



The Pattenmaker

WEEKLY NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY

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From the Master Jennifer Bryant-Pearson

Many of you joined us for the superb Spring



celebration on St Patrick's day this week where we welcomed our special guest, Lt Commander Emma McCormick, who spoke from the heart about her accident and treatment at Headley Court and then Stanford Hall –

she was truly inspirational and the recording of the evening is now on our website for everyone to see.

My sincere thanks to Emma and all those Pattenmakers who took part in the evening and presented our story so eloquently – Renter Warden Pat Tyrrell, Past Master Stuart Lamb, Honorary Freeman Col Rhodri Phillips, Chief Steward Assistant Martin Heffer and YP Chair, Sophia Lee and her team for their great video and, of course, our Webmaster, Assistant David Emanuel. We will be producing a full report in next week's newsletter.

The celebration replaced the Installation dinner so if you feel able to make a donation to our charitable foundation in place of the money that you would have spent on travel, we should be very grateful.

We should be proud of our livery movement which continues its vital role in the City by providing 5,300 meals a week through the Livery Kitchen initiative – some 2,000 of those meals are delivered to East London communities and this service will continue until July. You can read more about their plans in this newsletter as well

as Liveryman Wendy Mead's work which includes the St Barts Guild calendar.

We welcomed two new Assistants at this week's Court meeting, chief Steward Martin Heffer and Liveryman David Emanuel. We also had our first clothing of a new Liveryman, Chowney, at a virtual court meeting so we congratulate all three members.

Past Master Sir John Timpson shares his thought provoking Lent Talk from BBC Radio 4 which you can either read here or listen to via the link provided and Young Pattenmaker, Liveryman Tom Mudd tells us of his life and what he has missed during the pandemic.

Assistant Steve Huxham focuses on the world of cartoons in his history article this week and Senior Past Master Helen Auty shares her memories of the Lakeland Horticultural Society's Gardens at Holehird.

4 year old Ellie- a beautiful black Labrador belonging to Liveryman Richard Muir, is lucky to be alive after major heart surgery but thanks to Jenny and Richard's care and support she happily poses in a playful position in her master's wellington boots!

Bird of the week is the White Wagtail and Freeman Richard Parlour tells us that this slightly forgotten but gorgeous bird is the first true Spring migrant whilst Disgruntled of SV continues his struggle to attract avian friends!

and there is a wide range of events for you to join in April, including a Trade virtual visit to the Hotter footwear premises on 14th April hosted by Liveryman Ian Watson. There is a Japanese whisky tasting on 8th April and the famous

Comedy Night on 22nd April so sign up for all three!

New Liveryman Zoë Chowney continues her cultural calendar and delicious Oriental fishcakes are on the menu this week from Past Mistress Eileen Eskenzi and of course, the Clerk provides another tricky Quiz!

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Barts Guild Calendar - Liveryman Wendy Mead OBE CC



The Guild of The Royal Hospital of St. Bartholomew was founded in 1911 by a group of hospital consultants' wives concerned by the poverty of mothers giving birth in Bart's without

adequate clothing for their new-borns. They met regularly in their husbands' Harley Street rooms to sew baby clothes for distribution on the maternity ward. This grew into a League of Friends, the second in the world, following closely behind a similar scheme in St Thomas's Hospital and now a worldwide volunteering institution.

Still going strong, The Guild volunteers maintain a shop within the hospital, a trolley service and newspaper deliveries around the wards. Profits from these services, income from investments and most importantly, donations enable the Guild management committee to provide amenities to patients and staff and grants for hospital equipment not funded by the NHS. The shop manager is the sole paid employee whose salary is derived from investment income, all other income goes directly into patient and staff amelioration.

Every year, as part of a fund raising drive, The Guild produces a Calendar and with the help of Bart's Archivist, find interesting photos of hospital life past and present. This year, as we all know has been distressing and disastrous for so

many. It has reduced hospital footfall drastically and none of the usual social events put on by The Guild and others have not taken place so many calendars remain unsold. At a management committee meeting, it was discussed and approved that a calendar should be sent to The Masters of the City Livery Companies with a letter signed by The Chairman and Vice Chairman (Sheriff Hayward) explaining the work of The Guild and many could be hand delivered to Livery Halls across the City saving postage. If nothing else it would avoid destroying the calendars, advertise The Guild and might generate donations at a time when the NHS is at the forefront of so many minds.



Barts Guild Calendar 2021

Struggle and Celebration



Friends of St Bartholomew's Hospital since 1911

All donations received through this appeal will be devoted to alleviating the physical and emotional impact on staff, exhausted by caring for the severely ill and the loss of so many Covid patients.

If anyone would like a calendar for a modest (or generous) donation to cover the calendar plus post and packing, please contact The Guild: contact@bartsguild.org.uk or the website: www.bartsguild.org.uk

Livery Kitchen Initiative update as at 12th March 2021 – Drapers Company



Please find below the latest Livery Kitchen update.

Overview

- Over £630,000 now raised, c.£200,000 in the last (third) fundraising round.
- 59 Livery companies as well as other charities, organisations and individuals have now contributed, including NHS staff keen to donate back for the free meals received.
- As of 12th March, over 105,000 meals have been delivered since April 2020, roughly half each to the clinical staff in four Barts Health NHS trust hospitals and the other 50,000 to 13 community groups in East London, in partnership with City Harvest.
- 5,300 meals are currently being delivered a week. 2,000 to East London communities and 3,300 to three Barts Health NHS Trust hospitals. This delivery tempo will continue to the end of the month. NHS support is likely to be drawn down to a finish in the first few weeks after Easter.

Support to the NHS

Patient summary:

- As of last week there were a total of 80 (ventilated) in-patients at RLH. 50% have Covid-19, 50% do not. At its peak, ventilated in-patients were double this number, 85% of which had Covid-19. So, the situation has markedly improved.
- Up to 3rd March, a total of 1,780 patients hospitalised with confirmed Covid-19 had sadly died across the Trust's hospitals.
- Happily, for the same period, 10,861 in-patients hospitalised with confirmed Covid-19 have recovered and have been discharged.
- The flow of patients with Covid-19 into the Trusts hospitals has diminished considerably since the peak mid-January. The Trust therefore appears to be stepping back from its state of alert.

Staff summary:

- It is understood that staff are feeling better and can now see the way out, though it is sadly accepted that there will be longer term effects on some as a result of the tragedy that has unfolded in front of them.

Emerging way forward:

- On average, an in-patient remains intubated on the ITU for around 5 weeks.
- There continues to be an expected and progressive reduction in care requirements.
- This reduction will be reflected in the repatriation of staff to their primary roles throughout the Trust, seeing some staff returning to their normal hospital places of work.
- At this stage, this suggests that LKI support to the NHS may no longer be required beyond mid-April, which would coincide with the Government's planned Step 2 deadline of 12th April.
- Emerging concern suggests that there could be another surge this coming winter (21/22).

City Harvest.

- 2,000 meals a week continue to be delivered to 12 community groups in East London.
- LKI representatives are in the middle of visits to these communities and it is clear that this provision is needed for the many families, older people, individuals and children who clearly benefit from them.
- Whilst furlough may have saved some from losing their jobs, some have lost them and family incomes have dropped significantly as a result.
- The lack of children's attendance at school has also increased the need to provide food for the family.
- Insufficient funds has therefore meant that many have turned to food banks for essential food support or top ups.
- The concern of supporting charity and community organisations is that demand will increase not decrease once furlough ceases.

- For those working, LKI meals are also seen as an excellent takeaway, a treat for the family, where they can enjoy a precooked meal of unequivocal quality together.
- Funds are already in place to continue this provision to the end of May.

The Livery Kitchen Cookbook



- Cookbook sales are now at 800+ and rising.
- Peter Gladwin is doing a superb job of pulling this LKI memento, come working cookery book, together.
- Last orders for presales will be on 31st March, no later.
- Whilst there will be some additional copies printed for sale after publication at the end of April, there is no plan to undertake a second print run.
- Your help therefore in continuing to encourage individuals to pre-order a cookbook now would be much appreciated.

Pre-orders have been extended until the 31st March 2021 Price including postage is £15 per copy

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The Future for LKI

- The proposed plan to cease support to the NHS, with their agreement by 23rd April (TBC), will allow pre-allocated surplus funds to be redirected to continue provision to East London communities until the end of July 2021.
- At the start of the third (latest) LKI fundraising round, it was far from clear how

long provision for NHS clinical staff would be required. An informed judgment led by the consultant advisory team at the Royal London Hospital agreed that the worst case could see support being required to the end of May 2021. A target of £180,000 was set to deliver this.

- Thankfully, it is now clear that this provision can be drawn down after Easter.
- In discussion with the other enabling Livery companies, it is clear that it will not be possible to continue the LKI project beyond July 2021 as life returns to a semblance of normality.
- So even when surplus funds from this latest round of support to the NHS are used to continue meal provision to East London communities until end July 2021, there is likely to be c.£100,000 left in the LKI budget.
- Some options are emerging as follows:
 - Hold part or all of this surplus back for a possible further Covid-19 surge this winter (21/22).
 - Discuss with City Harvest how this surplus can be used to support East London communities beyond this summer, bearing in mind they live in the same catchment area as those hospitals supported to date.
 - Invite sponsors to reclaim their share of this surplus.

Finally, the chefs still appear to be loving the fact that, on your behalf, they are delivering some much-needed support to our neighbours in need in East London.

Our History

Pattenmaker Cartoons – Court Assistant Steve Huxham

One recurring theme of these articles that readers will be familiar with is that when the History Book was assembled for editing, it was often a case of decisions on what to leave out, rather than what to leave in. The team were fond of saying that we could have written two books, not one, and the fact that we have just the one is not simply down to the success of Past Master Kottler

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and Liveryman Cribb in politely reigning in my ongoing love affair with using too many words! As has hopefully been demonstrated in some of these pieces, the discoveries just keep on coming from the wealth of Pattenmaker history.

One of the more recent discoveries, although dating from before my own involvement with the Company, came from the series of Pattenmaker Magazines that were produced from the Spring of 1984 to the Summer of 2008. It would appear that 49 issues appeared, and there were usually two issues a year, for the Spring and Autumn. After 2008 they seem to have ceased, to be replaced with a printed Annual Review Magazine. I must also state here that I am very happy to be corrected on any of this from our senior Members of the Company whose actual recollection of them will be better than mine. Thankfully, most copies of these magazines have survived (although please see my PS) and will be deposited in our Company Archives at the Guildhall Library in due course.

Whilst reading through these records for the benefit of the Book, I discovered that we must have commissioned a couple of bespoke cartoons for the Company at some point. I submit them for contemporary consideration:



That one appeared in Issue 5 for Spring 1986. The other one is thought to be from Issue 8 of Autumn 1987 (there is some ambiguity in my recording of when it appeared.)



Are they funny? Has the humour aged well or not for our present times? It is not for me to say, and I simply record our history as it is, but we clearly went to some effort to get them produced. If anyone who was around at the time has any more background to these, then all additional information would be gratefully received.

Humour involving pattens is of course not just a feature of modern history, and we need look no further than the back cover of the Book, and the caricature by Thomas Rowlandson within, for evidence of that. Dating to more recently, a postcard by the prolific painter and illustrator Dudley Hardy, and thought to be from the early 1900s was acquired for the Company Collection.



I should hasten to add that the card was acquired for the social context of demonstrating evidence that pattens were still in use and widely known at this late point in their history, than for any sense of “humour” which may not have aged as well as the card itself!

Is it time to create a new chapter in our Company history for cartoons and the humour of 2021? I am sure that within the wonderful and wide variety of talents that the Pattenmakers has this must be possible, although given that I would struggle to know one end of a pencil from the other when it comes to illustrations and drawing, I fear I must leave that suggestion as an open one and to others.

PS. Our records would appear to have three editions of the Pattenmaker Magazine missing, namely:

Issue 32 – Autumn 1999

Issue 35 – Spring 2001

Issue 47 – Spring 2008

If by any chance any senior Members of the Company happen to have kept these and would be willing to donate them to our archives, the Company would be extremely grateful.

Members’ News

Liveryman David Morris

We are saddened to have to report the passing of Liveryman David Morris who was a regular attendee at Pattenmakers events and will be sorely missed by members.

Virtual Admissions Ceremony

A virtual meeting of the Court took place before the St Patrick’s Day Celebration

Liveryman Zoe Chowney was the first Liveryman to be clothed at a virtual meeting of the Court.



The Master congratulated her and toasted her health.



The Master also congratulated the new Assistants to the Court



Liveryman Martin Heffer



and Liveryman David Emanuel

Lent Talks, Faith in "Lost Causes" BBC Radio 4 – Past Master Sir John Timpson CBE



Many thanks to Past Master Helen Auty who heard the broadcast and has kindly supplied the link: [bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000sr67](https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m000sr67)

Sir John Timpson has also supplied a written version.

A few years ago, I was visiting one of our shops in the centre of Wimbledon, when Russ the manager asked if he could step outside to have a quiet word. The last time we met was inside Wandsworth prison, while he was serving a sentence for drug dealing. "I'd be back there now if it hadn't been for your business" said Russ. 9 months before he was due to be released Russ joined our Wandsworth training workshop and as soon as he got out became a full time apprentice. Within a year he was managing one of our highest turnover shops. "I earn a lot less than I got from drug dealing" said Russ but I can sleep at night knowing the police aren't going to call. I'm happy and have a great relationship with my partner - I give her my pay packet every month and she gives me a bit back to go to the pub. I just wanted to say" continued Russ, looking a bit nervous "we are getting married in August and wondered whether you could come to our wedding?"

In this dark moment of the pandemic, I want to talk about hope. Specifically I want to talk about having faith in people that are sometimes seen as a lost cause and how that gives us all a reason for hope.

The late Rabbi Jonathan Sacks said "Optimism is the belief that great things are going to get better. Hope is the belief that we can make things better.

Optimism is a passive virtue, hope is an active one. It takes no courage to be an optimist, but it does need courage to hope."

I had a good teacher, my late wife Alex spent a lot of time caring for other people - particularly children, we were foster carers for 31 years and Alex did over 95% of the work. When asked why she spent so much time helping others she explained "I love giving people a better chance in life, it gives me a real buzz to see them making the most of their lives."

Russ, the ex-drug dealer, is now an excellent assistant area manager and acts as an ambassador talking to other companies about our employment of ex-offenders.

It all started by chance. One evening, in 2001, my son James, our chief executive, went to a business seminar held inside Thorn Cross, an open prison near Warrington. As part of the event, delegates had an individual tour of the prison with an inmate as their guide. James was so impressed with Matt, who showed him round, at the end of the tour James said "Call me when you get out and I'll find you a job". Matt has worked with us for nearly 19 years.

I'm not a great fan of a world driven by data but the facts about ex-offenders give a clear message. Approximately 60% of people leaving prison reoffend within 2 years, a figure that drops below 20% for those that have a job. There are about 85,000 people in prison and, when James met Matt no company was actively recruiting ex-offenders. DBS checks, company policies and personal prejudice usually produced a thumbs down to applicants with a criminal record - but big organisations including the NHS and (dare I say it) the BBC will probably have more ex-cons on their books than we do, which, at the latest count is 520 - over 10% of our workforce.

Having recruited Matt, James was determined to find more. Filled with enthusiasm he started visiting prisons to interview potential candidates. Most of us were sceptical - what would customers think and would our colleagues agree to work alongside an ex-con. To be on the safe side we kept things quiet, only telling those working in the same shop. But when a tabloid newspaper printed an article under the headline 'CONS

TAUGHT TO CUT KEYS', we announced that employing people from prison would become an important part of our culture.

We established some workshops in both men's and women's prisons for inmates to learn skills before their release, with the guarantee of a job interview. Most join us as full time apprentices, but a few start in our shops while still serving their sentence. They are released on temporary license - working in a shop during the day and returning to prison at night. Some do so well they are promoted to manage their own shop before leaving prison.

We don't discriminate, ex-offenders are interviewed and paid in the same way as other recruits and everyone we employ is a full time colleague. But, when joining from prison, many need a bit of special treatment. For some, their sentence really begins when they leave prison - many go out of the gates with £46, no bank account, no job, their family ties destroyed and nowhere to live. It isn't surprising that many return to old haunts and pick up their criminal career, where they left off.

What they so often lack is trust, friendship and, practical support. To show trust one of the first jobs we give them is to bank the money, practical support usually takes the form of a loan and we often help with housing, but the friendship of work colleagues does more than anything to get their lives back on track.

I had no need to worry about the reaction of our colleagues. We have discovered lots of heroes, like Michelle, who runs our workshop in New Hall women's prison near Wakefield and Ben Shelmerdine who manages the workshops in Thorn Cross. Branch colleagues and Area Managers mentor those struggling to adapt to life on the outside, some have even provided accommodation in their own home while a suitable housing solution is found. All along it has been an amazing example of kindness, love and human nature.

It would never have got off the ground if James hadn't seen the need and been determined to make it happen. First 10 ex-offenders, then 100

and now over 500, a part of our business that is driven day to day by Darren, who is responsible for recruiting from prison and giving people a second chance. An ex-offender himself, Darren reckons he has the best job in the world.

When I spend a day visiting our shops I usually meet a few colleagues with prison experience - they are the true stars, which was why I was delighted when I was invited to take 7 ex-offenders to lunch at the Old Bailey - they all ate with a judge on each side - an hour of animated conversation created amusement and education for both the judges and their guests

By seeing hope and opportunity when he made that first visit to Thorn Cross, James changed our attitude to people with a prison record and has subsequently persuaded a few other entrepreneurs to follow his lead. Most customers approve, our colleagues take pride in taking part and I get real pleasure from hearing about individual success. During a fortnight at the end of 2019, one colleague showed me pictures of his new family, another sent a letter of thanks following her promotion to the area team, and I met a third who after a long sentence for an offence committed as a teenager joined us as an apprentice and within a year, became a manager, met his partner, secured a mortgage and moved to their own home.

I now know that miracles really do happen.

Luke's gospel describes that powerful moment, when two criminals were being crucified next to Jesus. One mocked Jesus saying "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other, recognizing the wrong he had done, said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your own kingdom." And Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

That moment shows there is always hope, especially when we believe people can change, and show faith in their future.

Remember those statistics. Over 60% of prison leavers reoffend within two years, a figure that drops below 20% for those that have a job. Our figure is under 3% and we find ex-offenders are as

loyal and hardworking as any other colleague. In my view, many companies miss out on an important source of potential talent by writing off everyone with a criminal record.

This powerful combination of faith and hope is also important for looked after children.

David, one of our foster children arrived with his brother Stephen on the day before we were due to leave for a fortnight in Portugal. Getting extra seats on the plane wasn't a problem so by the time David, aged 7 went back to school our family knew him quite well. Within a week Alex went to see the Headteacher to ask why David hadn't been included in the After School Club - "There's no point" came the answer "He's from one of the worst streets in town, nothing will ever become of David" David stayed after school the following week, at the end of term Alex moved him to a different school and now 27 years later he runs his own business.

Alex, a trained nursery nurse, was working as a nanny when we first met and, when our youngest child Edward went to school she wanted to work with children and saw an advert for foster carers. With Alex's qualifications and having three children of our own we thought it would be an easy task. Our first foster children, Simon and Shaun, were pretty straight forward - apart from teaching our children some new words and my embarrassing moment with Simon in Silvios the local bakers when he pointed at a large woman at the counter saying loudly "Look John, that woman's got big busters".

The next two, Malvin and Lorraine, were more testing. One day Malvin found a mallet and smashed 110 panes of glass in my greenhouse and whenever Lorraine played with our daughter's doll's house she tipped everything out on the floor explaining "my mum's got a nout on".

Among our 90 foster children, some particularly stick in the memory like the especially difficult boy who we took skiing. When we put him in a class on the first day his behaviour was so bad the instructor gave up on him within half an hour. There was the girl who, on our Garden Open Day, drove round on a quad bike, with Henry our

younger adopted son, throwing pine cones at the visitors. Sadly one foster child killed our cat. Fostering isn't for the faint hearted.

Alex could cope with most things but she was near breaking point, when our adopted 14 year old son Ollie, took one of our cars, drove off in the middle of the night and was missing for four days. It got worse a week later when a friend upset Alex by saying "Let Ollie come to me for a week I'll soon sort him out"

Then we had our lightbulb moment. The next week Alex went to a Social services training day. The speaker, Dan Hughes, talked about attachment " I suppose" He said "You all ban the television, have a naughty chair and send them to bed early - you've got it wrong. Try to understand why they behave the way they do". He explained how behaviour is determined by our attachments with others, particularly in the early years. Children who lack love, attention and cuddles often grow up lacking trust in other people and have little confidence in themselves, their challenging behaviour is a sign of insecurity. They need love but find it hard to accept.

That phrase will always stick in my mind 'Try to understand why they behave the way they do'. Too many people with great potential are written off because they are misunderstood. Looked after children (who are the ones most likely to have attachment problems) are more likely to be excluded from school, do badly in exams and go to prison.

About 25 years ago I was in our local garage filling up with petrol and buying chocolates for three foster children "Grandchildren?" Asked the woman behind the counter "No, they are just staying with us for a bit, we are foster carers" "That's nice" she replied "I always wanted to do that but never got round to it"

I'm pleased Alex got round to being a foster carer and showed me how she got a real buzz out of helping others make the most of their lives. Alex demonstrated that Lent gospel message. She never saw anyone as a lost cause, always had faith in their potential and filled their lives with hope.

Young Pattenmaker

Pattenmakers Profiles: Tom Mudd – by Freeman Bryan Oknyansky



One would be forgiven for thinking of Young Pattenmakers as spring livery chickens. Enter Thomas (Tom) Mudd, an 11-year-old Pattenmaker who remains a proudly card-carrying Young Pattenmaker – and for some time to come still!

Many readers of the The Pattenmaker will be well acquainted with Tom over the years. Tom was introduced to the Pattenmakers through family as his grandfather was a Pattenmaker. He began attending livery events in 2007, became a Freeman in 2010, and ascended to Liveryman in 2016. The first event he attended was one of Past Master Richard Paice’s garden parties in Albany, where he met other likeminded potential YPs.

“It’s the people that I love the most”, divulged Tom. He loves “the variety”, which encompasses meeting new people with exciting stories to tell; a dinner seating chart lottery where you dine at a livery event next to someone you haven’t met before; and the privilege of not having our own hall, giving way to visiting incredible, and often hidden, architecture.

When asked what he looks forward to most as a Pattenmaker, the answer was easy – the dinners. One cannot help but sympathise for Tom in a pandemic lockdown being kept away from physically socialising with the Pattenmakers. However, pandemic or not, having once been a Brixtonian Londoner, Tom made a life decision four years ago to distance himself geographically

from the City of London by repatriating to the countryside of Market Harborough where has “the best of both worlds” – living in the countryside and working in London.



Growing up in rural Lincolnshire, Tom spent lots of time with family in Asia. He earned his BA(Hons) Japanese degree in Durham and lived in Japan. He, then, moved to London where he initially undertook an MSc in Real Estate Development and then started on a graduate scheme in the surveying world. Today, Tom is a chartered surveyor and works for CBRE. CBRE is a global commercial real estate services and investment firm and the abbreviation stands for Coldwell Banker Richard Ellis. It is the largest commercial real estate services company in the world and our Tom is one of its Senior Directors heading up the affordable housing team.



It is interesting to muse on the largest commercial real estate services company not having an affordable housing team prior to onboarding Tom. Affordable housing is one of his great passions and is the subject he loves to wax most when he speaks at property industry events. He

could be described as a shared ownership evangelist and does his bit to fight the stigma of the term “social housing”.

Among his varied list of things to look forward to in 2021, having never thought he’d utter the words “I miss being in the office!”, a return to normality tops Tom’s list. He misses seeing his friends and family and looks forward to being able to travel again. Hear, hear, Tom.

Events

Pattenmakers’ Events

A full list of all planned future events appears at the end of the newsletter.

April 8th 7.30pm – 8.30pm – Japanese Whisky Tasting event with expert Dominic North

Please register here: [Wine Tasting Registration](#) and refer to the attached flyer [Whisky Tasting](#) for full details on how to order your tasting kit.

April 14th 3.30pm – 5.30pm – Virtual Tour of Hotter Footwear with our own Young Pattenmakers and CEO Ian Watson.

Please refer to the attached flyer for full details: [Virtual Trade Outing](#) and if you wish to attend please send an email to the trade warden martin@denton-house.com and further details will be sent back to you nearer the time – This is a Free trade outing event.



April 22nd 7.30pm – 9.00pm – Pattenmakers Charity Comedy Night
with 3 top comedians – free charity comedy event



This event has a **Maximum attendees of 500** households but will be opened up to our industries and to family and friends after a 1 week pre-release which is open to Pattenmakers only.

Please see here [Comedy Night Flyer](#) for more information.

Please register as soon as possible within the next week, once we reach the attendee limit we won’t be able to register any further attendees.
[Charity Comedy Registration](#)

Cultural Calendar

Presented by Freeman Zoe Chowney

We have a rather packed Cultural Calendar this week, although no religious events this time. Looks like we are going to be spoiled for choice with four international days all on 21st March!

20th March – International Day of Happiness



The International Day of Happiness was established by the United Nations General Assembly on 28 June 2012. Assembly Resolution A/RES/66/281 states in pertinent part:

“The General Assembly,[...] Conscious that the pursuit of happiness is a fundamental human goal,[...] Recognizing also the need for a more inclusive, equitable and balanced approach to economic growth that promotes sustainable development, poverty eradication, happiness and the well-being of all peoples, Decides to proclaim 20 March the International Day of Happiness, Invites all Member States, organizations of the United Nations system and other international and regional organizations, as well as civil society, including non-governmental organizations and individuals, to observe the International Day of Happiness in an appropriate manner, including through education and public awareness-raising activities[...].”

The motto for this year is “Keep Calm. Stay Wise. Be Kind”...wise words indeed during these rather Covidy times!

21st March – International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination



On this day, in 1960, police opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration in Sharpeville, South Africa, against the apartheid “pass laws”.

Proclaiming the day in 1966, the United Nations General Assembly called on the international community to redouble its efforts to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination.

“Youth standing up against racism” is the 2021 theme. It engages the public through #FightRacism, which aims to foster a global culture of tolerance, equality and anti-discrimination and calls on each and every one of

us to stand up against racial prejudice and intolerant attitudes.

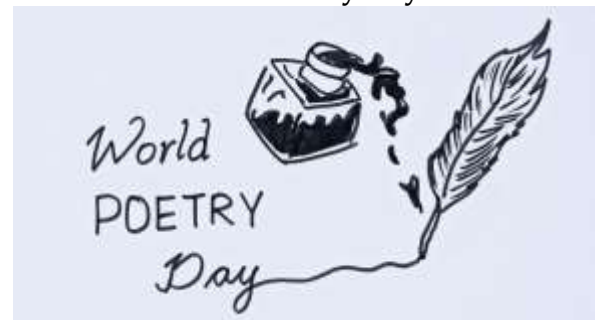
Young people massively showed their support at the 2020 Black Lives Matter marches, which drew millions of demonstrators worldwide. On the streets, groundswells of youth - mostly teens and twenty-somethings - came together to protest against racial injustice. On social media, they mobilised participation, calling on their peers to speak out, and to stand up for the equal rights of all.

Their activism was all the more remarkable in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, which saw restrictions on public gatherings in many countries. As the virus began to spread in early 2020, a parallel pandemic was unleashed - of hatred, violence and fear against certain ethnicities and nationalities. It quickly became clear that stark inequities, sometimes rooted in racism, had subjected minorities to a significantly higher risk of infection and death.

COVID-19 has heavily impacted young people, including those from minority backgrounds. Many are now grappling with an increase in racial discrimination, in addition to severe disruptions to their education; diminished employment prospects; and limited ability to participate in public life, which stymies their individual and social empowerment.

The struggle against racial discrimination is a central element of UNESCO's work to build peace in the minds of men and women, through education for tolerance, the rejection of racist stereotypes that may persist in culture or in the media.

21st March – World Poetry Day



Another international UNESCO day, 21st March was proclaimed World Poetry Day during UNESCO's 30th session held in Paris in 1999.

One of the main objectives of the Day is to support linguistic diversity through poetic expression and to offer endangered languages the opportunity to be heard within their communities.

The observance of World Poetry Day is also meant to encourage a return to the oral tradition of poetry recitals, to promote the teaching of poetry, to restore a dialogue between poetry and the other arts such as theatre, dance, music and painting, and to support small publishers and create an attractive image of poetry in the media, so that the art of poetry will no longer be considered an outdated form of art, but one which enables society as a whole to regain and assert its identity.

I'm sure that if any of you would like to mark this day by scribbling your own prose, our esteemed editor would be very interested to see, and possibly publish, your work!

21st March – World Down Syndrome Day



www.worlddownsyndromeday.org

Down syndrome is a condition in which a person has an extra chromosome. Chromosomes are small "packages" of genes in the body. They determine how a baby's body forms during pregnancy and how the baby's body functions as it grows in the womb and after birth. Typically, a baby is born with 46 chromosomes. Babies with Down syndrome have an extra copy of one of these chromosomes, chromosome 21. A medical term for having an extra copy of a chromosome is 'trisomy.' Down syndrome is also referred to as Trisomy 21. This extra copy changes how the baby's body and brain develop, which can cause both mental and physical challenges for the baby.

Even though people with Down syndrome might act and look similar, each person has different abilities. People with Down syndrome usually have an IQ in the mildly-to-moderately low range and are slower to speak than other children.

Every year people with Down syndrome, their families, advocates, professionals and organisations are encouraged to observe World Down Syndrome Day with their own awareness and fundraising activities.

21st March – International Day of Forests



The International Day of Forests was established by resolution of the United Nations General Assembly on November 28, 2012. Each year, various events celebrate and raise awareness of the importance of all types of forests, and trees outside forests, for the benefit of current and future generations.

On this day, countries are encouraged to undertake efforts to organise local, national, and international activities involving forests and trees, such as tree planting campaigns.

The theme of the International Day of Forests for 2021 is "Forest restoration: a path to recovery and well-being." The restoration and sustainable management of forests help address the climate-change and biodiversity crises. It also produces goods and services for sustainable development, fostering an economic activity that creates jobs and improves lives.

This year's theme fits into the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration (2021-2030), a call for the protection and revival of ecosystems around the world.

Each year more than 13 million hectares (32 million acres) of forests are lost, an area roughly the size of England.

Most importantly, forests play a critical role in climate change including global warming: deforestation results in 12-18% of the world's carbon emissions – almost equal to all the CO2 from the global transport sector. Equally crucial, healthy forests are one of the world's primary 'carbon sinks'.

Today, forests cover more than 30% of the world's land and contain more than 60,000 tree species. Forests provide food, fibre, water and medicines for approximately 1.6 billion of the world's poorest people, including indigenous peoples with unique cultures.

Pets' Corner

Ellie - Liveryman Richard Muir



My wife Jenny and I made the decision (having both owned dogs in previous lives) that whoever retired first, we would get a dog.

After much discussion, we decided to go for a pedigree black Labrador bitch (I'd actually had two black lab boys on separate occasions many years ago) and we found beautiful Ellie – named after Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine – and brought her home at 8 weeks old in August 2017.

To cut a long and fraught story short, at 6 months she was diagnosed with Severe Tricuspid Dysplasia, which was congenital and could not

have been identified any earlier; basically she had a deformed heart and her tricuspid valve was letting blood through (leaking!) and not doing what it was designed to do! Poor Ellie (although never showing any signs of ill health) had a number of scans and referrals, the last one being at The Royal Veterinary College, Potters Bar under the care of Professor Dan Brockman (the equivalent to Professor Noel Fitzpatrick, only specialising in soft tissue work). At 15 months of age, Ellie underwent open heart surgery to repair the valve, which included insertion of Gore-Tex mesh and thread (similar to what is used in humans) and it was a historic success as she was only the second bitch (fifth dog overall) to have had such a procedure.

Ellie will be 4 in early July and despite taking her for annual scans, she has been given the life expectancy of a normal Labrador – one really brave little girl and deeply loved by Jenny and myself.

She is full of life, very friendly, loves her walks in Battle Great Wood (350 acres directly behind our house), relishes her meals like all typical Labradors and her favourite position is lying flat on her back with legs akimbo, showing everything and awaiting her cuddles!

Her nickname is 'Ellie Wellie' aptly depicted in one of the photos, despite obvious doggie embarrassment but she is a real character!



Long may she live, happily enjoying her restored health and helping to keep her owners in good health and happiness likewise!

Gardening

The Lakeland Horticultural Society's Gardens at Holehird – Past Master Helen Auty

If you are ever around Windermere do visit Holehird Gardens – wonderful views and splendid garden. No matter what time of year it is, this is truly a garden for all seasons which also boasts several national collections – hydrangeas, astilbes and polystichum ferns.



Holehird – Lakeland View

First noted in 1635, the Hole Hird area was owned by Thomas Hird. The current mansion was designed for John Lingard in 1854 as a Victorian Gothic building (Architect was JS Crowther who later designed Manchester Cathedral).

John Macmillan Dunlop, a manufacturer of mill machinery in Manchester, was the next owner of Holehird. In fact Manchester industrialists commissioned several attractive Lakeland houses, such as Blackwell which was visited on a Livery Company w/end a few years ago. Dunlop further developed Holehird by disposing of the old farm house, building a conservatory and creating the splendid walled garden. On his wife's death he commissioned William Morris, Edward Burne-Jones and Ford Madox Brown to design a commemorative window in Troutbeck Church. Another famous Lakeland name, Beatrix Potter, was linked to Holehird, having noted in her 1889 and 1895 diaries that she and her family rented the house from Dunlop's son.

Subsequently the Groves family bought the house and in 1954 Henry Leigh Groves (son of the original Groves owner) gifted the estate to the County Council 'for the purpose of the better development of the health, education and welfare services of the county of Westmorland'. He was once heard to say 'service is the rent we pay for our room on earth' and seemingly lived up to that ideal as he served as Sheriff of Westmorland in 1938. His wife's bridesmaid was Vera Brittain (author of the classic book 'Testament of Youth') and mother of Dame Shirley Williams (a former Secretary of State for Education and Science).

Later the house became a Cheshire Home which is its current use and in 1969 the Lakeland Horticultural Society took over the grounds and transformed a rather neglected garden into the delightful place it is today.

Driving up to the car park, look to your left you'll see the wonderfully colourful National Collection of Hydrangeas and the Woodland Walk through them, not to forget the views across Windermere to the distant fells. The Hydrangea Walk has over 200 species and cultivars, all the 150 *macrophylla* cultivars originating from Japan, and look out for the climbing *Hydrangea petiolaris* in the Walled Garden. Even the walls of the car park are covered with wisteria, clematis and the fascinating *Actinidia kolomikta* with its tri-coloured leaves of white, pink and green (and which I have tried to grow several times with no success) and not far away is an Alpine House.



In the walled garden

Up the hill there are all kinds of shrubs, rock garden/scree areas and unusual trees including a

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handkerchief tree – a *Davidia involucreta* (there's one in Postman's Park near St Paul's). This tree is named after the 19thC. French missionary, Pere Armand David. His Order went to China and he was commissioned by the Natural History Museum in Paris to collect plants – he made various expeditions to Inner Mongolia up to the Tibetan border and to the Tsin-ling Mountains in the south-west. In all he found c250 new plant species, many of which were named in his honour, including *Clematis armandii* and *C. davidiana*, as well as buddleias, roses and many others.



Walled garden late September



Walled Garden Central Bed



Verbena Bonariensis and Pale Poppies in Central Bed

I visited last autumn (the only time I ventured out of London for the past year) and the flowers in the Walled Garden and tree colours were magnificent. This is probably my favourite part of the garden with its central armillary sundial and sun clock on the wall over one entrance. Depending on the time of year, here you will find the self-clinging vine, *Parthenocissus henryana* which turns bright red in autumn, several acers, *Magnolia 'Caerhays Surprise'* (probably bred at Caerhays Castle in Cornwall), the exotic-looking *Campsis grandiflora*, with its orange trumpet flowers climbing all over the potting shed and even an Australian bottlebrush with its bright red flower spikes, *Callistemon rigidus*, and many, many more delights.



Walled Garden Autumn

This is definitely a garden which should not be missed, even if all you want is a walk with delightful views.

Bird Watch

**Bird of the week is the humble, but subtly gorgeous White Wagtail –
Freeman Richard Parlour**



As a subspecies, White Wagtail tends to get slightly neglected and forgotten amid the jamboree of spring arrivals. Yet an encounter with one of these well-tailored birds is always of note, enough to raise a smile. Indeed, White Wagtail may well be the first true spring migrant you clap your eyes on each year and for that reason alone they are worthy of celebration. At present, there are nine recognised subspecies of White Wagtail. Six of these forms occur or have occurred in the Western Palearctic (*alba*; *leucopsis*; *ocularis*; *personata*; *subpersonata*; *yarrellii*). The latter is the familiar Pied Wagtail, a common British species with limited migration, and very rare instances of breeding in north west France and southern Norway. Meanwhile, *leucopsis* (Amur Wagtail), *ocularis* (East Siberian Wagtail) and *personata* (Masked Wagtail) have occurred in Britain as extreme vagrants, with single records of each.

The continental form is *Motacilla alba alba*, and it breeds commonly across Europe, from as far west as Iceland (and even Greenland) east to the Ural Mountains and Turkey, reaching as far north as the Arctic Circle. Many are migratory, spending the winter in southern Europe and Africa, and as far south as Kenya and Malawi. White Wagtail is a passage migrant through Britain from early March to May and from mid-August to early November. Most of them are from the Faroe Islands, Greenland and Iceland. There are quite a few of them, especially considering the Icelandic population is an estimated 50,000 pairs. Naturally,

this means there is a west coast bias to records, especially the first ones of the year.

Despite being a passage migrant in many parts of Britain, a handful of pairs breed each year, usually in northern Scotland and the Northern Isles, but also in western locations. Six pairs bred in Shetland in 2018, for example, and young fledged from a nest in Cornwall that year as well. However, it is migrants that most British birders will encounter. Spring is the best time to see them, not least because the plumage of adult birds makes them readily identifiable from the far more numerous Pied Wagtail. The very first records can occur in late February, as they have done this year, but generally early and mid-March sees the initial wave take place. Numbers build as the season develops. Early to mid-April can produce some of the biggest gatherings, usually along the west coast as birds collect ahead of the sea crossing to their breeding grounds. North West England is a key area, especially Cheshire and in particular The Wirral (500 were counted at Hoylake on 9 April 2011), and triple figure counts are virtually annual on the peninsula. Lancashire also sees some big numbers, up to 350. In late April and early May the big counts retract as birds move further north. Notable flocks still occur, often on the west coast of Scotland, such as 95 in Ayrshire on 22 April 2003. 300 at Dornoch on 20 April 2011 shows that east coast gatherings can form as well, though this is unusual. The Scandinavian population of White Wagtail takes an easterly migration route, so it's less numerous anywhere in eastern Britain.



An adult White Wagtail is a fetching bird, especially males. Perhaps the most striking

feature is the mantle, clean and silvery grey, contrasting markedly with the head and wings. This smart appearance is rather different to the dark, smoky and diffuse tones of the Pied Wagtail. The rump is pale grey on White Wagtail, black on Pied, but this isn't always easy to see on spring birds that are pottering about non-stop. Another key pointer is the flanks. Rather narrow pale grey feathering makes White Wagtail appear clean or white on its sides (though this can vary depending on viewing angle and the light). Pied Wagtail has much more sooty flanks, often extending well below the folded wing. The wings of White Wagtail are slightly duller than Pied, and other features include a narrower white forehead and a clean white belly. Sexing is fairly straightforward and is based on the head pattern. In male White Wagtails, the border between the black nape/cap and silvery grey mantle is clearly defined and marked, but in females it is much less so and often fades together. The black nape is even weaker in tone on first summer females.

So, as we enter March, it's well worth paying extra attention to any Pied Wagtails you bump into, particularly sizeable congregations of them. A little scrutiny may well produce a White Wagtail or two, especially as the month moves on. There are no special places to look, anywhere that Pieds frequent and favour is a good enough location, though of course open fields, farmland and areas where livestock are found is good, along with coastal spots which will hold fresh arrivals. Do stop and appreciate the journey this little bird is on and how it passing through your local area represents the start of spring migration, perhaps the finest part of the birding calendar.

New partnership formed to save England's threatened curlews

A wealth of conservation organisations, in conjunction with land managers, farmers and gamekeepers, have come together to launch the [Curlew Recovery Partnership](#) – a new initiative which aims to secure the future of England's Curlews. Urgent action is needed. Curlew is one of the most pressing bird conservation priorities in the UK, where nearly half the breeding population has been lost over the last 25 years and where range contraction has seen curlews

disappear from many traditional sites. The partnership is the outcome of Curlew Recovery Summits hosted by His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales on Dartmoor in March 2018 and at Highgrove in February 2020. It will provide co-ordination and support to those engaged in curlew conservation, while also providing benefits for other threatened species and habitats, as well as helping people to connect with nature. Prince Charles said "the hauntingly evocative cry of the curlew is now all too seldom heard. This most wonderful bird needs urgent support and I am delighted that following meetings on Dartmoor and at Highgrove, the England Curlew Recovery Partnership has been formed to bring together all those who can help provide such support and, indeed, promote this crucial cause to the public, many of whom, I am sure, are unaware of quite how special the curlew is and the part that they can play in helping to save it for the benefit of current and future generations."

The disappearance of curlews from across the open landscapes of England is deeply sad and a very tangible reminder of the crisis facing our wildlife. The Curlew Recovery Partnership is determined to work together to find solutions to reverse its decline and to help transform our relationship with nature. The Partnership comprises nine organisations: Bolton Castle Estate, British Trust for Ornithology (BTO), Curlew Action, Curlew Country, Duchy of Cornwall, Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust (GWCT), Natural England, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), and Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (WWT). The Partnership has been set up with financial support from Defra and will explore opportunities to embed curlew recovery within Defra's new Environmental Land Management Scheme (ELMS) and the Nature Recovery Network.

The Partnership is keen to engage with anyone interested in saving England's curlews, and will provide a conduit for information flow and future funding to support those working on the ground. To get involved, please email hello@curlewrecovery.org or visit www.curlewrecovery.org.
Happy Spring Birding!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Avian Times

Having complained about feeding and now recovering from the sonorous chorus last weekend my complaint now turns to accommodation

In common with most of rural Kent becoming covered in polytunnels and "executive" housing developments three years ago I embarked upon a housing project to encourage my feathered friends to settle and obviate the need for them to seek rooms or build their own.

I have provided affordable social housing as well as family houses. To date some six nesting boxes at a variety of locations, rural, semi-rural and even up near the house. During the cold spell recently I even added that stuff the Memsahib lines hanging baskets with to make them warm and cosy. Not one resident to report.

Blue tits fly past a desirous pad on their way to pecking a hole in the bargeboards. The overgrown foliage atop the garage seems very popular but why when there are houses ready to move into? Even my mate Bob appears to prefer living in a hole in the wall to a ceramic thatched cottage.

What is their problem – is it that there is no equity release scheme?

We need to be told.

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Recipe of the Week

Oriental Fish Cakes – Past Mistress Pattenmaker Eileen Eskenzi



Tony and I attended a reception whilst in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and were served tiny spicy fish balls on cocktail sticks which were delectable. A couple of nights later we were entertained in a restaurant and served Fish Cakes which tasted almost identical. Due to my enthusiasm, our host asked whether the Chef would divulge his recipe. He appeared and kindly rattled off a list of ingredients which I hastily jotted down on a serviette. Below is an inferior version because some of the spices were local - hence the Green Curry Paste which can be purchased in most Supermarkets. Don't be perturbed by this copious list of ingredients - it's well worth the effort, approximately 20 minutes plus frying time and a reasonably priced meal.

FISH CAKES - To serve 4 people

INGREDIENTS:-

1lb (450gr) Cod or Haddock - skinned, boned and cut up inch sized pieces
3 Tbs. Green Curry Paste
1 lime - juice and rind finely grated
1/2 lemon - rind only, finely grated
1 Lemon Grass stalk - finely sliced and marinated in the lemon rind and lime juice/rind.
3 Tbs. Coriander leaves and stalks - chopped
1 Teasp. Ginger - finely grated
1/2 small Onion, peeled - grated
3 Garlic cloves, peeled - crushed
The tiniest pinch of Chilli Flakes - optional!
3 Spring onions - finely sliced - green and white part
Oil for frying

METHOD:-

- 1). In a cup add the lime juice, grated rind of lime, lemon, sliced Lemon Grass and leave to marinade for approximately 20/30 minutes or to suit your convenience.
- 2). In a bowl add all the ingredients (NOT the Spring Onions). I use a hand held 'blender stick' OR in a blender, whiz all the ingredients together for just a few seconds till blended. In the bowl, add the finely sliced Spring Onions to the mixture and blend together thoroughly by hand or with a fork.
- 3). With a tablespoon remove 12 mounds of the mixture. Roll into 12 balls, flatten and shape into 'fish cakes'. Dust a plate with flour and on this place the 'fish cakes'.

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Cover them with 'Cling Film' and refrigerate for approximately an hour or longer.

4). Remove Fish Cakes from fridge. Dust a plate with more flour and coat all 12 Fish Cakes on both sides lightly with flour.

5). Pour just enough oil to cover the surface a large frying pan. Heat oil to hot, but not sizzling and fry the Fish Cakes for about 3/4 minutes on one side until golden and crisp. Turn over and fry reverse side.

Line an ovenproof plate with absorbent paper, remove the Fish Cakes from the pan, place on the plate and put in a warm oven to keep hot whilst the rest of the Fish Cakes are being fried.

TO SERVE:-

Place on a platter decorated with sprigs of Coriander, lemon and lime wedges.

Accompanied by:-

A Peanut Dipping Sauce and Coconut Rice.

Steamed beans and/or a mixed salad.

PEANUT DIPPING SAUCE

INGREDIENTS:-

3 Tbs. Crunchy Peanut Butter

1-2 Garlic clove(s) - crushed

Half a tin of Coconut Milk

2 Tbs. Spicy Chilli Sauce or more according to your taste.

METHOD:-

Stir all the ingredients together in a saucepan. Bring to the boil, immediately remove from heat and mix with a spoon until smooth.

Serve in a sauce boat or on individual plates in 4 ramekin dishes or egg cups.

These Fish Cakes are delicious served cold as part of a buffet or taken on picnics and freeze well!

COCONUT RICE:-

Jasmine Rice cooked as directed on the packet.

When ready to serve mix in half the remaining can of Coconut Milk together with three tablespoons of Desiccated Coconut and a handful of Salted Peanuts.

Serve immediately decorated with Coriander springs or keep warm in heated oven.

Enjoy!



Quiz

Please see next page for this week's quiz and the answers to last week's quiz.

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

The Quiz – Week 49

The Answers to last week's Quiz, based as you know, upon Dartford in Kent were:

1. Dartford Warbler
2. Watling Street
3. Gareth Johnson MP
4. Wat Tyler
5. The Worshipful Company of Fishmongers
6. Dartford Crossing
7. Len Goodman
8. £2.50 (£2.00 if you have a prepaid account)
9. Mick Jagger
10. Keith Richards

Well done to Raymond Lewis (although I suspect Margaret was the brains behind it) and Diana Fieldwick.

Struggling to find a theme for this week's quiz so here are fifteen totally random questions – sixteen answers – good luck!

1. What is the biggest animal in the world?
2. Which country is brie cheese originally from?
3. At the time of writing (March 2021), who is fifth in line to the British throne?
4. What does IPA stand for?
5. What is the largest country in the world?
6. Who has been the First Minister of Wales since December 2018?
7. What is a baby rabbit called?
8. How many minutes in a game of rugby league?
9. Typically, what is the strongest muscle in the human body?
10. What fruit takes the scientific name *Mangifera indica*?
11. What does He stand for on the periodic table?
12. What month was Prince George born?
13. For two points, if the states of America were placed in alphabetical order, which would be the first and the last?
14. What is the *Papaver rhoeas* flower better known as?
15. What was the most streamed show on Netflix in 2020? (worldwide) Clue – I've never heard of it either!

Please send an email to clerk@pattenmakers.co.uk with your answers. The answers will be announced in a subsequent edition of the Newsletter

Pattenmakers' Company Events Calendar Jan – Dec 2021

Pattenmaker Events = Black - Contact: Graham.Perry@datore.co

Civic Events = Red – Contact: Clerk@pattenmakers.co.uk

Young Pattenmaker Events = Blue – Contact: Sophia.lee@datore.co

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
14 Apr	Trade Outing	Virtual Tour of Hotter
22 nd Apr	Joint YP/Pattenmaker Comedy Night	Virtual Event
6 th May	Footwear Dinner	Virtual Event
7 th May	Murder Mystery Event	Virtual Event
12 th May	Inter-Livery Shoot	Holland & Holland Grounds
13 th May	Ascension Day	St Margaret Pattens
17 th May	Charity Fundraising Event	Reform Club
21 st May	United Guilds Service	St Paul's + Lunch
3 rd Jun	Drinks in the City - YP	Live Event
17 th Jun	Trade Outing	Royal Parks
24 th Jun	Common Hall	Election of Sheriffs
29 th Jun	Summer Dinner	Merchant Taylor's Hall
8 th July	YP Event	Live Event
22 nd July	Tour of Masons' Hall	Grand Lodge, London. TBC
5 th Aug	YP Event	Live Event
19 th Aug	Champagne Tasting	TBC
9 th Sept	YP Event	Live Event
21 st Sept	351 st Banquet	Guildhall
29 th Sep	Common Hall	Election of Lord Mayor
14 th Oct	YP Event	Virtual/Live Event
28 th Oct	FM Dinner	Ironmongers' pencilled in
13 th Nov	Lord Mayor's Show	
Xx Nov	Liveryman Dinner	House of Commons
26 th Nov	YP Dinner	Barber-Surgeons (or Glaziers)
9 th Dec	YP – Christmas Drinks	London City Live Event
15 th Dec	House of Commons Dinner	
16 Dec	Carol Service	St Margaret Pattens Church

To be included 2 x Freemen events at Guildhall May/June and Oct/Nov