Newsletters to give us all glimpses of what promises to be a record of the Company that all members should own."

## Photo of the Week

Photograph provided by Liveryman Lesley Exley



Picture shows Wisteria

Chiswick House with its splendid gardens, showcasing a Grade 1 listed conservatory with heritage camelias and vibrant lilac wisterias is just 10 minutes' walk from our home. And this well - kept secret haven has

really lifted the spirits of my husband and I over the last 5 lockdown weeks as we walk through the 65 acres of beautifully kept gardens with fabulous classical vistas, complete with active ponds full of wildlife - including 2 herons, a myriad of moorhens with cute chicks and 2 highly territorial swans, set against a backdrop of cascading fountains which sparkle in the sunlight. Lord Burlington's 18th Century villa, now called Chiswick House, subsequently developed by the Dukes of Devonshire and inspired by Andrea Palladio and Inigo Jones is always a tremendous joy to explore, and never more so than right now! For us, this colourful oasis of calm in Chiswick is perfect in these troubled times."

*Note from the Editor - Thank you to all those who have sent photographs, these will be appearing in future newsletters.*

## Letters to the Editor

*"Another cracking newsletter. With so many people to thank, I would congratulate Donald Newell for transforming our church in his time as Church warden.. quite a remarkable achievement. The Livery has been very fortunate to have his experience, dedicated to putting the church in such good shape"*

Past Master Richard Paice

*"I am feeling very inspired by reading some of the stories. In addition to my role in Human Resources I am an executive coach. What I do is help people achieve specific professional goals by using various coaching tools and techniques to enable them to uncover the answers.*

*I am happy to offer pro bono coaching to any members who feel they would benefit from it. I also am happy to open this up to any current or aspiring young Pattenmaker"*

Freeman Nick Lord

*"Thanks for the tenor Robert – arrived in post yesterday – hoorah! What can I spend it on – have we got our own line of Patts fine wines yet? The envelope made me smile. The special Royal Mail postmark for Captain Tom's birthday, was printed through 1st address line so that it read: "Happy 100th Birthday Steve Huxham."*  
Liveryman Steve Huxham

*"Great Newsletters!  
You may like to include that I'm a 'key worker' on the Skanska Contract at Barts Trust, commuting safely from Battle, East Sussex daily to project Manage critical work important for the infrastructure of both Barts and Royal London Hospitals in particular"*  
Liveryman Richard Muir

From the Clerk's Partner Sharon Judge  
*"Inspired by the Master Elect's charming 'Photo of the Week' (Bluebell Wood, 17th April), this lovely, yet lonesome little bluebell was conducting a dainty fairy dance on the breeze in the wooded part of our garden in Kent. That unleashing of cobalt and lilac is always so uplifting – but currently more welcome and appreciated than usual. For those unable to get out, a little something for the senses (and can we identify the birdsongs?)...[Videoclip nou de la Sharon Judge](#)*



**If you have any news or interesting articles for the next Weekly Newsletter please send by email to the Editor Ian Balcombe [ianbalc@gmail.com](mailto:ianbalc@gmail.com)**

## The Clerk's Quiz of the Week

There were no correct answers to last week's quiz so there is just the one question (revisited) this week and here is a MASSIVE clue to help you:

**Seven is where we should have dined in March**

To avoid the quiz becoming like the start of "Who wants to be a Millionaire" (fastest finger first!) from now on each correct entry will be entered into a draw to be made by an independent adjudicator at noon on the following Wednesday. The winner will be notified in the subsequent edition of the Newsletter

Each question is about our City and the answer will be within or about the square mile.

### This Week's Question .

*"My gracious darling, for goodness sake make haste since I'm very cold".*

*What is the relevance of this livery statement?*

Please send an email to

[clerk@pattenmakers.co.uk](mailto:clerk@pattenmakers.co.uk) with your answer(s) to enter into the draw. The lucky winner of the draw will receive a £10 voucher redeemable against any Pattenmakers' products