



The Pattenmaker

WEEKLY NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY

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From the Master Elect, Jennifer Bryant-Pearson



We are so sorry that technical issues prevented the first webinar going ahead this week but Sheriff Hayward has kindly agreed to return as we try again next Monday 6th July with new technology, so do please join us!

Freeman Zoe Chowney is also hosting an event for us on 9th July – so test your knowledge in our first Quiz night. Full details will be sent out separately by our Clerk.

There are a host of other events planned, with a new section in the newsletter so that you can plan your diary – and there is a survey from Upper Warden Elect Sarah Leitjen which we would like to you to complete so that we can plan events accordingly.

Our charitable fund supports the military through Stanford Hall, formerly Headley Court, and today some former residents report on their experiences and new life thanks to their treatment at Headley and the Wings for Warriors charity.

In the City of London the big news is the Sheriff's amazing weight loss – see the new look!

We also report on the Leather Liveries meeting with the Lord Mayor, the history of the Order of

St John and the proposed road changes with an opportunity for your input on the consultation We have a new baby in the Company and our congratulations go to Ruth Lamb and her family Three new Freeman are featured – Bryan McLaggan, Christopher West and David Waterhouse and Past Master Sir John Timpson writes on Timpsons the musical, available now on YouTube.

Liveryman Frank Chow showcases his extraordinary talents in lace making with some breathtaking examples of his work and Freeman Marcelo writes his Postcard from Buenos Aires.

Liveryman David Emanuel, our new webmaster-for which many thanks - provides the Photo of the week and our Avian correspondent, Freeman Richard Parlour gives advice on the best binoculars along with news on coal tits.

Our transatlantic couple, Renter Warden Elect Pat Tyrrell and his wife, Debbie tempt us with two great recipes from their home countries, Texas sheet cake and Cornish pasties.

Please keep sending in your recipes and letters – we want to print them!

City of London Corporation

Sheriff Past Master Chris Hayward CC The Shrieval Slim Down is Complete!

Many of you will recall that five months ago I set out on a 'Shrieval Slim Down' to lose 46 lbs.....1lb for every £1 that a prisoner receives in

their re-settlement grant from the Government when they leave prison.

I decided therefore to raise sponsorship for the Sheriff and Recorders Fund, a charity which assists those leaving prison. This week I surpassed my target, losing a total of 49 lbs and raising £16,567 for the Sheriff and Recorders Fund thanks to the generosity of so many of my supporters.

It has been a tough challenge and involved a lifestyle change but I am so very grateful to you for that support and encouragement with your donations.

As you can see from the photographs, I look a little different now!



Before



After

Leathery Livery Group The Leathery Livery Companies meet with the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor

The Master, the Master-Elect and the Clerk attended a Zoom meeting on the 24th June with the Lord Mayor, Sheriff Hayward, several Aldermen and senior Mansion House staff. The Lord Mayor and the Civic team are holding a series of meetings with the Livery to consider the current situation and a way ahead.

The Lord Mayor updated us stating the impact of the virus has been variable but severe. Some halls are closed completely others have a single staff member on site, whilst remaining closed for any activity. All companies who spoke including the Pattenmakers, stressed the importance of maintaining their charitable donations and many

of the wealthier companies have increased their giving in recognition of the impact of the virus on the vulnerable charities and individuals that they support.

The Lord Mayor reviewed the effect on the City and especially the Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) sector which has been very badly affected by the absence of some 550,000 people a day who in February travelled daily into the City to work. The Lord Mayor reported that in the financial services sector 97% are working from home, and that only some 5-10% are expected to return in September. Hence while Financial Services are holding up well, the businesses in the City that depend on these firms are not well placed and there have been many casualties. The Lord Mayor voiced the opinion that early Spring next year would be the earliest point at which “normal” activities might resume. Whilst at the moment it is planned there will be a Lord Mayor’s Show, it is unlikely to take the same form as previously.



The Lord Mayor discussed the impact of the Black Lives Matter movement and the anti-slavery activities on the Livery and ways in which the diversity of the Livery and activities can improve. The Pattenmakers are, thanks to the activities of Masters over many years, very much in the forefront of diversity, not only in terms of gender balance but also in terms of ethnicity and sexual orientation. We were surprised to learn that some Companies, however, are yet to elect their first female Master, and many are clearly some way from this.

Unfortunately, the third item on the Agenda which we were most interested in, thoughts on the post Covid recovery, was not discussed as we had run out of time. However, it was a great

initiative from the Civic Team and these meetings with the Livery will continue for the foreseeable future

Liveryman Keith Bottomley updates us on arrangements for Transport in the City



We have begun delivery of the transport recovery plan. The scheme is primarily focused on providing the space needed to maintain social distancing on our streets and to enable safe walking, cycling and the managed use of public transport. Temporary changes are being

installed on streets in stages. Visit the [Webpage](#) for full details.

Online survey

Our [Survey](#) is now online for you to tell us what you think of the changes. This survey will be updated as changes to more streets are implemented. It will remain open while the temporary measures are in place.

We are keen to hear back from as many people and organisations as possible. Please share the survey with colleagues and friends.

Update on phased delivery of street changes

Phase One of the initiative is largely complete. This includes providing more space for people walking on Threadneedle Street, Old Broad Street, Cannon Street and Leadenhall Street; and the introduction of timed closures and changes on Coleman Street, Lombard Street and St Mary Axe. A 24/7 no through route except for buses and cycles only on Leadenhall Street is due to be implemented in the next few weeks.

For **Phase Two**, a further seven kilometres of streets will be temporarily changed. This includes the reallocation of highway to people walking and cycling on Fleet Street and Moorgate, a timed closure of Moorfields to motor vehicles and the closure of Chancery Lane to through traffic.

Installation will start on-street from the **6th July** and will be completed over the summer.

Phase Three includes proposals for temporary cycle parking locations, greening and areas for seating. It also includes a proposal for a School Street by Charterhouse Square School.

As requested we are separately looking into the feasibility of Monument Yard, as well as other sites that have been suggested to us, to see if these areas could be practical for cycle parking.

Details of changes to individual streets are available on the [Webpage](#). Our FAQ document [Covid-19 City Streets](#) also provides details of how the plans will operate.

Freeman Jamie Ingham Clark CC The Most Venerable Order of The Hospital of St John of Jerusalem.

The observant will have noted that a number of our members wear the insignia of this Order at our formal dinners, including those who have served the office of Sheriff of the City of London, namely past master Chris Hayward and Wendy Mead. The history of the Order may not be well known amongst my fellow Pattenmakers, so I hope this article will provide some more background to the Order's work.

The Original Order (colloquially the Hospitallers) was created by the Pope in 1098, to serve pilgrims going to Jerusalem. This service led to a military force which complimented that of the Knights Templar (a later papal foundation) in support of the Christian Kings installed during the crusades. The Templars were dissolved during the papal exile in France and their assets transferred to the Hospitallers, but that's a different story! In England the Hospitallers were dissolved as part of the religious upheavals under the Tudor monarchs, but the Order in Malta continued to be supported by English Gentry. So much so that it was revived as a private association in the early 19th century by those who wanted to promote its ideals. In 1882 this association, which by then had the Prince of Wales as a patron, was used as a vehicle to build and run an eye hospital in Jerusalem as an expression of British soft power in the Middle East, as it was then part of the

Ottoman Empire, referred to as the “Sick Man of Europe” at the time. In 1888 Queen Victoria wrote to her son in the following terms:

Dearest Bertie, I want to ask you now to give me the Order of St John and make me a Dame Chevalier of Lady Justice – if it can be – as I take so much interest in it all and would like to have it. Love to all, Ever your devoted Mama, VRI

And thus the Order became a unique concept. An Order of Chivalry of the British Crown but not the British State. It is thus an active Order of Chivalry, performing around the globe, mainly in countries of the Commonwealth. Unlike other Orders any nomination does not go through a political scrutiny process, although such nominations are not awarded lightly! In other parts of the Queen’s realm, such as Canada, the Order is part of the national honours system. To reflect this unique position, it is custom in this country not to use generally the order’s designatory letters after your name, but as it’s a royal order to wear its insignia when medals are generally worn.

Like other orders there are several grades of membership with the highest designated Bailiff Grand Cross, who are very limited in number. Below that are Knight, Commander, Officer and Member. Those who are appointed knights of the order are not permitted to the title Sir, but the college of arms recognises it by allowing holders to use a knight’s helmet or helm in their personal coat of arms. The Order has two mottos, Pro Fide and Pro Utilitate Hominum which are nowadays translated as For the Faith and In the Service of Humanity. We are thus very much driven by the precepts of Christianity, whilst being open to all faiths, and serve our masters who we consider to be the sick and the poor, in reflection of Jesus’s example. This is best exemplified by the St John Ambulance Service which is run by the Order in most of the territories it operates. It also stills runs an eye hospital in Jerusalem, which mainly serves the Palestinian community where eye disease is much more prevalent than is experienced in the UK.

There are separate Priors of the Order for England, Wales and Scotland with the Commandery of Ards looking after Northern

Ireland. The most important day in our calendar is St John’s day on 24th June when the feast of St John the Baptist is celebrated. In London that usually consists of a General Assembly in Mansion House and a service of re-dedication and remembrance in St Paul’s. Sadly these did not take place this year for obvious reasons but are a great spectacle and form just another part of the rich panoply of London life. The Order is in an alliance with other Orders of St John overseas which claim a direct linkage with the original hospitaller order. These are the orders in Sweden and The Netherlands together with the Johanniterorden in Germany. These are all non-Catholic and in turn mutually recognise the Sovereign Military Order of Malta being the name now used by the Hospitallers of old. It has been my privilege to serve on the ceremonial staff of the Order for nearly 40 years and I am currently the Swordbearer of the Order. I also sit on the Board of Trustees of the Eye of which more on another occasion.



Our Charitable Fund

Wings for Warriors

This is a Charity that we have supported and we have received from them brief memories of the very difficult times experienced by their Veterans and how important Headley Court was to them, not just in physical but mental terms as well. The Charity writes - I think what comes through very clearly is the respect and genuine affection all had with the staff and their huge appreciation of a system which, as far as possible, not only helped them learn how to live with but rise above the

difficulties created not just by injury but with losing a job they loved. I hope you find these vignettes as humbling and inspiring as we did.

Sam Taylor

I was an out-patient at Headley Court. My barracks MD elected to treat me in-house at Rock Barracks in Woodbridge. I conducted my rehab with sports rehabilitation officer Audrey Duff. She had worked at Headley. I also attended rehab courses at Colchester Barracks, with physiotherapists and PTIs from Headley. The specific knowledge of the physiotherapists is key in understanding the limitations of your injury: something which without the patience and professionalism of the physios, I would have never fully understood. To have someone with a deep understanding of anatomy explain why my arm wouldn't reach a certain angle, or was weak through a very particular movement path, or why I experienced varying sensations in different locations, was very helpful in the road to recovery. To me, understanding my injury and its potential limitations in the future helped me digest what was happening outside of my injury - why I couldn't just return to my old position and earn my paratrooper wings with the rest of my troop.

The staff at Headley are absolutely world class. It follows on into departments throughout the military run by staff trained at Headley court, they take with them the atmosphere that Headley has nurtured. I am still working with Headley court in its new guise of Stanford Hall in Loughborough, contributing to an ongoing survey called the ADVANCE Study, a multi year investigation into the health effects on soldiers injured on operations: something which will be of immense help to future generations of wounded service personnel.

Joe Zipfel

I was seriously injured in an explosion in Afghanistan in December 2008. I had multiple lower limb injuries and a fracture to my spine. I was initially treated at camp bastion before being flown back to Selly Oak Hospital. Discharged in early 2009, I was admitted to Headley Court complex trauma ward as an inpatient. This is where my recovery really began. I was initially in

a wheelchair and the team of doctors, nurses and physiotherapists began helping me to walk again. This was done whilst also regularly attending Kings College Hospital for surgery and consultation with a leading fracture specialist to whom I was referred Headley team. Post-surgery and on a regular basis I would be an in-patient on the complex trauma ward where I was helped by the Headley team to regain as much fitness as possible. From the outset my prognosis was that I wouldn't be able to walk again without a limp and would probably need a walking stick for the rest of my life. This was hard to take but the team at Headley court worked extremely hard to get me walking again unaided. Throughout the process I was consulted on what was happening with my treatment and what they thought would be the best course of action. Their dedication and commitment to me never wavered. I worked with a team from all three services and I honestly believe I was being treated by some of the best trauma specialists in the world. After several stays on the ward I was put onto the "early legs" course where the rehabilitation became more advanced and helped me regain a better level of fitness, this was combined with rehab at Hasler company my Corps rehab company. Ultimately, I was medically discharged from the Royal Marines but without Headley Court I honestly don't think I would have reached the level of fitness I have, which although is not as good as before my injury, is a lot better than the initial prognosis. I have talked a lot about the medical side of Headley but I don't think that paints the whole picture. After being injured I was given help with applying for armed forces compensation and for things such as a disabled badge and for adaptations to my house. Headley court was the full package where there was always someone on hand to help. Not only this there was regular trips to sporting events and dinners. I continue to work with the rehab team at the new Headley Court of Stanford Hall, where I am taking part in the Advanced study. This is a long term medical study into the effects of injuries to service personnel. This complete package helped me mentally and physically recover from my injuries and without the team at Headley Courts professionalism I don't think I would be where I am today.

Louis Farrell

My time at Headley Court began in 2014 as I attended an initial seven-week period of intensive rehabilitation on my damaged right leg. The Army has a view of Headley Court that it is just for seriously injured soldiers from conflict and I had the same "I don't deserve to be here" opinion (the injury was sustained in operations but not in a conflict zone). That couldn't be further from the truth: Headley had a special way of reassuring you that you have every right to be there and get better. The extent of my injury became known as Headley arranged for me to see the best specialists in the field of my injury.

During the five years I was treated for my injury I attended Headley for six-week periods with three weeks between admissions as an inpatient. Daily, I received physiotherapy, occupational therapy, physical rehabilitation and pre and post rehab for the eleven operations carried out to save my leg. Unfortunately, these heroic efforts were in vain due to the extent of the damage and the final operation was a below-the-knee amputation, in 2018 and Headley Court provided my first prosthetic limb, allowing me to walk again for the first time in six years. I had the continued support of the therapy department and prosthetic support until I was discharged from the Army in 2019. The most beneficial aspect to me from Headley Court, other than the patience and understanding of the staff with their years of experience working with injured servicemen, was the environment. Headley wasn't just a hospital: it was, for a large period of time, home. We lived together, struggled together and although at different speeds and at different times we made it together.

I'd like to personally thank Carol Sales from the horticultural therapy department for giving me a place to sit, swear and have a brew when things were not maybe going the way I had imagined and for showing me how to grow tomatoes and chillies. Thank you, Headley Court.

Members' News

Past Master Stuart Lamb



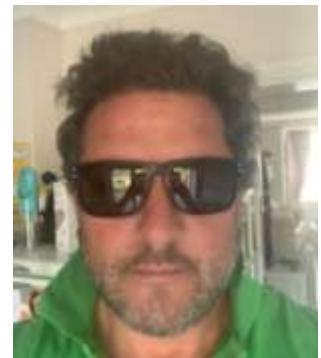
Congratulations to Past Master Stuart Lamb's daughter, Ruth – pictured here with husband Adam Chattaway, Charlie and new baby, Katie.

Katie was born on the 2nd June and is the first granddaughter for Stuart and Jean.

Mother and baby are doing well and hopefully once lockdown ends, Katie will be able to meet her grandparents for the first time.

New Freeman Bryan McLaggan

Wow, what a year!! Myself, Harlan Lunn and Paresh Patel were all introduced to the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers three and a half years ago by Dr David Best and Martin Pickard.



I joined the Army (REME) in 1985, going on to serve for 24 years. When I left the forces, I never thought I would have the sense of real camaraderie, or near to it again. Pattenmakers has certainly provided that and indeed, extended it to our partners, who have all been made to feel so welcome.

Since leaving the Army I have progressed within the fabulous FM industry, focussing on Mechanical & Electrical Engineering, culminating in taking over as MD of Combined Technical Solutions (CTS), 3 years ago. During the Covid-19 period it has been non-stop, CTS have worked through every challenge that has come our way, from a very diverse client portfolio, all with very

different but important needs. Very proud of the whole team.

I always like to find a positive in life and one of the positives I have taken during this time are that Friendship and Love most definitely get stronger in times of adversity. I know that everyone will have a personal story to tell once we get through this unprecedented period and I hope we can all get together soon. I for one am in need of a haircut/Strim, (see Pic) before we do!

Fiona and I wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy year.

New Freeman Christopher West



I became a 'Shoeman' by default. Having studied Journalism I had hoped to join the BBC. Having missed the March intake I was asked to re-submit my application the following September. In the meantime, I needed to be gainfully employed and

approached the largest employer in my area, C & J Clark, in Street, Somerset, to fill the gap. So began my journey through footwear manufacturing, sales services, marketing, retail and for 12 months 'Mr Clark' in Sweden.

I took early retirement when my wife became terminally ill and we made our move from London back to the West Country 37 years later.

My affection for Clarks continues to this day, the respect and values instilled into me are at the core.

My good friend, ex-colleague and Liveryman Jeremy Hewitt introduced me to The Pattenmakers when he invited me to attend a Court and Livery Dinner. It was love at first sight. To me that introduction felt that I had come back home and was amongst friends. The magnificence of the occasion, the reigniting of old friendships and meeting new, likeminded people,

was cathartic. It has been said, on more than one occasion, that The Pattenmakers are the Party Livery. I endorse that wholeheartedly, the sense of belonging and friendship is immeasurable.

New Freeman David Waterhouse.

I am a town planner who has worked most recently on both planning reform and infrastructure investment as a Civil Servant. I've



had a wide-ranging career in local government, the third and private sectors, as well as central government. I enjoy developing policies and programmes and finding solutions to support places to grow and prosper. I currently work in the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) which is the Government department responsible for local government, regeneration, housing, planning and economic growth. I've always had a passion for towns and cities, the architecture and people that make places work, and how they change and adapt over time.

Planning, at a strategic level helps shape how towns work and function, and affect all aspects of our lives. I currently head the local economies team in the Cities Unit in MHCLG, which means supporting places as they respond to economic shocks including Covid -19, as well as preparing local economies for the implications and opportunities as we leave the EU at the end of 2020.

Outside work, I'm a keen gardener and allotment holder, as well as an avid traveller, though I doubt I will be doing too much of that for the foreseeable future!

Liveryman Frank Chow – Lace Work

My first experience of lace work was when I visited a Chateau in France and watched nuns making lace outside. I was fascinated by the beautiful work they were doing with these sticks with threads dangling from them. (Of course, I

later learned that these sticks were called bobbins.) When I went to Hungary a few years later, I was introduced to Ilonka, mother of an Hungarian friend, and she was making lace table cloths, mats, and you name it. She insisted I had a go, telling me to “left over right, right over left” and so on. I had not a clue, but followed her instructions, and made a few stitches. (Whether she had to undo what I did, I never found out). I was hooked, and decided I must learn the craft properly. In early 1990, I enrolled onto a lace course and my teacher was the most wonderful lady. She was knowledgeable, and encouraging and taught me from the most basic level. All beginners start with Torchon lace, and there’s where I began. However, I found Torchon too geometric and went on to learn to make Bucks point, Bedfordshire, and Milanese lace, mainly from books. Bucks point is nicknamed the “Queen of Lace”. I designed mine on a 60 degree grid (but any angle is acceptable). I could put in flowers, leaves, etc to the final design. I made many framed pieces. The patterns are still a bit “rigid”, being prescribed by an f grid. Then I went on to designing Bedfordshire lace, which is completely “freehand”. One can put in all kinds of leaves, flowers, plaits, within any outline structure. At that time I was holidaying in Thailand and found plenty of inspiration from their local flora. Now I do most of my designs in Milanese lace. This is totally free hand, and consists of decorative braids that can take any direction and shape. I have designed “lilies”, “Chinese masks”, “Kissing Phoenix”, “Humpty Dumpty” etc etc. Some of you will have seen my gift to the Pattenmakers.



Gift to the Pattenmakers

This framed piece is now housed in The Guild Church of St Margaret Pattens. Up my stairs to the first floor, I now have a gallery of Buck's Point pieces. In my dining area, there is a display of Milanese, and in the sitting room, Bedfordshire. I

am running out of wall space, and yet I still have new pieces on the go the whole time. I'm not a lace historian by any means. I just love designing and making it. I have so many design patters that I really think that I should publish my designs before they get forgotten and lost. I will be grateful for any advice on publishing.



Making lace



Bedfordshire Lace



Thailand Inspired Lace



Milanese Lace

Events

Monday 6th July - Rescheduled Webinar- “The City after Covid-19”

We have now acquired a “Pattenmakers” Zoom account and the first meeting has been set up. Rather than lots of emails from the Clerk, the simpler process is that we will send out a registration page link for the Sheriff’s event on Monday at 6:00pm:

Register in advance for this meeting: [Webinar Registration](#)

Once you have completed the registration you will receive an email confirmation and you can also add to your calendar.

Thursday 9th July – Pattenmakers’ First Zoom Quiz

We are delighted to invite you to take part in a Quiz put together and led by Freeman Zoe Chowney, who has kindly organised everything. This will take place between **8 pm and 9.30 pm on Thursday 9th July and will be via Zoom**. So get your ‘teams’ together or Zoe can/will allocate you into a team for the evening (so don’t be shy if you are on your own or in a couple), get your thinking caps and honesty hats on (!) – yes no looking up on Google! – and join her for the event.

If you would like to take part, please can you email Zoe direct at: zoe.chowney@taxrelief.biz

Wednesday 15th July Webinar - Future of the Workplace

The Chartered Surveyors’ Company is planning a webinar on 15th July to which all Liverymen are invited. Click here for Flyer: [Future of the Workplace](#)

Thursday 16th July - The Drapers’ Company Virtual Concert Series

During this time when members are unable to meet together at the Hall, the Drapers’ Company are streaming a series of concerts broadcast from Drapers’ Hall, with performances from musicians of the London conservatoires.

We would like to offer the opportunity for members of the other livery companies to join us. Tickets are free of charge, although viewers are able to make a donation to the conservatoire’s hardship fund, the next concert will be broadcast on Thursday 16th July at 7pm on the Drapers’ YouTube channel. A flyer for the forthcoming event is attached here: [Drapers’ Company Virtual Concert](#).

Events Committee Survey Upper Warden Elect, Sarah Leijten

By the time you read this and are asked to take part in our short survey on on-line events, you will have received information as to how to join a talk from the Sheriff, by zoom on the 6th July, and information about the forthcoming on-line quiz hosted by Freeman Zoe Chowney. This very short survey, which we would be grateful if you could spare a couple of minutes to fill in, aims to gauge levels of interest in, and intentions to take part, in different types of on-line events. This is especially important at this time and going forwards for the immediate future until we find ourselves in a position to be able to meet again on a face-to-face basis.

Please follow the survey monkey link below which will literally only take a couple of minutes of your time. Please also feel free to add in any of your own suggestions as to what you would like to see in the future both as on-line events or even in-person ones once we are able to get together again in some numbers: [SurveyMonkey](#)

Please note that the Survey Monkey website will apparently be under maintenance for 12 hours from 8am – until 8pm on 3rd July, in case you are unable to connect.

Postcard from Abroad

Buenos Aires – Freeman Marcelo J Ruiz

I do hope that all of you and your respective families are doing fine and in a good health.

I am very thankful to Professor Barry Rider OBE and Mr. Robert Murfin TD DL, Clerk to the Company for such a magnificent opportunity. I would like to give all of you a brief introduction about myself. I live with Lucrecia and I am a father of two children Mililagos “Mili” and Estanislao “Tani”.

I am a senior partner of a Buenos Aires Law Firm as well as the President of Belgrano Athletic Club. I am a former Counsellor of the Argentine Embassy in London from 1995 -1999. During

those days I did an LLM at the London School of Economics and I received an enormous support from Professor Barry Rider.

I would like to share as well with you, my friends, a brief introduction of my Club. Belgrano Athletic Club was founded in 1896 by British people when they came to work in Argentina in the Railroad Industry.



We are the founders of several Unions and Associations, Rugby, Cricket, Bowls, Hockey, Tennis and Squash.

At the very beginning before the football became professional, Belgrano Athletic was one of the founders of the Argentine Football Association, and the first player who have made a goal to a English Club in a friendly game (Southampton) was a member of our Club, Mr. Arturo Forrester. Some of our members had to leave the Club to fight in the Great Wars and some sadly never came back, their spirits still remain in the Club. We have a Memorial Room in our Club in honour for those who had given their lives.

Miss Jannette Campbell, member of our Club, was the first women in Latin America to win an Olympic Medal in Berlin 1936 in swimming.

After given to you this brief introduction I would stress to you our current situation.

Since the pandemic situation declared worldwide by the World Health Organization, because to the spread of Covid 19 virus, the Argentine government has adopted several measures to prevent (to the fullest possible extent) the spread of the virus in the country.

The most drastic decision has been the declaration -since March 19, 2020- of a mandatory quarantine, which has virtually paralysed all activity in the country, with the exception of those activities and services specifically deemed as essential by the authorities.

Hence up to now we have been in our homes for more than 100 days ¡!!!!

This situation has impacted dramatically in our economy to all of us, as I always say "We are all under the same storm in different boats" hence It is time to think in the ones who needs more.

This situation has given all of us enough time to recall good old times, valorate what we have and share and enjoy more time with our families.

Hence, I would like to share with you my friends, some photographs in my house with my children and Lucrecia and my life during this Pandemic.



Every day I wake up early in the morning and train with Tani every day. I do home office for the Law Firm and the Club, every other night with a group of former team mates we cook for the ones who need food 400 hundred portions per day. During the weekend I love to do a BBQ with Argentine steak and we play table games and watch some movies.

In the Buenos Aires Province and in the City of Buenos Aires itself, the strict quarantine situation remains.

In this context, justice service has not been an exception, and so the Supreme Court has declared -since March 19, 2020 also- an extraordinary recess in judicial activity for all national courts.

My dear Pattenmakers, I wish all of you all the best and I do hope to see you at the Annual Banquet at Mansion House as I did few years ago.

Photo of the Week

Liveryman David Emanuel

I left London 2 years ago for the beautiful Cotswolds countryside, so my life really changed then, not now. I sold my London apartment for an old barn conversion, with a separate annexe used as my office, (nearly as big as my London apartment was), a garage and workshop set in an acre of grounds in a small village outside of Cirencester.



I'm actually rather used to home working from the annexe, so work really has been business as usual bar no travel into London for meetings each week, which has actually been a lovely change of pace.

The main difference has been my wife who owns an independent children's bookshop was now at home with me all day, and the kids came back from University too to spend lock-down with us.

It's been amazing! I wouldn't have got to spend so much time with them, and we have discovered so much more of the local area - walks along the Thames & Severn canal paths, and also across the old Down Ampney airfield that I hadn't ventured down before.



My wife bought a bike and joined me on a daily cycle to explore other nearby villages and routes I hadn't been on – it's been such a time of discovery. We've also spent more time enjoying the garden, and also growing some home produce, I've even ordered a cider press to make use of all those apples this year!

Of course, it has not all been positive, I have missed seeing my mother and sister and friends back in London, but have 'zoomed' in on them all regularly!

Bird Watch

Freeman Richard Parlour



This week's avian is the coal tit. You might have noticed it in your garden. Coal tits are less numerous than blue tits and great tits, but are still fairly common and on the green list. The coal tit is much smaller than the great tit. In the photo, the coal tit is on the left and a great tit on the right for comparison. The coal tit is even smaller than the blue tit and only weighs 8-10 grams. Distinguishing features of the coal tit are the white stripe down the back of its head (no other UK tit has this), a pinkish lower half and a rather dapper grey back. It has a much faster wingbeat than other tits and a different flight pattern. It almost scurries through undergrowth. Coal tits are regular visitors to garden feeders, often taking the food to store it elsewhere for later. They like gardens with conifers. We have had some young

coal tits this year. The adults will usually tell them to stay hidden in the apple trees while they go and fetch sunflower hearts from the feeders. Coal tits often mix with other tits such as great tits, blue tits and long tailed tits. Although small they are quite fearless and refuse to be bullied by others!

I have been running a mini-series of webinars for the Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment on how to come out of lockdown safely and successfully, both for individuals and their businesses. We have called it "Survive to Thrive". I have taken the slide deck and am turning it into an e book, details are at www.fmli.co.uk/survive. Let me know, as if you do want to give it some airtime that would be after 1 July, but I can always extend the discount period for any Pattenmakers who may be interested.

Useful information for Bird Watching.

30% of adults have found a new love of nature during lockdown, so here's a quick piece on optics for nature watching if you haven't got any. Binoculars are the usual choice. You can get a fairly good pair for around £100 or less. I have a pair of Nikon travelite 10 x 25 which are handy and lightweight, will easily fit in a jacket pocket, or maybe even a handbag! The first number is the magnification, so in this case 10 times larger than normal. The second number is the size of the other end of the binocular. The larger that number the more light will be let in and the brighter and better the picture. So my Nikon ones are good for everyday use, and for events like racing, rowing, football, etc. They are not good at dawn and dusk, or on a dark day, however. At the top end are Swarovski binoculars, all kinds of sizes, a very popular one is 10 x 42, at £1500-£2000. You can get the same quality at half the price if you try a brand like Meopta, made in the Czech Republic. These binoculars are a lot heavier, but solid, and the picture quality is excellent, particularly at the start or end of the day if you are looking for owls and badgers. If you are going to buy second hand, be careful as if someone has dropped the binoculars the prisms may be out of alignment and this will give you double vision and a headache! Camera binoculars are a more recent

development, but the quality is usually poor. Zoom binoculars need careful handling, so you might be better off with a fixed magnification, which may also help with water resistance. You can now get attachments to let you digiscope by attaching an iphone to the eyepiece and using that as an alternative to a telephoto camera lens. Happy watching!

Recipe of the Week

Renter Warden Elect Commodore Pat Tyrrell OBE RN

Recipes from the Far-Flung World – well, USA and Cornwall!

TEXAS SHEET CAKE - *If you are fixin' to be a Texan from Debbie Tyrrell, a Texan to the core!*

Ingredients

16 oz Plain Flour	4oz Buttermilk
16 oz Caster Sugar	pinch of salt
4 oz butter	1 teasp. soda
4 oz Stork or equivalent	2 Eggs
4 tablespoons cocoa	1 teasp. Vanilla essence
8 fl oz water	

Method

Sift the flour into a basin and add the sugar. In a saucepan gently heat the butter, stork and mix in cocoa and water. Pour over the flour and sugar and mix well.

Add buttermilk, salt, vanilla, bicarbonate of soda and the eggs. Mix well.

Pour into a well-greased baking tray and bake at 200 deg C for 20 minutes.

Topping:

4 oz butter	1 teasp vanilla
4 tblsp cocoa	8 oz chopped nuts
5 tblsp. Milk	16 oz icing sugar

Mix ingredients in a bowl until smooth. Spread over the cake while hot.

Divide the cake into small squares and then enjoy – bet you cannot just eat one!

GENUINE CORNISH PASTY - Renter Warden
Elect Pat Tyrrell
(As made in the ancestral home of pasties!)

Ingredients: (makes 2 huge or 4 medium pasties)

16 oz Rough Puff pastry	small amount of milk
12oz Best Skirt steak	one egg (basting the pasty)
1 large turnip	butter
1 large onion	salt and pepper
2 large potatoes	

Slice up the onion, potatoes and the turnip in small pieces and mix in a bowl.

Divide the pastry into the number of pasties desired and roll each piece out into the form of a circle (a large or small plate size as appropriate). Resting one half of the circle on a rolling pin, proceed to fill the pasty with the vegetable mix followed by the chopped Skirt. Be careful not to let your eyes beguile you – if you overfill, you will not be able to seal the pasty! Put two or three knobs of butter on top of the meat and vegetables and liberally season with salt and pepper. Gently removing the rolling pin pull the upper side of the pastry over the pasty. Using your finger, moisten the edge with milk and press the two halves together. Using the thumb and forefinger of both hands “crimp” the pastry together giving a neat roll of pastry around the pasty. (In days gone by, this roll of pastry was used by the miners to hold the pasty as they ate so that the dust (which contained lots of heavy metals) did not contaminate their food). Set each pasty onto a greased baking tray and brush the outside of the pastry with an egg/milk wash.

Place the tray in the upper part of an oven set at 200 deg C for 20 minutes. Move the tray to the middle of the oven and reduce the temperature to 175 deg C for a further 60 minutes. You will know when it is ready – your nose will tell you.

Cornish pasties do not have any other ingredients than those used above – anything else is the work of an Emmett and is not tolerated West of the Tamar. You English can eat what you like – but once you’ve had a perfect pasty, you’ll never look back!

Letters to the Editor

Liveryman Frank Chow

The article on meringue asked for suggestions about the left over 2 egg yolks. I use them to make my own mayonnaise, which even if I say so myself, is far superior to any bought ones. For 2 yolks, I put into a jar 2 tablespoons of white wine vinegar, put in the yolks, use a hand blender to mix initially. With the blender running, I slowly add 300 ml of oil (i don't use olive oil as all the recipes suggest, but ordinary sunflower or peanut oil). The oil should be added in a trickle, and when the mixture is seen to be thickening (as mayonnaise should be) the rest of the oil can be added more abundantly. The whole process takes less than 5 minutes. I put my mayonnaise into a jar (or two) and keep in the fridge. It will be good for about 2 weeks. Hope this helps.

Freeman Sarah Hodge

Re: Weekly Newsletter, Issue 13

Another great newsletter, really enjoyed reading it.

Liveryman Paul Smedley

You have all been doing such good work in keeping the Pattenmakers together in the bad times, it is much appreciated by all I'm sure.

Freeman Harlan Lunn

I have enjoyed the newsletter and the various articles over the last few weeks, and understand the effort that goes into preparing the editorials, I pass on my thanks to all those involved.

Don't forget the Clerk's quiz on the last page....

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

The Clerk's Quiz of the Week

The answer to last week's question was:

Many and varied - depending on which website you checked. Even the name of the road is debatable - the AI or the Great North Road, Aldersgate, New Change by St Paul's Cathedral, Smithfield, where did it start when it reached Edinburgh as it only went to York and so on, so in fairness there is no winner this week but thank you all so much for responding. I will have the Quiz Master disciplined for not posing a question with a simple single answer, which leads neatly to . . .

This Week's Question .

What was the month and year of the last Execution in the Tower of London?

Please send an email to clerk@pattenmakers.co.uk with your answers to enter into the draw. 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