



The Pattenmaker

WEEKLY NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY

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From the Master Elect, Jennifer Bryant-Pearson



What a wonderfully warm bank holiday weekend – sunshine always makes us feel better!

Our website also has the feel good factor as the Master explains. Thanks to Liveryman David Emanuel who has now taken on the role of Webmaster for us, thus ensuring that we not only keep it up to date effectively but also that it is easier for us to navigate in the future as we add new features. Col Rhodri Phillip, Honorary Freeman and Clinical Director of DMRC at Stanford Hall writes to us about their Covid-19 preparation and he has supplied useful information for us all which will be available to view on our website.

Our charitable cause this week is our affiliated warship, HMS Chiddingfold and Past Master Tim Watts reminds us of the Friends of St Margaret Pattens – and how you can join.

There was huge national interest in Sir Tom's virtual Freedom ceremony and Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court, Murray Craig gives us the inside story.

We report on the sad loss of long standing Liveryman, Brian James as well as the launch of an online memorial at St Paul's Cathedral.

Liveryman Joseph Robertson writes as Chairman of the Young Pattenmakers so please encourage any potential YPs to contact Joseph. Our two new Freemen this week are Mark Rogers and James Shaghghi and a rather beautiful new baby appears in Members' news too!

Postcard from Abroad features Liveryman Philip Rutledge from America and we have a special delivery from over the Tamar, courtesy of Renter Warden Elect Pat Tyrrell!

Liveryman Dr Richard Alexander sends us his photo from lockdown and we start a new column – Birdwatch with robins from Liveryman Ian Balcombe's garden along with the elusive Mrs Robin from last week's Quiz supplied by our Clerk. Please send us your garden birds so that we show the wide variety of feathered visitors across the country and keep your letters coming to us.

From the Master Dr David Best Announcing New Website



Calling all Members! Our website is now moved to the UK and following the excellent work on the site originally by PM Andrews and Liveryman Robert Sowah is poised for the next stage of development.

We will add the option to pay for events on line (when there are any events to pay for) and subject to demand an option to purchase Company products on line too.

In the first instance however the most important element of any Members' site is the up to date-ness of the members' details, contact details, photos, brief bio etc.

Please would each and every one of you, if you have not recently done so, go on to the site and update your information. Teething problems with the retention of details, and the "forgot my password" functions have now been resolved and the site is fully operational.

There is an article below from our new Webmaster Liveryman David Emanuel who has already done the work needed to get the site revised and running in the UK.

Should you have any difficulties please contact either myself, david@drdavidbest.net or David Emanuel david@i-fm.net and we will do our best to help.

Liveryman David Emanuel – New Webmaster



As the new Webmaster, I hope to gradually introduce some helpful new features and sections to the site to make the administrative running of the Pattenmakers more efficient and at the same time to provide a better user experience for all.

There have been some technical glitches, which I apologise for, however I'm pleased to report that they have now all been resolved. I would really appreciate it if everyone can check their profiles / contacts are up to date in the Members' area and this will ensure that we can maintain communications and contact with everyone going forward.


Our Charitable Fund

HMS Chiddingfold – Liveryman Ian Balcombe


As a Member of the Royal Philatelic Society London whose new building is situated 5 minutes from St Margaret Pattens and past Honorary Secretary of the Association of Great Britain First Day Cover Collectors, I was pleased to obtain two covers featuring HMS Chiddingfold produced by one of the dealers who attend the GBFDC Annual Fair.

Th cover below gives a full history of the Chiddingfold and the second cover combines it with my other interest – Cricket. It is usual to watch cricket in the Summer and sort my stamps out in the Winter. The lockdown has given me a good opportunity to go through my stamps and covers – so bit of a change this year.

TO COMMEMORATE THE REDEDICATION OF THE "HUNT" CLASS MINE COUNTERMEASURES VESSEL
HMS CHIDDINGFOLD
 at HM Naval Base Portsmouth on 15th January 1999.



HMS CHIDDINGFOLD is the eighth of thirteen "Hunt" class Mine Countermeasures Vessels (MCMVs) and built by Vosper Thornycroft. The ship was launched by Lady Anne Kennon on 6/10/83, accepted into service on 18/7/84 and was commissioned on 10/10/84. Principal dimensions include a displacement of 685 tonnes, length of 60m, beam of 10m, draught of 3m and a complement of 40. She is the second RN vessel to bear the name **HMS CHIDDINGFOLD**, the first a Type 2 "Hunt" class destroyer displacing 1050 tons was built by Scotts at Greenock and completed in 10/41, winning two Battle Honours. She served in North Sea, Mediterranean and East Indies in WW2 and was transferred to the Indian Navy as INS Ganga in June 1953, paying off in 1975. The current vessel takes her name from the Chiddingfold Hunt in West Sussex and is affiliated with the village of Chiddingfold. The hull and most of the superstructure are constructed from Glass Reinforced Plastic (GRP), making the class the largest GRP ships in the world. Non-magnetic and strong enough to withstand the explosive shocks encountered in mine warfare activity. Great care has been taken to measure and annul the magnetic effect of all machinery and stores within the ship. The ship's noise signature has also been reduced to a minimum by tuning and matching all the main machinery and by taking great care with all resilient mountings. **HMS CHIDDINGFOLD** has the ability to conduct both minesweeping and minehunting operations. Mines are destroyed by sweeping with a towed wire and influence sweeps or by hunting using high definition sonar and then destroying them with explosives placed either by a diver or the ship's Remote Controlled Mine Disposal System (RCMDS). The addition of a 30mm gun enables **HMS CHIDDINGFOLD** to function in her Secondary Role as a Patrol Craft. On completion of her refit and training exercises **HMS CHIDDINGFOLD** will assume Fishery Protection Patrols in UK Coastal Waters in 1999.



HMS CHIDDINGFOLD arriving at Portsmouth

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 Lieutenant Commander C.J. Davies, BSc Royal Navy.
 Commanding Officer, **HMS CHIDDINGFOLD**.

C.F. Hockaday
 37 St. Gabriels Ave.
 Plymouth PL3 4JQ

Royal Naval Covers Series Five No. 18A

TO COMMEMORATE THE 22ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAUNCH OF THE "HUNT" CLASS MCMV
HMS CHIDDINGFOLD
 on 6th October 1983 at Vosper Thornycroft, Southampton

HMS CHIDDINGFOLD, or the 'Cheery Chid' as she is known in the small ship fleet was built by Vosper Thornycroft & launched by the Ship's Sponsor Lady Anne Kennon on 6/10/83, entering service a year later. Along with her main role in Mine Counter Measures she can also perform Fishery Protection (FP) duties & has just completed FP off the south coast. **HMS CHIDDINGFOLD** will now undertake weapon training and operational sea training in Scotland before returning home to Portsmouth in early December.




HMS CHIDDINGFOLD arriving at Portsmouth on 24/7/00.



THE ASHES ENGLAND WINNERS 2005



22ND ANNIVERSARY LAUNCH OF HMS CHIDDINGFOLD
 MINE COUNTER MEASURES SHIP
 6TH OCT 2005

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 Lieutenant Commander K.M.T. Hoilberg, Royal Navy
 Current Commanding Officer **HMS CHIDDINGFOLD**

Royal Naval Covers Naval FOC Series Nine No. 34

The Pattenmakers have an affiliation and have supported HMS Chiddingfold for some time. Representatives from the Ship's Company regularly attend our formal dinners

The Friends of St Margaret Pattens Church – Past Master Tim Watts, Trustee

Can a charity have a birthday? Probably not. However, this weekend marks the 25th anniversary of the signing of the trust deed (30th May) that set up the separate Charity called The Friends of St Margaret Pattens Church (registration with the Charity Commission followed and was confirmed in May 1997).

Our Guild Church is the nearest thing we have to a permanent home. This anniversary provides an opportunity to remind all Pattenmakers that this separate charity exists to support St Margaret Pattens, and to ask those who haven't done so to join those members of the Company who are supporters of The Friends.

While many Pattenmakers will be aware of the success of the Church in recent years in using the building to increase its sources of funding (the letting out of rooms etc), the most important and most necessary aim of The Friends remains contributing to the costs of the Church's administrator whose presence allows the Church to be open during the day (at least, it allows this in "normal" times). Today, of course, the administrator Chris Moore also acts as Beadle to the Company.

The other key object of The Friends, followed over these 25 years, has been to be involved in and contribute financially to the many repair and improvement projects at the Church, not least in the recent Organ Appeal. Members of the Friends have also volunteered their time and expertise whether in projects or organising and helping at events. Volunteers are always welcome.

We all have many calls upon us and, particularly in the present difficult times, on our finances. Nevertheless, this anniversary

is an opportunity to encourage you to become a supporter of The Friends. Becoming a supporter is easily done using the application form to be found on The Friends' website: [Friends of St Margaret Pattens](#)

City of London Corporation

The Virtual World of Murray Craig, Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court

On Tuesday 12 May the inspirational Captain Tom Moore was granted the Freedom of the City of London by Special Nomination. As a result of the coronavirus crisis it was the first ever ceremony to be held virtually in the 783 year history of the ancient custom. The Lord Mayor, William Russell, was full of admiration for Captain Tom's extraordinary fund raising walk and along with Catherine McGuinness, the Chair of the City of London's Policy and Resources Committee nominated him and it was agreed under urgency procedure of the Court of Common Council.

It was also opened up for the general public to view as it was streamed on You Tube. It was watched by 1,300 people and subsequently has had 14,000 (and rising) views. The ceremonies are usually private for the recipient and their guests only so it was a first for it be open to the public who were able to get to see it.

The ceremony was conducted by Dr Peter Kane, the Chamberlain of London assisted by the Clerk to his Court, Murray Craig. Also in attendance was the Lord Mayor accompanied by the Lady Mayoress. Making up the quartet on the screen is Captain Tom and his daughter Hannah. The ceremony is usually held in the Chamberlain's Court Room in Guildhall but instead people were given a glimpse of St. Albans, Alexandra Palace, the Hertfordshire/Cambridgeshire border and Captain Tom up in Bedfordshire.

It was rather a strange experience. I greatly missed all my props in the Court Room and also the face to face contact but in the circumstances it went very well and seems to have been well received. I was particularly pleased that I could tailor it to Captain Tom and finished with a flourish with references to Wellington (his regiment in the war), how he and Churchill exhibited the same bulldog spirit and the two Thomas Moore's! My Wisden's and Rothman's have been getting a lot of likes, not so controversial as Michael Gove's bookshelves with his biographies of various dictators and despots!



Picture above, Murray Craig is below the Chamberlain



Since then I have conducted another five virtual ceremonies, two Upholders, a Horner, a Constructor and an Arts Scholar, not yet a flood but rather a trickle. It will be interesting to see how many more get booked in as the lockdown continues. None were so well attended as Captain Tom's ceremony but the Master Elect Upholder put in an appearance. The Chamberlain's Beadle entered into the spirit of things by donning his frock coat, waistcoat and top hat! Our only hitch so far has been the Horner who was in his garden on a very warm sunny day but the reception was not very good so he had to go back indoors to his hub. I have taken a booking from an elderly Stationer who is a bit baffled by the technology, in fact I discovered that he lives round the corner from me in St. Albans and I offered to pop round and conduct the ceremony in his garden to maintain social distancing! However, his grandson aged ten came to his assistance.

As I mentioned earlier, I am missing all the artefacts in the Court Room which play a key role in my ceremonies at Guildhall. These include a splendid replica pair of pattens and a less splendid and somewhat rusty but much older iron ring, part of a patten. Seasoned Pattenmakers know my modus operandi is to test the new Freeman by pointing out the fan from the Fan Makers, the bow from the Bowyers, the stained glass from the Glaziers and then ask the unwary new freeman what I have from the Pattenmakers.

However, I am finding my bookshelves to be of considerable help, as you gather from the splash of yellow I love cricket so talk about cricketer freedoms I have conducted – Alistair Cook, Andrew Strauss and Michael Vaughan. I also have a couple of shelves devoted to the Archers which brings back memories of admitting Ted Kelsey aka Joe Grundy, June Spencer aka Peggy Wooley and the Countess of Portland (Mrs David Archer) who is a talented milliner in the Company of Feltmakers. The Arts Scholar was from Inverness so I found a biography of the Duke

of Cumberland (the Butcher or Stinking Billy or Sweet William depending on your political persuasion) Interestingly he was offered the Honorary freedom of the City of London not for his victory on Culloden Moor but for the fact that he stopped the Jacobite descent upon London at Derby. This most ungracious man never appeared at Guildhall to receive his freedom.

The Livery Companies are also dipping their toes into the virtual world. I was due to speak at the Chartered Accountants Dinner at Salters' Hall but instead about 80 of us had a virtual dinner and I had to deliver my speech to a screen on my dining room table to a laptop. Everyone was dressed in black tie and there were toasts to the Queen and the Lord Mayor. Sadly no delicious four course meal washed down with fine wine but shepherd's pie from Mrs Craig and some plonk from M & S. It was all rather surreal! I have subsequently spoken at a Woolmen's event and am off to the Horners on June 12.

Finally, I have been working with my colleagues in the department of Culture and Visitor Services at Guildhall and am doing a virtual tour of Guildhall in bite size chunks. Frankly I would not have believed that any of this would have been possible a mere two months ago.



Chartered Accountants Dinner

Letter from St Paul's Cathedral

Dear Colonel Murfin,

I hope that you and the Pattenmakers are keeping safe as we continue to navigate our way through these unprecedented days.

The news which is most dear to our hearts at the moment is the launch of our online memorial book, Remember Me, which you can find here: [Remember Me](#)

Our Dean, David Ison, has written the following:

“St Paul's Cathedral in London has been for centuries a place where significant national events have been prayed for and remembered, from the outcomes and losses of war to the tragedy of Grenfell Tower – events which have touched the lives of many or all communities across the country. This on-line book of remembrance continues that tradition in a changing world, and makes it available across the country, as together we remember and pray for one another.

If someone you love or care for has died as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and they had lived in the United Kingdom, you are encouraged to remember them on this site.

In addition, St Paul's wants to make a physical memorial to remember and honour every person who has lost their life during this pandemic. Subject to funding, we intend to build a new physical, inner portico within the North Transept. Already in the final stage of completion is the new external step-free access project, leading up to the North Transept entrance showing our commitment to equal access for everyone. The portico of remembrance will enable equality of welcome for all and at the same time allow visitors to remember their loved ones and the tragedies of this pandemic when they enter the Cathedral.

We need your support to make this memorial a reality. If you would like to partner with us in our endeavours, please visit: [Support St Pauls](#) for more information.

We continue to hold the world in our daily prayers and we regularly remember the Pattenmakers as part of the great community centred around this Cathedral which we all love so much.

St Paul's has been busy planning for the future but also providing resources and comfort. We have a new webpage where you can find thoughtful reflections, captivating music and worship, support for children's learning, and more. Do please visit: [Resource Hub](#)

Yours sincerely
Andrew

Andrew Carwood
Director of Music



Covid-19 Frontline Response

Freeman Sarah Hodge



Sarah has asked that we correct 2 errors in her article in last week's article. She has asked that we point out that following the previous article on St Bartholomew's it is a very special place and one that it

is particularly dear to her heart, as she was born there. Barts Healthcare Trust is made up of five amazing hospitals that serve the whole of the East London including her now local hospital Whipps Cross.

Further that whilst a picture of the

Neurosonic and relaxation bed was included the reference to it was omitted.

Apologies for these errors, which hopefully did not detract from the article or the wonderful work that Sarah is doing.

Members' News

New Baby – 2 Weeks Old



Past Master Richard Page reports:

No name as yet and naming a racehorse is a major operation because it must not be the same as an existing horse or even near it. I wanted to call one of mine last year DANCER and was told No because it was too near to LA DANSEUR!! Maybe I should call her Miss Pattens.

New Freeman Mark Rogers



Mark is sales and marketing director at Corps Security – the Corps of Commissionaires – one of the oldest security companies in the world, and a

long-standing member of the facilities management industry. Before Corps, he was a director at ICM (Compass), and he's held senior roles in some of the UK's top support service companies.

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Mark and Wendy, his wife of 38 years, own Moorhen Trout Fishery in the South Downs National Park. He is the chairman of the local Parish council and is raising money for a memorial for the servicemen who died when a glider crashed in the parish in 1944.

Mark is an entrepreneur by nature. He set up his first business aged just 21 and spent more than 17 years living in Gibraltar before settling back in the UK. Mark was initiated into Freemasonry at a young age and served in various positions. Although not currently active he maintains the Freemasonry values of being exemplary in the discharge of his civic duties.

Outside of work, Mark can be found walking the Somme battlefield, looking after bees or working in woodland with Wendy and their two giant dogs. He accepts that his days of fast cars are over and Top Gear has now been replaced with Country Watch while the only rugby he participates in is vocally from an armchair!

New Freeman James Shaghahi



Last year I returned from University College, Durham with a Bachelor of Laws and now endeavour to go to The Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. This quiet time of separation has

cemented my resolve to serve my country and given me fresh hope in our future as a nation.

I am reminded of the Master's stirring speech at the Young Pattenmakers dinner at which he extolled the importance of institutions like the Armed Forces and the Church to our identity as a nation. As a potential officer and a layman in the Church I naturally was encouraged by this. Indeed Captain Sir Tom Moore's achievements, the Army's vital role in the construction of the Nightingale Hospitals and our socially distanced VE day

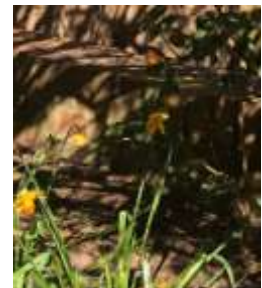
celebrations were a reminder that our Armed Forces instill self-discipline, gratitude and humility.

Moreover, The Church also has been praised by HRH the Duke of Cambridge for re-inventing itself through its use of "online church", also noting its increased attendance. Across denominations online attendance is estimated at around twenty-five per cent of the UK population.

I feel privileged to have been admitted to the Freedom of a Company that seeks to protect and nurture our identity for the betterment of future generations.

Bird Watch

Liveryman Ian Balcombe



Pictures of our Garden Robin, taken at the beginning of the Lockdown, when I realised I could hear bird song again with no traffic or airplanes.

The Clerk



Mrs Robin post lockdown, snacking, watching Netflix and no exercise wondering if she will ever fly again

In Memoriam Liveryman Brian James



It is with great sadness that we have to report that Liveryman Brian James passed away early last Saturday evening, 23rd May 2020. He had been very poorly for a while but for the last three weeks he had been in bed overlooking the River Severn at his home in Lydney, Gloucestershire; it was the day after his 77th birthday.

Having been in banking and active in charitable work as a Freemason, he was subsequently Treasurer of many charitable organisations including Friends of Lydney Hospital where he was a long serving Treasurer and Trustee. His diligence and kindness will be much missed by many. A Liveryman of the Pattenmakers for over 25 years, he was a keen and enthusiastic member and he and Sheila were regular attendees at our events. Brian was also a member of the Honourable Company of Gloucestershire.

His lifelong friend John Thurston writes:

"I was fortunate to visit Brian on Friday when he was able to acknowledge, with a sort of smile, the birthday card which depicted two gentlemen sharing an after dinner brandy one said "I say the glass is only half full" the other replied "I say the glass is too small". I shared many good evenings with Brian. If a true friend is someone who you can disagree with and still remain friends, then Brian was a True Friend. Having visited the Pattenmakers on several occasions and Brian and Sheila visiting Carmen Company's events with myself I know how much we both enjoyed and valued the Livery and its traditions".

Brian had no family but leaves his wife Sheila who lives at High Delf, 30a Grove Road, Lydney, GL15 5JD 01594 842390

Committees

Liveryman Joseph Robertson Chairman Young Pattenmakers



"This is cool. Kinda stressful though. Still not sure whether this coat fits me properly" I thought as I approached the steps of the Walbrook

entrance. It was about 6:30pm on a cool January evening in 2016 and I was about to enter Mansion House for my very first Pattenmakers' event.

As I walked from Liverpool Street Station to Bank in my top hat (antique silver cane in-hand), I noted the occasional looks from City workers rushing to get back home. I couldn't help but think "I must look totally bizarre". As I got closer to the Mansion House, I felt great comfort as I merged into growing numbers of finely dressed ladies and gentlemen; long coats and even longer dresses was the call... then "What are these things they are wearing around their necks... Mike Kemsley never mentioned that! Should I have bought one of these?!"

No time to worry about it now, I'm next in the queue. I make it into the building, past the doorman. Stage one complete. Anxiety levels dropping. I enter the cloak room area and am immediately greeted by a charming Richard Muir donning a rather conspicuous gown and waving a stick around; we exchange a few words and I am invited to make my way up the stairs. I look up and notice the neat line of Pikemen ahead of me. As I ascend the staircase, I think to myself "This is really exciting. Memo: don't upset the guards. Where on Earth is Mike?!"

I conquer the stairs and enter one of the City's most ancient and iconic rooms. Another polite chap in a gown greets me. He asks for my name, gives me a little booklet and invites me to approach the receiving line. Finally I spot Mike (relief!) who I find out is the Upper Warden! I walk to shake his hand... my first Pattenmakers event had begun!

That was over four years ago, I was 31 years old and I still recall it so vividly. I remember having a fantastic evening; everyone I spoke to was great fun and really welcoming, so I joined the Company as a 'Young Pattenmaker' shortly thereafter.

It is therefore a great pleasure to chair the Young Pattenmakers Committee which consists of Bryan Oknyansky, Sophia Lee, Wayne Young and myself.

The Young Pattenmakers consist of current and prospective members of the Company who are under the age of 40. It is our ambition to build a compelling agenda for this particular demographic, so that our younger members can make the most out of being part of the Company. We have a very broad base (over 300!) across a variety of sectors, located all across the UK and we want to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to be included. Since taking over as Chair, I have held conversations with members of Pattenmakers and other Livery Companies to better understand how we can support our younger members and am encouraged by the excellent ideas that have been shared.

Notwithstanding the issues with the lockdown, it's time to get cracking and to focus on the future!

Our Committee will be meeting (via Zoom) on Thursday and our agenda is focused on 'Life After Lockdown'. We will be linking in with other Committees following this to

ensure that our events schedule and overall strategy compliments that of the wider Company and I look forward to sharing additional details very soon.

In the meantime, if you are under the age of 40 and are interested in supporting this initiative or finding out more about the Young Pattenmakers, please get in touch with me at: joseph@josephalanrobertson.com

Postcard from Abroad

America - Liveryman Philip Rutledge



Greetings Fellow Pattenmakers from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania! Yes, I live in "commonwealth," and not a "state." There are four "commonwealths" in the United States (the

others being Massachusetts, Virginia and Kentucky) and the term "commonwealth" is not limited to arcane legal documents but is used in everyday language and the media, such as "the weather over the western part of the Commonwealth will be sunny while the east will see showers." Of course, my commonwealth is not to be confused with "the "Commonwealth" familiar to most Pattenmakers.

One may query the difference between a "commonwealth" and a "state." Originally, it had to do with the organisation of government. In a "commonwealth," most of day-to-day governing authority having to do with roads, schools, courts, policing, etc. were devolved to the lowest level of government, usually a municipality (town, borough or township). In "states," many of these activities were vested in a county-wide government which is the next level up from a municipality.

Pennsylvania, being the Latin for “Penn’s Woods,” came into existence due to a debt owed by the Crown to William Penn’s father, Admiral Penn, and began its life as what was known as a “proprietary” colony. The Penn family owned all of Pennsylvania and therefore, a purchaser of land in Pennsylvania received a warrant from the Penn family, not the Crown. A similar situation arose in neighbouring Maryland except the owners were the Calvert family whose coat of arms still constitutes the state flag of Maryland.

However, the granting of land in what was British North America was not an exact science and many overlapping claims emerged, particularly between the Penns and the Calverts. It was not until 1767 that Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon finished their land survey and established the present-day southern boundary of Pennsylvania and Maryland (known as the Mason-Dixon line) and the boundary among Delaware, Maryland and Pennsylvania.

My father’s family arrived in Maryland from the United Kingdom in the late 1600s and received a significant land grant from Lord Baltimore in the northern part of the state that was named “My Lady’s Manor.” Why it was so named remains a mystery. As Maryland was principally a Catholic colony, perhaps it was a reference to the Virgin Mary, but the family was Protestant so that does not seem likely.

Being in the northern part of Maryland, the land holding was among many claimed by both Maryland and Pennsylvania, mainly for tax purposes. Messrs. Mason and Dixon determined that the family’s holding indeed was in Maryland even though Pennsylvania was only about 10 miles away! Amazingly, there are about 500 acres left in the family from the original land grant and it remains a working farm.

Interestingly, my forefathers did not become citizens of the United States until after approximately 100 years of being British subjects! The family’s involvement in the creation of the United States is best left to another chapter.

Lockdown across the Tamar Renter Warden Elect Pat Tyrell.

OK, so even I know that this doesn’t necessarily qualify as a message “from abroad” but down here we are very jealous of our ethnic diversity! That means we believe that the Tamar is as important to us as the “big, beautiful wall” is to a certain Donald Trump!

It has been fortunate that we have enjoyed one of the best Easters and early Mays for some time: Cornwall is renowned for the spectacular Spring colours and the rhododendrons, camelias and azaleas have been magnificent. The reduction in traffic at the start of the lockdown brought peace and tranquillity to our part of Cornwall and the opportunity to do all those things we have been looking to do in the house and garden.



Time has passed quickly; the weeks seem to coalesce and are far shorter than they ever used to be. The most relaxed member of the family is the dog – she relishes her walks and human company all day.

We started the lockdown with our Swedish god-daughter in residence. She acted as our “sacrificial” young person and did all the shopping – very useful. Unfortunately she has returned to a new flat in London so we are left to forage for our own victuals!



Photo of the Week

Photograph provided by Liveryman Dr Richard Alexander



In Cherry Hinton, on the south-eastern edge of Cambridge, we are privileged to have a recreation ground only a

few minutes' walk from the house. It's a good place to exercise by walking around the field – one is rarely alone in this, but it is easy enough to keep suitably distanced from others. Or, with our daughter, we can play games and do various other exercises - the playground itself is closed, but there is plenty of space on the grass. And the trees around make it an attractive place to go.

Letters to the Editor

"Nightingale Trust - After the Crimean war so many donations were sent to Florence Nightingale that a Trust was set up. The money was used for the Nightingale School of Nurses at St. Thomas Hospital. Approx. £50,000 was given. The Council consists of about 10 members, all of the medical profession plus 2 Trustees which have to be a member of the Verney family and a member of the Bonham Carter family. Lawrence was the Trustee for many years, Edmund is now. They meet about 3 times a year and give grants to nurses - usually about £20/25,000pa.is given out.

Lawrence and I went to the Opening of the Queen Elizabeth Conference Centre when each room was dedicated to a famous person. He and a Bonham Carter family member were representing the Nightingale Trust as one of the rooms is named after Florence Nightingale. Nicholas Ridley misread his notes, and presented us to the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh as Mr & Mrs B-C!!

The Nightingales and Verneys were neighbours in London and Sir Harry, Lawrence's Grand-Father, was a family friend. Florence Nightingale had a suite of rooms at Claydon"

Past Mistress Lady Zoë Verney

Following on from the article last week regarding the donation to Footwear Friends – the following email was received:

"What a fabulous gesture of the generous donation and so much appreciated. With most of our fundraisers currently being cancelled the charity is most appreciative of any assistance. Once we are officially being allowed back in the building, I will arrange to receipt this at the earliest opportunity. I am currently dealing with most of the charity's affairs from home which creates its own challenges. In the meantime I would appreciate it if you would pass on our sincere thanks to both the Master of the Pattenmakers and the Past Master of the Shoemakers and Tanners Guild of Zurich. I will forward your e-mail to David Lockyear and I am sure he will be most appreciative.

Gabi O'Sullivan, Secretary, Footwear Friends

Following receipt of the donation, a further email was received.

"My sincere thanks for my very welcomed grant. In these troubled times it is comforting to know there are people out there willing to help us. My thanks go out to you and your team. "thank you Footwear Friends"! Keep safe!"

Thanks is never expected from our beneficiaries but always nice to hear from those who have been assisted by the charity.

Thank you for the Newsletter, which I am sure I will enjoy reading.

"I am very honoured to be one of the DMRC Stanford Hall Honorary Pattenmakers. We as a unit have been focused on support to military COVID patients recently and as a result have produced some patient information advice for those recovering. We are now running post-COVID rehab courses for those military personnel worst affected. I have attached the info in case they would be of interest for one of your newsletters. Happy for people to distribute as they feel

fit. Slight military focus but relevant for all, and certainly not focused on military type fitness, rather more on overcoming a bad viral illness irrespective of age or profession. We are sharing with the NHS too. Please ignore if you don't feel they are of use but knowing the plans the Company have for further input on this site to improve the conditions for our patients I thought it a good idea to share our work."

Col Rhodri D Phillip OBE Honorary
Freeman - Clinical Director & CT lead
Consultant, Defence Medical Rehabilitation
Centre, Stanford Hall.

Editor: The information referred to above will uploaded to the Notice Board on the Livery website.

All contributions are welcome – please send to the Editor Ian Balcombe :
ianbalc@gmail.com

The Clerk's Quiz of the Week

The first name drawn from the hat on Wednesday was:

Steward Raymond Lewis MSM

The date that a second bridge was built across the Thames is arguable. One view is that in 1729 it was the Fulham Railway Bridge followed by the Fulham Footbridge. However, the second bridge for general traffic was Westminster Bridge which opened in 1750. Either answer received went into the hat.

There are 33 bridges cross the tidal river Thames from Teddington Lock to the open sea. The first is Richmond Bridge and the last is the Dartford Crossing, or Queen Elizabeth II bridge.

Well done to all who sent in the correct answer(s)

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.

This Week's Question

Is the course of the Doggett's Coat & Badge Race longer than that of the Oxford and Cambridge Boat race?

Yes or No – and what year was it first contested?

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

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X Marks the spot

I am pleased to report that nobody was anywhere near which hopefully means that neither the thieving squirrels nor the murdering Magpies will find it either and Mrs Robin who is still sitting there day in, day out, no internet, no Netflix, no mobile signal just social distancing in safety!

Somewhere in the picture there is a Robin's nest.

entry with an X nearest the actual spot will win a highly prized and sought after £10 Pavarotti voucher

To make it easier– here is a close up



All you have to do is place a X where you think the Robin's nest is and send it to clerk@pattenmakers.co.uk