



The Pattenmaker

WEEKLY NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY

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From the Master Elect, Jennifer Bryant-Pearson



Following VE day last Friday, I am still savouring the very moving Freedom ceremony for the indomitable Captain Tom which took place this week. It was brilliantly arranged

by the City of London as they ensured that this occasion, the first virtual Freedom ceremony, had all the prestige and ceremony of Guildhall but was very personal for Captain Tom. If you have not yet watched it, I strongly recommend the video on YouTube using the following link: [First virtual Freedom ceremony](#).

The role of the Aldermen of the City of London is explained by Court Assistant Keith Bottomley in the week when it was announced that, to mark the 200th anniversary of Florence Nightingale, the Court of Aldermen had approved the Guild of Nurses' petition for recognition as a City Company without livery. The Pattenmakers can lay claim to a special involvement here as three of our Past Mistresses – Hilary Andrews, Alexandra Hayward and Norma Rider - were all foundation Freemen of the Company.

Many congratulations to the Company of Nurses from all the Pattenmakers!

Continuing on the City theme, Past Master Donald Newell gives us an insight into the extraordinary work of St Mary-le-Bow Young Homeless Charity, a recipient of our charitable fund.

We welcome two new Freemen, David Khanna and Jamie Ingham Clark in our Members' news and our Trade Warden Elect, Liveryman Martin Pickard, interviews Freeman Ed Macfarlane about his frontline role in the NHS.

Postcard from Abroad from Liveryman Paul Barkworth takes us to New Hampshire and Photo of the week to Herefordshire, home of the Master.

We also have an article from the Clerk about the only Railway Locomotive to be named after a Past Master of the Pattenmakers. We hope to be able to arrange a visit in the future.

Our letters to the editor contains some very jolly photos this week courtesy of our Clerk and look out for his Quiz – it's getting very competitive.

I hope you are now able to enjoy the additional time outside but keep writing to us!

Our Charitable Fund

St Mary-Le-Bow Young Homeless Charity – Past Master Donald Newell



Pattenmakers have supported this Charity for many years. It is a small charity, with a turnover of about £100,000, and has only two employees. Its aim is to provide

accommodation for young people living on the streets or hostels who have a background of crime, prison and other misfortunes.

The charity rents three flats from the Peabody Trust at low rents. They have around 10 youngsters at any one time and the average length of stay is about a year. During that time, with the help of one of the employees, they learn how to live together with others, they are helped to find work, usually through the Pret-a-Manger Apprentice Scheme, they realise that earned money is more reliable than stolen, and are helped with education, CVs etc. One of the most important lessons they are taught is how to budget.

Of course, all this is not easy and there are many hurdles to cross. This system has worked well since the charity was founded in 1990 and we feel it is very important. There are many young people working and living normal lives as a result.

FM and the Pandemic

By Trade Warden Elect Martin Pickard



Many members of our Company have roles that have placed them on the frontline of the war against the coronavirus. None more so than those who

provide services within the National Health Service such as Freeman Edward Macfarlane who is Director of Property Services for Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust. Responsible for 1.9 million square feet of NHS property across Buckinghamshire, including the world famous Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Ed's team provide facilities services to over 6,000 staff and more than half a million patients every year.

I caught up with Ed recently on a much deserved day off and he agreed that I could share with the readers of the Pattenmakers newsletter just some of the challenges they have encountered in the last few weeks and how they have been resolved.

Q and A with Liveryman Ed Macfarlane, Director of Property Services, Bucks NHS Trust

MP What have the last few weeks been like?

EM They have been intense! We have had to find new ways to do our usual activities while at the same time pulling out all the stops to deliver a series of major projects solving problems we have never faced before. We are working in unprecedented times where we are all learning. You can go on a course and learn how to change a widget, but you cannot go on a course and learn about how to deal with COVID-19 because no one knows.

I have around 600 people in my team including 110 direct employees and another 500 who work for our service partners. That is mainly Sodexo, Medirest and Vinci as well as multiple suppliers who provide everything from PPE to water treatment. The cleaning team have been amazing. They have just been pulling miracles.

MP What extra demands have you faced?

EM There have been so many remarkable projects delivered in incredible timescales. For example, we needed to split the Stoke Mandeville

hospital into green and red zones to keep respiratory patients separate from non-respiratory. We built a new entrance in an outside portico and then put a temporary structure on the car park where the ambulances come in to create a completely new facility. We completed the whole thing in 96 hours and that includes putting in the power, the lighting, signage, flooring and getting agreement on it all with clinical teams. It was one of the most brilliant things I have ever seen.



Sterile Unit

To support our staff, we have been providing them with free meals. We are now doing about 1000 additional breakfasts and lunches a day above what we normally do and about 500 more dinners too, seven days a week.

MP You served for eight years in the Coldstream Guards. Does that give you a different perspective on this situation?

EM We are on a war footing. This is where Operations come to the fore and we have some amazing operators in FM. We have proved that if you make decisions quickly, you can do things quickly. We have a bronze, silver and gold command structure with set decision points and once a decision is made you go and do it. That is how we have managed to do things in 72 or 96 hours that would normally take six months.

MP How are things at home for your family during all this?

EM The family are absolutely fine. I have just had a few days at home this week after a 20 day stretch of at least 15 hours a day. My daughter Poppy is home from university, my younger daughter is schooling at home and my darling

wife Sophie is working from home. It has been great to spend time together. I think this experience will change a lot of things in a positive way with people working from home more and supporting local businesses. Most of all I hope people will appreciate the health service more and use it all of it more sensibly now they appreciate its true value.



Ed Macfarlane and his daughter Poppy

MP Needless to say, I extended the best wishes and gratitude of the entire Company to Ed and his team for everything they are doing. Our Healthcare workers are doing an amazing job but as the Livery Company for Facilities Management we will raise an extra Thursday evening cheer for all the keyworkers in facilities services and others in our membership and their families who are putting themselves in harm's way and achieving remarkable things for the good of us all.

City of London Corporation

Keith Bottomley CC - The Court of Aldermen



The Court of the City of London Aldermen was established in 1200. Aldermen were elected representatives of city wards, "sworn to take counsel on behalf of the City, together with the Mayor." The court had

responsibilities over the Livery Companies and had the right to present petitions directly to the Crown. They were also involved in the election of the Lord Mayor. The traditional costume of an Alderman is a red or indigo fur trimmed gown, with chain and black silk cap.

Today The Court of Aldermen forms part of the senior governance of the City of London Corporation. It comprises the 25 Aldermen of the City of London, one for each Ward together with The Recorder of London and is presided over by the Lord Mayor who becomes senior Alderman during his year of office.

The Court was originally responsible for the entire administration of the City, but most of its responsibilities were subsumed by the Court of Common Council in the fourteenth century. The Court meets nine times a year in the Aldermen's Court Room at Guildhall which I'm sure many will have visited. It always reminds me of a setting from Harry Potter.

Some of the remaining duties of the Court include approving people for Freedom of the City and approving the formation of new Livery Companies, appointing the Recorder of London and acting as the Verderers of Epping Forest no less.

Aldermen are elected at least every six years on individual timetables and separately from the Common Councillor elections which take place every four years are all held on the same date.

To qualify for the office of Alderman you must be aged 18 years or over, a British subject, an 'able and sufficient citizen and Freeman of the City of London', not already an Alderman of another Ward and not disqualified for any other reason, for example, by reason of bankruptcy or on

conviction of fraud or any crime for which a prison sentence has been imposed.

There is no requirement to reside within the Ward for which you seek election and no requirement that you own or occupy premises within the City

Together with the 100 Common Councillors the Court of Aldermen make up the Court of Common Council which governs the City of London Corporation, the oldest continuous municipal democracy in the world, which in turn acts as local authority for the geographic Square Mile.

The range of services the City provides to its workers, residents and visitors and the national and international work the City is called upon to perform is unique. Common Council accomplishes this work through a committee structure under specific UK law. The "Liberties and Customs" of the City of London are guaranteed in Magna Carta's clause 9, which remains in statute today!

Guild of Nurses

On the 12th May, The Guild of Nurses were granted formal recognition as a Company of the City of London, following a 'virtual' meeting of the City of London Corporation's Court of Aldermen.

The decision made by the Members of the Court now paves the way for the creation of a Livery Company for the nursing profession. The Guild was founded by a group of nurses who trained at St Bartholomew's Hospital School of Nursing in the City, and its membership is now drawn from across the UK.

As The Company of Nurses, it says that it will continue to pursue its core values of

benevolence, education, fellowship, and charitable giving, and provide a lasting legacy for all nurses – past, present and future.

This year has been designated as International Year of the Nurse and Midwife by the World Health Organisation. This decision also coincides with two notable dates in the nursing calendar: the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale and secondly, International Nurses' Day. Florence Nightingale was awarded the Honorary Freedom of the City of London in 1908.

Alderman William Russell, Lord Mayor of the City of London, said:

"In these most challenging times, nurses are working tirelessly to look after COVID-19 patients in hospitals, care homes, and communities in London and across the UK.

"Today's decision by the Court of Aldermen could not have therefore been made at a more appropriate time, and I am very happy to send my warmest congratulations to members of the new Company of Nurses.

"I hope that the Company will accept the City of London Corporation's sincere gratitude for its members' work and furthermore, that it recognises today's development as a significant milestone in the history of the nursing profession."

From The Barts Charity

The restrictions in place during the coronavirus pandemic mean we're unable to hold our usual activities on View Day this year, such as the service at St Bartholomew the Great, tours of St Bartholomew's Hospital and the reception in the Great Hall. However, we are determined to mark an event that is dear to all our hearts and that has taken place every year since 1551.

Instead, St Bartholomew's will be hosting a virtual View Day, with messages of support shared on social media, plus stories posted online exploring the history of this famous event.

This special day, which, although will look very different to past years, will I'm sure remain a fantastic celebration of the hospital and its recent achievements, including its response to the current pandemic. Barts Health NHS Trust invite you to take a look via Twitter using #ViewDay20 or visit the [Barts Health News](#) to read blogs and news from Barts Health staff including Dr Edward Rowland, Medical Director of St Bartholomew's Hospital.

Staff at Barts Health are working in the most challenging environments of their lives and we would like to thank the public and local organisations for their support during this crisis. Donations to the Barts Charity [Covid-19 Appeal](#) have already allowed emergency funding to be rapidly deployed across Barts Health NHS Trust and we're hugely grateful to those who have made a gift. These funds will help to address some immediate welfare needs and, in the longer term, to reduce the impact of the crisis on staff.

Thank you for your continued support.

From the City Clerks

*We heard our fate – "Don't congregate!" – the Companies were aghast
Corona's struck, we're out of luck, our meeting days are past.*

*No dinners at the Skinners', or any other Halls
The Pewterers and Fruiterers are silent, like St Paul's.*

*"Stay at home - don't try to roam" - so nobody's around,
The Haberdashers dash away; the Founders can't be found.
Barbers are barred from Monkwell Square, the Cutlers' links are cut,*

The Stationers are stationary, and every Hall is shut.

The Saddlers are unsaddled, Musicians make no sound,

The Coopers are cooped up at home, nobody's badged or gowned.

The Chandlers - Wax and Tallow - have candles no one needs

Our Halls are lying fallow, their gardens growing weeds.

The cellars of the Leathersellers – sadly underused,

No one can dine with Vintners' wine, and Brewers feel bruised.

The City's empty now; but still, the Companies will thrive

They've been through times like this before - in Sixteen sixty-five!

With acknowledgment to Geoffrey Preston, Barbers' Company

Members' News

New Pattenmaker Jamie Ingham Clark CC



I am pleased to introduce myself as a new Freeman of the Company. I am one of the two Common Councilmen for the ward of Billingsgate in which St Margaret Pattens stands. As

such, I was very pleased to act upon the suggestion that I join the Company and further the links between The City and the Company. I spent a career in the London Insurance Market and I specialised in compliance and corporate governance, which drew on my experience as a chartered accountant and an insurance finance professional. This experience has been of great benefit to me in my work at Common

Council. There, I am currently Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee and Chairman of the Corporate Asset Sub Committee. I sit on a number of other committees including the Policy and Resources Committee. I have been a Liveryman of the Clothworkers for over 30 years and have been involved with the Order of St John for nearly 40 years. I am currently the Sword bearer of the Order and a Trustee of its Eye Hospital in Jerusalem. Between that and the City, the current pandemic leaves me little time for anything else. Overall, I'm looking forward to playing an active role as a Pattenmaker and I'm honoured to join the Company.

New Freeman David Khanna



Born in Northern Ireland, but raised in Northamptonshire, I had an early introduction into the world of commercial food

and drink. This was through my father who in the late '80s & '90s worked with brewery brands like Guinness to improve the washed glass quality of glassware to help them to serve the perfect pint!

(I've tested a couple of pints of Guinness since then and can confirm it is good but requires further testing post lockdown).

Fast forward to 2009 and as a family, we set up Arolite, where we now work as expert partners for many non-food specialist brands in the UK to help them get the best return from their commercial food and drink equipment within their large estates.

Most recently, during the Covid-19 crisis, we have been focusing on keeping all kitchen equipment maintained for our various Health

Care Sector clients, so that they can continue to support their residents without interruption or undue risk during this difficult time.

Outside of Arolite, I was introduced to the Pattenmakers through my work with Junior Chamber International in London (which I had the honour of leading in 2017), as the Chamber has been supporting the development of young leaders in the City since 1953.

After being kindly invited to the Common Meal in September and the Formal Dinner in October, I was sold on the convivial atmosphere of the Pattenmakers and the enthusiastic welcome I received from not only those I knew but everyone I met!

I very much look forward to meeting again.

Postcard from Abroad

Liveryman Paul Barkworth



‘Live Free or Die’ is the defiant motto of my home state, New Hampshire. Coined from a toast by General John Stark commemorating

his victory over the British at the Battle of Bennington in 1777, it speaks to the resolute and stubborn personalities of my Yankee neighbours and friends. I live in the small, rural town of Hampstead, some 60 miles north of Boston Massachusetts. My town, like many others in our country, has been stricken with this awful coronavirus, and it is that resolute attitude which is helping us ride the storm. Small acts of kindness and generosity are evident everywhere and our support for the front-line medics is no less than we see reported in the UK.

Married in Bristol Cathedral 23 years ago, my American wife Jennifer and I decided to move permanently to the US. Our daughter Helen, graduates from the University of New Hampshire this month. Majoring in Psychology, where she hopes to work with children and young adults, she has done particularly well, but like all her contemporaries, is deprived of the opportunity of celebrating her graduation in the traditional way.



I am the CFO of a small, highly innovative cyber security company in Portsmouth, NH. Portsmouth is the site of one of the oldest colonial settlements in the US. Located at the mouth of the Piscataqua River, it offered excellent shelter and fine fishing for the early settlers and later the neighbouring forests provided masts for the Royal Navy. 2023 will mark the 400th anniversary of its first settlement, when the early arrivals named it Strawberry Banke for the abundance of the fruit that grew there.





We have an excellent outdoor museum of the same name, where over three dozen

restored buildings are located ranging from the 17th to 19th centuries. I have been a Trustee of the museum for several years and one of our treasures is a pair of pattens discovered in one of the houses.

I am proud of my 26 years membership of the Company, having had the distinction of sharing office accommodation in Bristol with our Master-Elect and PM Christopher Stone. Distance militates against attending Livery events, but I follow the activities of the Company with great interest and was happy to support PM Sheriff Christopher Hayward in his recent election. If opportunity arises, I hope to make the pilgrimage across the pond in the Company's 350th Anniversary year.

Colonel Robert Murfin TD DL The Clerk to the Company

**General Sir Frederick Alfred Pile, Bt. GCB
DSO MC**

Master 1953

Past Master General Sir Frederick Pile was born in Dublin the second child of Sir Thomas Devereux Pile, 1st Baronet (who served as the Lord Mayor of Dublin from 1900 to 1901) and was commissioned into the Royal Artillery in 1904, initially serving in India.

He served in the First World War, was awarded the Military Cross and in the closing stages of the War he became a General Staff

Officer with 22nd Corps in France. Following overseas service in 1937 he became General Officer Commanding 1st Anti Aircraft Division and in 1939, at the start of the Second World War, he was made General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Anti-Aircraft Command, a position he held throughout the war. He was the only British general to retain the same command throughout the entire war.



General Pile, with Winston Churchill and Churchill's daughter, Mary, watch anti-aircraft guns in action against V1 flying bombs in June 1940



After the War he became Director General of Housing with the Ministry of Works. He was Colonel Commandant of the Royal Artillery from 1945 to 1952 and Master Pattenmaker in 1953

In 1948, a locomotive of the Southern Railway SR Battle of Britain Class was named after him at Waterloo station. It was rescued from a scrapyard, restored and is in current use on the Watercress Line. Hornby Trains have released a model of this locomotive. He is still the only Master to have a locomotive named after him – at the moment!

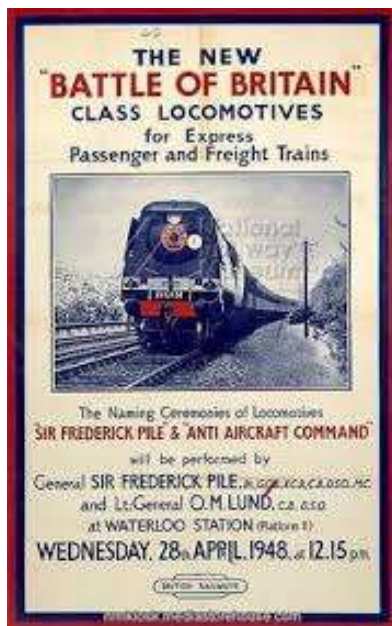


Photo of the Week

Photograph provided by Master David Best



Victoria and I, and our daughter Diana, are very privileged to live in the location we do.

Sitting on top of an escarpment marking the Eastern boundary of the Frome valley, in Herefordshire itself the Frome is one of the most beautiful of the Herefordshire rivers, east of the Wye and West of the Teme. Our ridge gives us constantly changing views of open country. To the East we have the view shown here of the Malvern Hills- always different with a constant interplay of light and shadow in their bracken covered sides with a clear sharply marked ridges, the Worcestershire Beacon to the left in this picture and the Herefordshire Beacon to the right. Both were allegedly lit to mark the Armada. It is a very curious thing that the Hills often appear closer or more distant depending on the weather. Locally it is claimed that the closer they seem the more likely it is to rain, whilst if they appear more distant the weather will remain, or become, fine! Something to do with refraction and air pressure I am told.

To the West we can see the Frome Valley itself, and beyond that folds of hills running roughly north -south with, in the far distance on a clear day, the distinctive outline of Hay Bluff to the South West, with its escarpment dropping sharply away to the north east. A set of landscapes which changes every time one sees it full of interest in land and sky. Another prominent and valued feature of our immediate surroundings is the dead Oak tree that stands in what would have been parkland. This great tree probably some 150 to 200 years old has been dead since before my time here, but is a stately natural monument, lit here perfectly naturally (no photoshop here- even if I knew how to use it!) by the sun at dusk. Brilliant against a darkening sky.

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

Letters to the Editor

"Talking to my neighbour, Immediate Past Sheriff Liz Green, on the Common at the weekend she reminded me of the Framework Knitters' knitting appeal (flyer attached). If anyone would like to knit, as described, please make contact with Liz who will advise on where to send finished product. Liz adds "If any Pattenmaker could forward the flyer to any individuals or groups they think may be interested, that would be great."

*Best wishes and stay safe
Past Master Tim Watts*

"Dear Sirs,

*When I asked Sharon what the common theme was of "Photo of the Week" she said 'flower'. So here are some pictures of flour that I took at our VE Day street Party last Friday"
The Clerk, Robert Murfin*



I did the sarnies, S did the Scones, F&M did the jam



*It was a good day, albeit distant . . .
Great newsletter thanks to you and the team"
Robert*

"I wanted to get a Captain Tom postmark on his birthday and used a cover from a stamp issue some years ago together with a stamp from that issue which I thought was appropriate.

I did not realise until seeing the Freedom Ceremony that Nicholas Winton was the eldest newest Freeman until Captain/Colonel Tom. The Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court made mention of the stamp"



Liveryman Ian Balcombe

If you have any news, views or interesting articles for the next Weekly Newsletter please send by email to the Editor Ian Balcombe ianbalc@gmail.com

..... and now for Quiz of the Week.....

The Clerk's Quiz of the Week

The first name drawn from the hat on Wednesday
was:

Steward & Liveryman Martin Heffer

The correct answer was that:

“My gracious darling, for goodness sake make haste
since I'm very cold”

Is a mnemonic for the Great Twelve Livery Companies

Well done to all who sent in the correct answer.

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 in or about our City.

This Week's Question

“What do the bells of Shoreditch say?...”

Please send an email to

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