



The Pattenmaker

WEEKLY NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY

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From the Master Elect, Jennifer Bryant-Pearson



We are all very excited about our first virtual social occasion with our Sheriff, Past Master Hayward on 30th June. Full details are in the newsletter this week so please have a drink in hand and join us for this fascinating look at the City of London, post

Covid – 6-6.45pm.

We will follow up with another webinar on 21st July when Past Master Kottler will inspire us on our company history with the support of Assistant Steve Huxham and Liveryman Dr Stephen Cribbs, as they take us through stories from the history book.

In today's issue, our Honorary Chaplain, the Reverend Andrew Keep reminds us about the role of our church in the midst of this current crisis and Past Master Helen Auty has provided an article about our City churches.

Our Renter Warden Elect, Pat Tyrrell introduces us to 824 Naval Squadron and Liveryman Ian Balcombe has some more Naval Covers – this time of HMS Gloucester.

Freeman Bryan Oknyansky writes about life under lockdown and Liveryman Hannah Eveleigh provides Photo of the week and Flora takes centre stage!

We hear about life in Switzerland with Postcard from Abroad from Past Master Ian Scarr-Hall and new Freeman Chantilly Cole tells us about her introduction to the Pattenmakers.

Congratulations to Assistant Keith Bottomley on his new role as Chairman of the City of London's Port Authority! Read about his new responsibilities and contribute your views on climate change to the City of London Corporation's public consultation.

The Lord Mayor was back in London to raise the Armed forces flag to mark Armed Forces week and he hosted a Livery meeting for the Leather Liveries which we will report on in detail next week.

Freeman Richard Parlour describes the rare marsh warbler in Birdwatch and don't forget the Clerk's Quiz!

And finally I, for one, will be trying to create Past Mistress Alexandra Hayward's Marvellous Mainstay Meringues although sadly, I do not have the Sheriff on hand to test the stiffness of the egg whites . . .

Our first Webinar

Jennifer Bryant-Pearson, Master Elect



We are delighted that our own Sheriff, Past Master Christopher Hayward has kindly agreed to speak at our first Pattenmakers virtual event which will take place on 30th June from 6pm until 6.45pm

The subject will be 'Where is the City going after Covid?' and below is a summary of the talk which will be followed by a questions and answers session.

'The City of London throughout its history has been a dynamic, ever changing City, a strength which has enabled it to weather crisis and emerge stronger. Before COVID-19 the City was evolving in an unprecedented way, with a shift change in working practices, an emphasis on health and wellbeing, climate change resilience and sustainability informing new developments and a radical Transport Strategy delivering a pedestrian priority City and also encouraging cycling. The aftermath and implications of COVID-19 is being vigorously debated at the moment and speculation is rife. The debate will continue but it is clear that COVID-19 could serve as a catalyst to deliver the radical change which was already happening in the City. Chris Hayward, Sheriff of the City of London, Deputy Chairman of the Corporation's Policy Committee and former Chairman of the Planning & Transportation Committee will explain how the City's strength is its adaptability and that it is perfectly placed to move beyond the current pandemic to ensure a bright and sustainable long term future for the City.'

The Master will chair the event and we hope that many of you will join us and participate in this special Pattenmakers webinar with our distinguished guest speaker.

A link will be sent out with full instructions on joining.

City of London Corporation

Liveryman Keith Bottomley CC

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to take over recently as Chairman of the City of London Corporation's Port Health and Environmental Services Committee, having serviced three years as Deputy Chairman.



This is one of the City's most central and long established committees with a very broad remit and responsibility for a number of key public services including environmental health, trading standards, Animal Health, licensing, public conveniences, street cleansing, refuse collection and the management and operation of the City of London Cemetery and Crematorium. The City of London is also responsible for port health functions on the tidal Thames, including the ports of Tilbury, Thamesport, Sheerness, London City Airport and London Gateway.

We are the largest port health authority in the UK. As the London Port Health Authority, we are responsible for all port health functions on the Thames, including imported food and feed controls, infectious disease controls, food safety and hygiene including water quality, shellfish controls, vessel inspections and issue of ship sanitation documentation and environmental controls

Top of the agenda is continued improvement in air quality and taking bold action on climate.

We have a very strong commitment to improving air quality in the Square Mile and wider London and to reducing public exposure to air pollution. Air quality in the City of London is now improving. The City Corporation launched its

revised Air Quality Strategy in late 2019. Aside from outlining how the City Corporation will carry out its statutory duty to improve air quality, one of the main aims of the strategy is for 90% of the City to meet World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines for nitrogen dioxide by 2025.

The governing body has banned new diesel vehicles from its own fleet and is leading a London-wide crackdown on idling engines. Our CityAir app gives over 30,000 Londoners low pollution travel routes, advice and alerts. We are also leading on an Emissions Reduction Bill to give London's local authorities tough new powers to tackle air pollution caused by boilers, construction machinery and diesel generators. Half of poor air quality in the Square Mile is non transport related.

The City of London Corporation's Animal Health Service plays a crucial role in ensuring compliance with UK, EU and international regulatory standards covering animal health and welfare controls. The Animal Health Service includes the operation of Heathrow Animal Reception Centre (HARC), which assesses all animals entering the UK through Heathrow Airport and has been owned and operated by the City since the 1950s.

We have made much progress in the past three years introducing a far-reaching air quality strategy for the City, the UK's first fully electric fleet of Refuse Collection Vehicles and a significant increase in trade at the ports.

Protecting the environment and facilitating trade have never been more important. The pandemic has seen everyone re-evaluating and looking at things differently. The Port Health and Environmental Services Committee has an important role to play in helping to ensure that the City of London Corporation shows leadership, innovation and continued commitment to all those who rely on what we do.

And appropriately to follow on - Climate Change

From Katelyn Williams, Communication, City of London Corporation

The City of London Corporation is developing a draft Climate Action Strategy that will cover both our own operations, those of the Square Mile and how we will adapt to climate change. The aim is to reduce the City's carbon emissions and to ensure that both are resilient to climate change and to lead others to make similar changes. Earlier this year we started a series of studies to be carried out which have provided a solid evidence base across a range of climate related topics. These studies have resulted in a good understanding of where we are now and what our options are.

We are writing to you as we would greatly value your input to inform our initiatives. We would like insight on how you are preparing for climate change. This information will be used to help feedback into our current studies. We welcome your comments by submitting them to this email, climateaction@cityoflondon.gov.uk, by 30 June 2020.

Next month, we will be launching a formal public consultation on the draft Climate Action Strategy on our website: [Climate Action](#) It will be at this point when your members will be able to submit their views formally, as will your organisation.

If you have any further queries or would like to be directly contacted when the consultation goes live please email us: climateaction@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Armed Forces Week

The flag of the Armed Forces has been flying over Guildhall since Monday 22nd June and will do so throughout Armed Forces Week (22nd June – 27th June) in a show of respect from the City of London Corporation.



The flag raising ceremony was presided over by the Lord Mayor of London William Russell, in the presence of elected Members of the City of London Corporation and senior military figures from all three services.

Local authorities across the United Kingdom, Channel Islands and Isle of Man have raised specially commissioned Armed Forces Day flags in a display of support, honouring Britain's service men and women.

City Reservists from the Royal Navy, Army, Royal Air Force and the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry will join William Russell in a virtual event on the Wednesday of Armed Forces Week to celebrate Reserves Day.

Lord Mayor of London and President of the City Reserve Forces and Cadets Association, William Russell, said:

“We pay tribute to the indefatigable work of our Regular and Reserve armed forces during the pandemic, which has served as yet another reminder of the vital role they play in protecting and supporting our society.

“We are committed to investigating further work around recruitment and employability in the City for service leavers and veterans, and to

encouraging employer support for Reservists and Cadet Force Adult Volunteers.”

The Lord Mayor



For the latest bulletin from the Lord Mayor, please click here:

[Lord Mayor's Midsummer Bulletin](#)

Leathery Livery Group

This is the Glovers latest venture about their help for an inspiring young lady – the link is below and well worth watching: [Super Teacher Gets a Bionic Arm](#)

Our Charitable Fund

St Margaret Pattens

Honorary Chaplin Revd Andrew Keep

Here at St Margaret Pattens, like most people, it took us a moment to appreciate quite how big the changes would be. When I closed the Vestry



door behind me in mid-March, I had no idea that in late June I still wouldn't have been back. Fortunately, Chris Moore, who is also very much part of your Company, has been able to look in regularly to keep things safe and to check that all is well. We are looking at gradually opening the church and to seeing what might be done, but are at present feeling our way. The City remains quiet.

We often say that the church is not the building, but the people, and this has been borne out by our experience. We quickly discovered Zoom (me

for the first time!) and so the congregation were able to get together wherever and however we were. We meet on Thursdays at 1pm, which is our usual weekly service time. Do let me know if you would like to be included on the Zoom invitation. It has not only been good to feel that we have kept the light of faith burning in these difficult times, but also good to see each other. We try to combine prayer and chat. I suspect that for many of us our own situations- with their difficulties and their sadness feel unique. And unpleasantly unique. We have to work out our lives in a new landscape. The virus often seems to present us with options - all of which we would rather not take.

In amidst all this, it has been lovely to see how life goes on in our congregation. A baby was born a couple of weeks ago to one of our couples. A most wonderful pointer to hope and trust and love - all things that we hold at the heart of our faith, in good times and in bad.

Past Master Helen Auty has kindly provided an article which was first published in *Skyline*: the Magazine of The Friends of City Churches, November 2017: [Worshipful Companies and the Churches](#) by permission of the author who holds the copyright, Sally Bernard, and also from the Friends of City Churches.

CDRE Patrick J Tyrrell OBE RN Renter Warden Elect



At a recent meeting of the Court it was agreed to invite 824 Naval Air Squadron to be a Military Affiliate of the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers. Their current Commanding Office, Commander Martin Russell Royal Navy (known as 'Leathers') was due to attend the installation dinner in March. He has kindly drafted a few

words for incorporation into our weekly Newsletter and we wish all of them the very best and look forward to many opportunities of meeting up with them, whether on the ground, in the air or even at sea!

From Commander Martin Russell:

As Commanding Officer of your new Fleet Air Arm affiliate, 824 Naval Air Squadron, I am delighted to be writing to update you on the recent activities during my tenure. The Squadron, comprising 330 personnel and 6 aircraft is based at Royal Naval Air Station Culdrose in Cornwall and trains ab-initio pilots, observers, aircrewmen and engineers in the operation of the 15 tonne Merlin Mk 2 Maritime Patrol Helicopter in primary roles of Anti-Submarine Warfare and Anti-Surface Warfare and the secondary roles of Troop Transport and Search & Rescue. Recent embarked training has been conducted with the aviation training ship RFA ARGUS and the impressive new aircraft carrier HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH in often challenging conditions by day and night. A planned detachment to Bergen, Norway in May to conduct Anti-Submarine Warfare Training with Norwegian and German submarines has unfortunately been a casualty of the COVID-19 lockdown but it is hoped to reschedule next year

In these unprecedented times the key Squadron training outputs are being maintained; to provide crews to support the Royal Navy's highest priorities in protecting the strategic deterrent,



freedom of manoeuvre in the North Atlantic and Maritime Counter-Terrorism. These tasks were recently supplemented with the responsibility to provide 3aircraft and crews 24/7 as part of the OPERATION RESCRIPT Aviation Tasking Force,

providing medical evacuation transport to COVID-19 symptomatic and non-symptomatic patients throughout the South West.



So, we remain busy with flying operations but I am very keen to safeguard the welfare and morale of our personnel and to that end it is vitally important that we continue to develop our ties with our close affiliates. I hope that future easing of the lockdown measures will enable us to interact to mutual advantage, offering an 'up close and personal' view to some of your members of our operational commitments, training and student graduation parades.

Whilst on the Naval Theme Liveryman - Liveryman Ian Balcombe

Following on from the HMS Chiddingfold Covers here are two more of HMS Gloucester – the connection being our Patron

TO COMMEMORATE THE REDEDICATION OF THE BATCH III TYPE 42 DESTROYER HMS GLOUCESTER
at HM Naval Base Portsmouth, 24th July 2003
in the presence of HRH The Duchess of Gloucester GCVO

HMS GLOUCESTER is a batch 3 Type 42 destroyer built by Vosper Thornycroft & launched by HRH The Duchess of Gloucester on 2/11/82, commissioning on 11/9/85, the 10th RN ship to bear the name which has won 14 Battle Honours. She deployed on 30/8/90 in support of the UN embargo against Iraq & on 17/1/91 escorted the first US ships to fire Tomahawk cruise missiles against the Iraqis. In the early hours of 25/2/91 **HMS GLOUCESTER** was escorting USS Missouri close to the Kuwait coast as it bombarded the shore with her 16-inch guns when an Iraqi Scud missile was fired at Missouri. In less than 90 seconds **HMS GLOUCESTER** had destroyed the Scud with 2 Sea Dart missiles, which proved to be the first validated, successful engagement of a missile, by a missile, in combat at sea. The ship returned home on 25/3/91 after 208 days at sea, during which time her Lynx had successfully engaged and neutralised 7 Iraqi naval units with Sea Skua missiles. She commenced her second refit at Devonport in Jan 02, when her crew were reduced from 250 to 30. The work package included replacing all four engines (Rolls Royce Olympus & Tyne Gas Turbines), engine room upgrade, a more efficient fuel system which will improve overall ship stability, installation of three new sewage plants, bringing the ship into line with current IMO regulations. Her hull & structure & propeller systems were removed, overhauled & replaced, all accommodation was refurbishment, new Operations Room colour flat screen displays & a new Command Support System were installed, along with an overhaul of all the ship's weapon & sensor systems. The current ship & her predecessors have enjoyed close links with the City of Gloucester since 1854, when the first ship was built under the Commonwealth in recognition of the gallant defence of the City during the Civil War. Other affiliations include 1st Battalion The Royal Gloucester, Berkshire & Wiltshire Regiment, Oxford UFNU, The Fighting G Club, Gloucester RNA, The Right Worshipful Company of Grocers, Gloucester RUFC, TS's Legion, Gloucester & Gurkha, Milton Abbey School & Cheltenham College CCF's & Milford Haven School. **HMS GLOUCESTER's** second refit will enable her to remain in service for a minimum of 10 years.

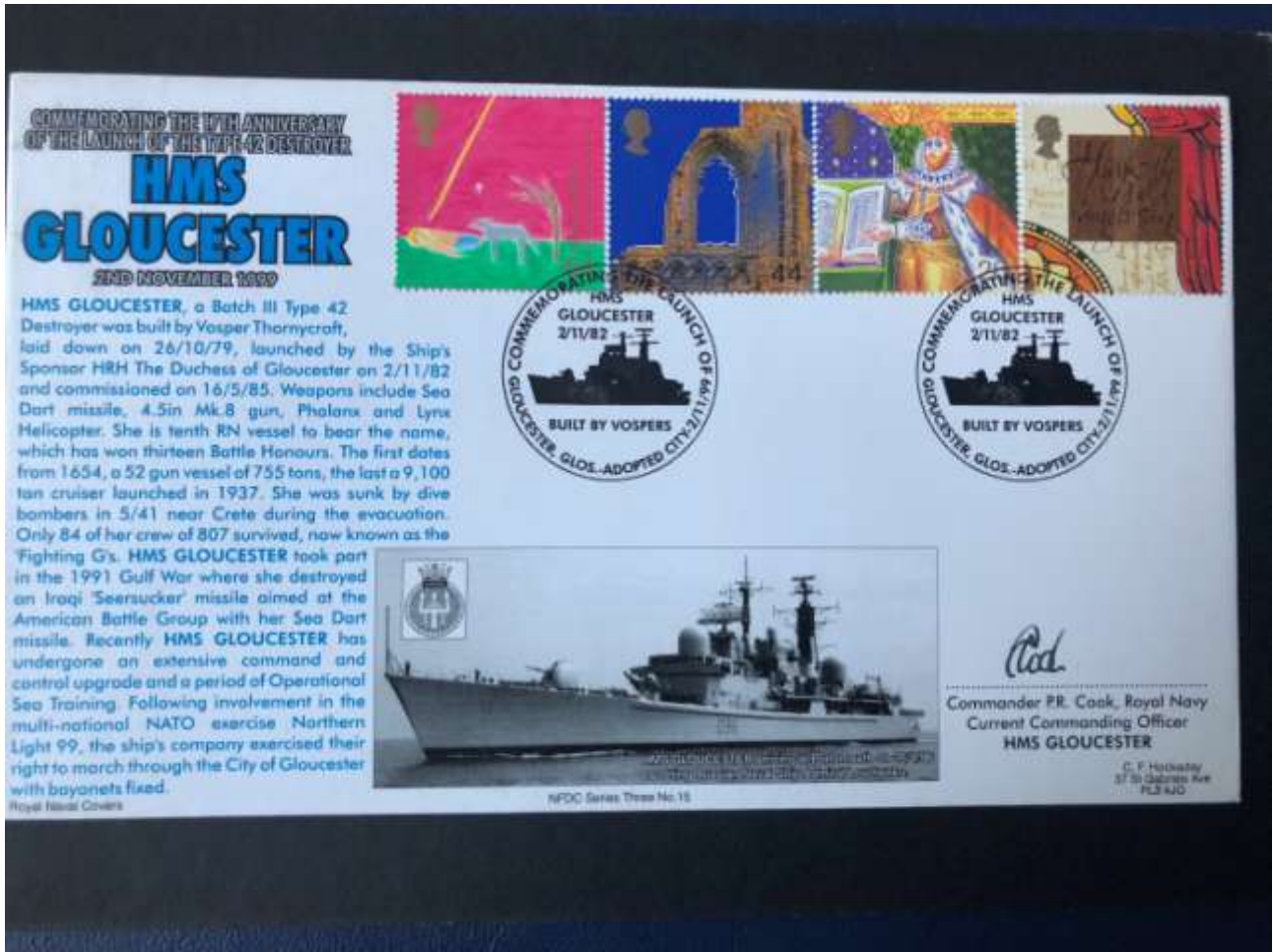
An impressive photo of **HMS GLOUCESTER** at sea

Royal Naval Covers

Series Seven No.7

Commander Malcolm Cree, Royal Navy
current CO, **HMS GLOUCESTER**

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Covid-19

My Lockdown by Freeman Bryan Oknyansky

Lockdown for Rebecca and I began from mid-March. With my work desktop computer, two monitors, my wife's laptop and monitor, our dining room table transformed into our workstations. We tested sitting side-by-side and at opposite ends of the table. The benefit of greater leg room prevailed and from Monday to Friday weekly thereafter, we would be seeing each other's foreheads over our screens.

We make the most of our work-from-home lives. We have replaced our morning commute with more sleep. We, very rarely, eschew typical morning protocols and "show up to work" in less-than-professional attire. But we haven't become

lazy. I've subscribed to a coffee delivery service and take at least 10 minutes to filter my own farm-to-cup coffee. I've become an astute weekly meal cook. Best of all, we've become more avid outdoor activity enthusiasts (in line with government guidelines!).

We discovered that a 20-minute bike ride from East Croydon gets you to world-class Surrey countryside. My wife and I use our lunch hour to either take a walk through our nearby verdant pocket park blanketed with mature and established landscaping, or lay out in the sun and get a lockdown tan – things we wouldn't be able to enjoy before the lockdown. We frequented the pocket park so often that we became nosey neighbours to a clew of Peacock Butterfly caterpillars. We watched them grow from thin, wiry fidgeters clustering a nettle stalk to thick, elegant slinkers hogging entire leaves to themselves. One of them, let's call her Patty,

allowed my wife to get up close and personal to capture a portrait of her in her element.



Photo by his wife, Rebecca Tenniswood.

Oh, the joys of lockdown.

Members' News

New Freeman Chantilly Cole



I was the winner of the Young FM Award in 2018. I decided to get involved with the Pattenmakers when I noticed an advert in an FM Journal and entered. I wanted to push

myself and build my confidence and did not expect to win. It has been an amazing experience that has connected me to lots of new and lovely people, and I love being part of the Pattenmakers world. I feel grateful to have won and what this has led too! I have worked within Facilities Management for the past 12 years, quite by chance, starting as temp in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. I took the opportunity to learn and slowly worked my way up the career ladder working with some fantastic companies such as Formula One and Global. Each venture has taught and tested me and exposed me to a lot of new challenges including some prestigious events such as organising Remembrance Sunday at the FCO, facilitating and maintaining race kit at Formula One, to the logistics of arranging for a pig (!!) to be brought into the Capital Studios at Global! No day is ever the same, which I love! It's been great becoming a Pattenmaker and has allowed me to work and network with like-

minded people on another platform and gain priceless experiences! Thank you to the Pattenmakers for choosing me as their winner!!

Postcard from Abroad

Switzerland - Liveryman Ian Scar-Hall

Switzerland's first recorded case of coronavirus was on 24th February 2020.



With borders to Italy, France and Germany, and large numbers commuting daily, the spread of infection was dramatic.

Switzerland rapidly became one of the countries with the highest number of coronavirus disease-2019 (COVID-19) cases per capita in the world.

At that time Ruth was in Zuger Kantonsspital recovering from a nasty fall, fractured bone and requiring an emergency hip replacement.

But, if you are going to fall then Switzerland is best choice with excellent facilities and medics.

Switzerland also maintains an army in constant readiness for prompt action. This highly disciplined army was mobilised to control the borders.

A closure of all but essential services was implemented.

Steady progress has since been made under guiding rules from the Swiss Federation but very dependent upon cooperation from every citizen. Shops, hotels, schools, factories all now open.

The new normal within Swiss borders is almost as before the outbreak.

I practice social distancing daily with a wake up alarm walk at 3.30am.

This allows me to experience the dawn usually without meeting anybody else!

My normal route is 10/12k alongside Lake Zug. Companions are ducks, geese, grebes, heron, many other water birds, occasionally a fox, hedgehog, stoat.



Happy Hedgehog

Clean air, beautiful meadows filled with alpine flowers singing larks, linnets, circling red kites, buzzards and eagles. Every jog or walk is different.

I recall one occasion without meeting a soul for two hours, almost back home, when a sharp right hand turn brought me into collision face to face contact with a lady also practicing her social distancing.

We apologised in German. French, Italian, English, Russian.

Having practiced my social distancing I then lock down indoors for the remainder of the day where the time flies in emails, telephone calls and Zoom meetings with clients in USA, India and the UK.

Photo of the Week

Liveryman Hannah Eveleigh



I am very lucky that I have been able to work from home during lockdown so I pretty much haven't left the house for three months. However, I do leave the comfort

and safety of our village (where, to date, we haven't had any cases of Covid-19) once a week to stock up the fridge for my 3 boys who are all home (and eating us out of it!), and I manage to escape early 3 or 4 times a week up over the hills and fields to run with my springer spaniel, Flora. We run for about five or six miles, all cross-country, and generally come across at least one hare, and a muntjac if we are lucky. It's beautiful, tranquil and my moment of solace in an otherwise very strange world. I thank my lucky stars every day that I live in such a beautiful part of the country (Northamptonshire - think the Bramptons rather than Kettering!) and that I am still just about fit enough to trot over the countryside and not ache too much for the rest of the day. Maybe I might just run the marathon again for the Pattenmakers one day...



Bird Watch

Freeman Robert Parlour



This week's avian report is a bit different to the previous garden theme. Last week saw four days of consistent strong winds from the East. This meteorological event often blows unusual birds across the Channel and into the country and I was lucky enough to see one of the rare marsh warblers to be seen in the UK. These are on the red list. In normal times there are thought to be only 2-8 pairs breeding throughout the whole of the UK. The best way to tell of their presence is

their song. Their vocal range is quite something to behold, a definite contender for number one songster with the nightingale (also on the red list and a real rarity). They are also extremely good at mimicking the song of other birds, such as Bee-eater, Song Thrush and Goldfinch. They are the Mike Yarwood of the bird world (for those old enough to remember him), or the Rory Bremner (for younger generations). Their singing ability makes up for fairly ordinary looks however, being brown on top and a dull white below. They are very hard to photograph (as you will see in the attached), as they spend most of their time flitting about in reed beds, about a foot off the ground, which is a real problem for sightings when the reeds are 3-4 feet tall. They do feel quite safe doing this however. I was at times around ten feet from it, well able to hear it if not see it other than for four two second glimpses over the course of an hour. Patience is a virtue that can pay off!

Recipe of the Week

Past Mistress Alexandra Hayward



Marvellous Mainstay Meringues

As a child, I always remember my mum delighting family and guests with her meringue creations. They were delicious! And now they form the mainstay when I, too, am entertaining. For those who attended Chris' Master's weekend, you may recall the "Meringue Patten" that was served for dessert. The challenge of replicating the

metal ring and uprights of a Patten structure in meringue mixture is not an easy task!

However, if you wish to recreate this dessert, here is the recipe:

Ingredients

2 eggs
1 cup of caster sugar
Whipped Cream
Fresh fruit of choice

Set oven at 100 degrees centigrade
Line two baking sheets with greaseproof paper

Method

Break the egg separating the egg white and yolk. Pour the egg whites into the bowl of your electric mixer (Please ensure absolutely no yolk is in there with the egg whites.) Whisk the egg whites on a fast setting until they are stiff.

(You should be able to hold the bowl upside down above your head and stay dry, or someone else's head!)



With the mixer on a medium speed add the caster sugar, a spoonful or two at a time, waiting a good few minutes till it is fully mixed before adding the next spoonful, and repeat till all the sugar is mixed in. The meringue mixture will now be rich white rich and glossy. Spread the mixture over the greaseproof paper in any shape you wish, a rectangular square or circle. You get creative as you wish. Alternatively use a piping bag and pipe the mixture shape or create individual small meringues.

Place the meringues in the oven for one hour and leave to cool. The outside should be dry and hard to touch though Richard and Libby, our children, always request that I undercook them so that the meringue is chewy on the inside!

When cool, spread the whipped cream on top and decorate with fruit and enjoy.

And if anyone has ideas how best to use the left over egg yolks I would be most grateful.

Letters to the Editor

Past Master Richard Paice

Missed from last week: "PS are other liveries managing such a lively newsletter?"

For those who are nearing the end of the Great Fire quiz – here is the Question 20 in its entirety

20. What stopped the Great Fire from spreading across the Thames to Southwark? a) The wind changed direction and blew the fire away. b) The bridge was blown up by the Kings brother. c) The fire of 1633 had destroyed houses on the north side.

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

The Clerk's Quiz of the Week

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

Which road runs from London all the way to Edinburgh and where does it start?

Please send an email to clerk@pattenmakers.co.uk with your answers to enter into the draw. The lucky winner of the draw will receive a £10 voucher redeemable against any Pattenmakers' products. The winner will be notified in the subsequent edition of the Newsletter

