



# The Pattenmaker

WEEKLY NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY

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## From the Master Jennifer Bryant-Pearson

With the very sad news of the death of HRH



Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, we felt that there should be a special edition of the Pattenmakers' newsletter with tributes to reflect our members' personal involvement with the Duke over his many years of service to our

country

I want to thank all those who have contributed such wonderful memories of their encounters with the Duke.

We had a much greater response to my request for stories than anticipated so this special issue will now be published early next week.

## From the Editor Liveryman Ian Balcombe

Just after publication of the Newsletter last week, the sad news of the passing of HRH The Prince Philip Duke of Edinburgh was announced. We will be publishing a supplement Newsletter to honour his life and

achievements with personal reminiscences from Pattenmakers. If you have not already done so, will you please send these in.



This week sees another bumper issue. Court Assistant Keith Bottomley reports from the City about the Covid Recovery Plan, and Past Master Richard Kottler brings up to date with news from the Livery Schools Link.

There are details of the new Livery Tie, Zoë Chowney tells us what it means to be a New Liveryman and Past Master Anthony Miller is remembered.

We have a Pattenmaker event - Charity Comedy Night, which has been opened up to Family and Friends, so please register and we have a very busy Cultural Calendar.

Once again we are transported to a lovely garden in Cumbria with delightful photographs. Our Avian correspondent is inspired by a bus. In addition he reports on a ruling from the European Court of Justice. The recipe of the week sounds and looks yummy.

Finally we have this week's quiz.

## City of London Corporation

### Covid Business Recovery Fund – Court Assistant Deputy Keith Bottomley CC

The City of London Corporation launched a Covid Business Recovery Fund of up to £50 million on Monday 12 April.



The fund is designed to support SME businesses

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which contribute to the Square Mile's vibrancy at street level and directly provide services to returning City workers, visitors and residents. It aims to support those businesses that can evidence, through the grant application process, a likelihood that with support they have a reasonable chance to survive beyond the short-term.

Applicants will need to demonstrate that they provide an in-person service to the general public in either the retail, hospitality, medical or leisure sectors.

Grants will be based on individual requirements after a financial evaluation but will not exceed £100,000. Applications will be accepted between 12 April and 11 June 2021. Funds will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. If the level of grants awarded exceeds the allocated funding, then the scheme will be closed with immediate effect.

An online portal has been set up to take applications via this page: [City of London Supporting Businesses](#)

Businesses can find further information on the fund and apply from Monday. The City Business Library will provide support on how to use the portal.

## Our Charitable Fund

### Livery Schools Link – Past Master Richard Kottler



This voluntary organisation bridges the gap between the Livery movement and State Schools. It has been in existence for over 7 years and has concentrated on enabling Livery members to take part in careers advice work with schools.

Currently over 100 Liveries participate in careers talks and forums and this includes a handful of Pattenmakers. In recent months LSL has joined forces with 2 established charities who

have a vast UK wide coverage of schools and a wonderful record in facilitating advisory work on careers. This now means that any Liveries can click on <https://liveryschoolslink.org.uk/the-volunteering-platform-sign-up> and immediately gain access to the Volunteering platform and you will be informed of all upcoming careers events in your geographical area.

At the moment, all careers work is being done remotely which makes it even less time consuming to participate in this key activity which all secondary schools are obliged to offer their pupils. If you can contribute an hour of your time every so often, LSL can ensure you are involved with interesting, hugely worthwhile events where your own views on your career will be heard and appreciated by pupils and teachers alike.

Our Livery is becoming increasingly committed to helping schools in disadvantaged areas who have a high percentage of pupil deprivation and a whole range of social and financial issues. We are working with 2 London schools at the moment, one with a shoe hardship fund and the other with the purchase of special books for children with severe learning problems. We are about to extend this service to 4 schools, all in the London area.

Other Liveries tend to donate a bursary or a prize, which certainly rewards high achieving pupils - we prefer to agree to schemes that will benefit multiple pupils. In the cases of the existing 2 schools, over 25 pairs of shoes have been bought this last year and over 40 pupils are now reading the books mentioned.

Last year, LSL created the Digital Divide initiative, raising money from Liveries and individuals to help schools purchase appropriate digital equipment so that all pupils can have access to the right devices even if they are living in difficult circumstances. As a result and helped by the large amount of national publicity for getting new or reconditioned devices to pupils, LSL has raised over £170,000 and made available over 770 devices to 60 schools.

I have recently joined LSL as a Trustee/Director and am very involved with the Careers

volunteering platform into which will be added the provision of the all-important area of work experience. There are a couple of new developments that are on the immediate horizon as it becomes ever more vital to help schools in poor areas to compete with better funded schools and give all their pupils the best chance of academic success and of meaningful and satisfying careers.

As with so much of the Pattenmakers charitable giving, we find that with very little funding but a lot of involvement, disproportionate benefits will flow and make a difference to those in receipt of our funds.

I make no apologies if this all sounds a bit “worthy” as I really do believe that as a Livery we can use our personal experience to advise youngsters about their career options and we can continue to help reduce the hardships and problems that are immediately obvious when visiting so many (too many) schools anywhere in the UK.

## Members’ News

### New Liveryman Zoë Chowney



On 17<sup>th</sup> March this year, I had the great honour of becoming the first person to be ‘clothed in the livery’ virtually in front of the full Court via Zoom.

I first learned about The Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers and the wider Livery movement in early 2018 when I was invited to a lunch of business leaders in the City and had the pleasure

of being seated next to our esteemed Master, Jennifer. We got on famously and have been good friends since.

Jennifer then very generously invited me to my first Pattenmakers’ event, the Summer Reception to be held at the beautiful Charterhouse in Smithfield. I excitedly attended the wonderful event, even though it was an incredibly warm evening and we were all melting in our finery! I really enjoyed the reception and met some wonderful people and experienced first-hand the legendary friendliness and warm welcome from our membership and their guests.

I was keen to get further involved with this wonderful Company, however, as I had not known Jennifer for at least 2 years, it was not possible to be proposed as a Freeman. This, caused our Company to introduce a new ‘Friends’ scheme, of which I became the first participant.

In due course, I was then proposed as a Freeman in January 2020, with my application being seconded by Immediate Past Master, Dr David Best. My Freedom of The City of London then followed, with a virtual ceremony in October 2020.

I remained keen to progress to becoming a Liveryman as soon as possible, so made my application as soon as my required one year as a Freeman was completed.

I’m very proud to be a Liveryman of this most friendly of Livery companies. I greatly enjoy attending our events (such a privilege to be able to dine in such historic, beautiful and interesting surroundings) and love the fellowship having met many wonderful people. I am also proud to serve on our Diversity Taskforce and have learned a great deal from writing our weekly Cultural Calendar column for our newsletter.

It is also an honour to be able to support the numerous important causes via our charitable foundation. This year’s Escape Café project will make such a difference to people who have been injured in the defence of our country and our freedoms.

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I'm so pleased that our Company has remained so active during these rather Covidy times, with interesting virtual events and a great sense of community from our weekly newsletter painstakingly edited by Liveryman Ian Balcombe.

That said, I really can't wait for us to all be able to meet again in person...hopefully very soon!

### **The Late Past Master Anthony Miller remembered by Liveryman Anthony Conway-Fell**

Tony was a friend of mine and we worked together at stockbrokers W.I.Carr Sons & Company.

I was very honoured to be invited to sit close to him at what was my first dinner as a Pattenmaker, introduced to the Livery by Tony.

At a certain moment during the dinner, he left his place and, to my great surprise and pleasure, joined the Barbers Shop Quartet, who provided all of us with marvellous entertainment.

A lovely man, sadly missed.

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### **Hot off the Loom – the new Pattenmaker Tie**



We are pleased to announce the new Official Company Tie, available to all Pattenmakers.

These wonderful new ties are made from the finest quality silk, and the smart and repeat Coat

of Arms pattern perfectly compliments the immensely popular Ladies Scarf.

The gold background unifies the look so that they will look great on any occasion – and at the special “launch” price of £25 each, having a spare in your wardrobe you'll always be the envy of your colleagues at any formal event and every new Zoom meeting you attend.

To order your ties, please click here: [order form](#)



### **Gardening**

#### **Hutton-In-The-Forest House and Garden Cumbria – Senior Past Master Helen Auty**

If you find yourself in Lakeland and can bear to drag yourself away from the Lakes, go up to the northern edge of the Lake District and just outside the village of Skelton you will find this interestingly named house (Grade 1 listed) which has belonged to the family of the present owner, Lord Inglewood, for 650 years. The oldest part of the house is a Pele Tower (c1350) - not unusual for this part of the country and the need to get early warning of Border reivers in the vicinity.



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Over the past 600 years the house has undergone many changes, in at least six different architectural styles, the most recent being the Victorian architect Anthony Salvin's restoration and changes which give the house its present Gothic Revival appearance.

The garden layout must have undergone many changes but in the 20thC it was decided to open up the Low Garden at the rear of the house to expose some of the improvements made by William Sawrey Gilpin (1762-1843) in the early 19thC such as the distant lake and the small cascade on the left. One reference book rather patronizingly says of Gilpin's work in the 1830s that it 'was somewhat outdated, although he still continued to gain commissions in Scotland'....



*Rear view of the House*



*View down to lake and cascade (left) with wildflower meadow*  
For historians interested in 18thC gardens Johannes KIP (1653-1722) is a veritable 'knight in shining armour' because of the books of engraved drawings of his topographical views, known as *Britannia Illustrata* (1715 & 1740) which show the garden plans of over 80 palaces and 'country seats'. Hence we know that in 1710 Hutton-in-the-Forest boasted a double avenue leading up to the entrance forecourt with a central fountain and very grand formal gardens.

There is still a large early 18thC gated Walled Garden with yew hedges, flower borders and topiary. Lady Vane's interest in topiary in the 1890s reflected the Arts & Crafts topiary revival which was much in vogue at that time.



Several attractive modern gates lead into the Walled Garden.





Dotted around the Walled Garden are large, beautifully glazed pots in varying shades of blue, often amongst the borders full of flowers on a May visit.



Good colour combination with the dark purple of the Acer and the tall deep pink Amaranthus with the pale lime shrub and the dark topiary behind the wall.



Candelabra primulas in Walled Garden and many Rhododendrons.



Beautiful colour combinations everywhere .....



Trilliums, native to Asia and N. America where the greatest diversity of species is found in the Appalachian Mountains.



One of my favourite flowers, *Meconopsis grandis* or the Himalayan Blue Poppy. It doesn't like growing too far south. However, I've seen a whole valley of them, in varying colours, at Aberglasney in Wales but they are usually happier north of the border.



Exploring further, beyond the Walled Garden and across a small bridge, there are woodland areas to be found with masses of wild garlic or 'ramsons'.

There's more to wild garlic than you might think.....it's often found in ancient woodland, as here. It has many other names, most often called Ramsons, but its Latin name, *Allium ursinum*, has led to it also being called bear leek because, apparently, brown bears are very partial to the bulbs (it's native to both Europe **and** Asia as we don't see many brown bears in the UK). Strange to think of it being in the same family as those huge mauve *Allium cristophii* (Star of Persia) in our gardens and it's also in the Amaryllis family (think Christmas present plant). Of course it has many culinary uses - Cornish Yarg cheese is coated with wild garlic leaves - and the leaves can be a good substitute for basil in pesto.



There is a 14thC Arthurian legend called *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* and it has been suggested that Hutton-in-the-Forest was the castle of the Green Knight. Whether this is so or not, the Green Knight's head was chopped off by Sir Gawain as part of a knightly challenge so hardly an ideal picture with which to leave this intriguing house and garden. I'm sure that no such fate awaits you if you care to visit. Hutton-in-the-Forest.

## Bird Watch

### Bird of the week is the Sedge Warbler – Freeman Richard Parlour



A challenge for the 53<sup>rd</sup> issue! The No 53 London bus goes from Griffin Road to Lower Marsh, but

the Griffin is part eagle and part lion, so doesn't really count in avian terms. The No 53 Greater Manchester bus from Pendleton to Cheetham Hill goes past Sedgford Road, however, so the bird of the week this week is the Sedge Warbler.

The sedge warbler is a small, quite plump, warbler. This is a medium-sized warbler, around 12 cm (5 in) long and weighing around 12 g (0.42 oz). It has a black streaked brown back and wings, and creamy white underparts. Its rump is warm brown and unstreaked, contrasting with the duller wings. Its forehead is flattened, there is a prominent striking creamy supercilium, the crown is streaked with black, and the bill is strong and pointed. The legs are greyish brown. The plumage of both sexes is identical, although they can be told apart when caught for ringing by the presence of a brood patch, or cloacal protuberance. Juvenile birds have dark spots on the breast. They can be easy to confuse with other warblers. Similar species include moustached warblers and Pallas's grasshopper warblers (though you are unlikely to see either of these in the UK). The oldest recorded sedge warbler was a bird ringed in Finland which reached the age of 10 years, 1 month. The typical lifespan is 2 years.

Sedge warblers are migratory, crossing the Sahara from their European and Asian breeding grounds. All sedge warblers spend winter in sub-Saharan Africa, from Senegal in the west to Ethiopia in the east, and as far south as the eastern Cape and northern Namibia. The route taken on the southward migration, and eventual wintering grounds, corresponds to the birds' breeding grounds. Those ringed in the UK and Netherlands are later found from south-west Iberia to Italy. Those from Sweden are recovered in central Europe and Italy. Finnish birds are found in north-east Italy and Malta east to the Aegean region. Sedge warblers from the former Soviet Union take routes via the eastern Mediterranean Sea and Middle East. Loss of wetland areas for feeding on migration, and the expansion of the Sahara desert, pose threats to the sedge warbler's breeding population. Birds begin leaving Africa in late February, fatten up at wetlands before and after crossing the Sahara, and arrive in Europe from March onwards.

Its song is a noisy, rambling warble compared to the more rhythmic song of the reed warbler, composed of rushed random chattering phrases which are never the same, but which can include mimicry of other species. It reminds me a bit of Klunk in "Dastardly and Muttley in their Flying Machines". Singing is important for sedge warblers. Male sedge warblers which have the widest repertoire mate with the largest number of females.

Sedge warblers eat insects, but may venture on to berries in the autumn. Prey taken by sedge warblers includes mayflies, dragonflies and damselflies, grasshoppers, bugs, lacewings, moths, beetles and flies. Vegetable material includes elderberries and blackberries. On their wintering grounds food includes non-biting midges, and flowers and berries from the toothbrush tree. In late July, sedge warblers seek out sites with large numbers of plum-reed aphids and stay there longer than at other places. They may move considerable distances (e.g. from southern England to northern France) in search of food before beginning their actual migration. In Portugal, the aphid supply dries up too early for sedge warblers, so many birds do not stop off there and are already heavy with fat when they pass through. Birds with the heaviest fat reserves built up before migration are capable of non-stop flights from Africa to southern Britain, or from Uganda to Iraq, for example. Some double their normal weight when fuelling for migration. Lighter birds are forced to make the journey in several shorter stages. Sedge warblers feed in low, thick vegetation, especially reeds and rushes, but also in arable fields and around bushes. Feeding techniques include picking insects from vegetation while perched or sometimes hovering, and leap-catching, when the bird grabs flying insects as it flies between perches. Sedge warblers tend to hop between plant stems and pick insects from underneath leaves; they take advantage of the low temperatures around dusk and dawn which make their prey less mobile.

Sedge warblers are found across the UK. They are adapted to cool, cloudy and moist conditions. A good place to try in summer is near a reed bed or a damp wetland, particularly near dawn and dusk when sedge warblers are most active, though it

can breed 500 metres or more away from water. Look for singing birds perched on the outside of a bush from Mid April to mid October.

During the breeding season, sedge warblers are found in reedbeds, often with scrub, ditches and habitats away from water including hedgerows, patches of stinging nettles, and arable crops. On the African wintering grounds, habitats such as reeds at wetlands, papyrus, grass, sedge, reedmace and tall elephant grass are used. It can be found at altitudes of 1,800–2,400 m in Ethiopia. Male sedge warblers commence singing only a few hours after arriving on their breeding territory. The song is given from a bare perch, or from cover and during routine flights within their territory. Song flights are also performed. While singing, the warbler takes off, rises to a height of 2–5m, then after a short circling flight, makes a slow, parachuting descent, often with the wings held up in a "V" shape. The song is to attract a mate, rather than keep other males away, and is stopped as soon as a mate is found. Contact calls are a *chirr* or *kerr* repeated quickly to form a rattling alarm call. Early-arriving males occupy the best breeding territories. A third of males which returned bred within 50 m or less of their previous breeding site, and only 14% bred further than 400 m away.

Pairs are usually social monogamous, but not strictly so. Males commonly practice promiscuity, and some males settle a new territory and resume territorial behaviour whilst the female incubates the first clutch. When successfully pairing with another female the male will usually take part in rearing both broods. If eggs or chicks are predated, the female will often leave the male, who then resumes singing and pairs with another female. Hybridisation with reed warblers has been recorded.

The male defends a territory of around 1000 m<sup>2</sup>. The nest, built by the female, is in vegetation on the ground or up to a height of 50 cm. The cup shaped structure has an outer layer of grass, stems and leaves, plus spiders' webs, with a thick, finer layer inside including reed flowers, animal hair and plant down. It is woven around vertical plant stems. 3-5 greenish yellow and brown-mottled eggs are laid. They are incubated by the female for

14 days. The chicks are altricial and naked. Both parents care for the chicks, which fledge after 13–14 days. After leaving the nest, young sedge warblers continue begging for food from their parents for between 1–2 weeks after learning to fly. There are thought to be around 260,000 territories of them around the UK in summer, and they are on the green list.

### Europe orders France to ban hunting with glue

The European Court of Justice (ECJ) has ordered that the trapping of birds using glue sticks must be banned in France. The ruling comes as a welcome contrast to news last November when a magistrate issued a legal opinion that the practice was acceptable on cultural grounds. However, the ECJ's final decision makes clear that tradition is an unsatisfactory reason for continuing to use glue as a hunting method, and also made clear that issues with "bycatch", the accidental trapping of unintended quarry (similar to the American concept of "collateral damage"), were also key to the ruling. A Member State may not authorise a method of capture of birds leading to bycatch where that bycatch is likely to cause harm other than negligible harm to the species concerned. The fact that a method of capture of birds, such as the method of hunting using limes, is traditional is not, in itself, sufficient to establish that another satisfactory solution cannot be used instead. Ligue pour la Protection des Oiseaux (LPO), which brought the case to the ECJ, described the ruling as the culmination of a long fight. French hunters have previously claimed that the use of limesticks is a traditional hunting method that needs to be preserved. However, this method of hunting is widely considered both barbaric and outdated, and has been banned across the EU except in five departments of southern France, where the practice was still being used as recently as autumn 2019, when 42,500 thrushes were legally permitted to be caught with glue. However it was outlawed by French President Emmanuel Macron for the autumn 2020 season, pending resolution of various legal challenges. Now, with the ECJ having come to a decision that the practice is unlawful, it is hoped that the argument over the continued use of glue to trap birds in France is

over once and for all. The full ECJ press release concerning the ruling can be read [here](#).

Happy birding!

## Events

### Pattenmakers' Events

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

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 and has been opened up to our industries and to family and friends after a 1 week pre-release which is open to Pattenmakers only.

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 Liveryman Zoë Chowney

This week's Cultural Calendar contains an important day for the Sikh community, festivities surrounding the birth of the world's newest independent religion and a number of secular events.

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**18<sup>th</sup> April – Birthday of Guru Angad Dev (Sikh):**



Guru Angad Dev (1504 – 1552) was the second of the ten Gurus who founded Sikhism. He was born a Hindu with the name Bhai Lehna in Ferozepur, Punjab.

Before meeting Guru Nanak at the age of 27, Lehna used to worship the Hindu Goddess Durga.

After coming across a Sikh man reciting a prayer composed by Guru Nanak, he expressed a desire to meet him. It's believed that it took just one meeting for him to renounce his faith and begin to follow the practices of Guru Nanak.

Guru Angad devoted 7 years proving himself under the guidance of Guru Nanak and after many tests he appointed him as his successor in 1539.

When Guru Nanak died, Guru Angad went into seclusion and meditated for six months. He continued the work that Guru Nanak started and also made many notable contributions to Sikhism. He popularised the use of a simplified alphabet by modifying the old Punjabi characters now known as the Gurmukhi script and wrote many verses that were included in the Guru Granth Sahib.

Guru Angad made sure that the institution of Langar, the communal meal served at the Gurdwara, became an obligation, and he also created many Sikh religious institutions and schools.

As a new faith, Sikhism was in danger of being overshadowed by the long-established religions.

Guru Angad helped Sikhism to become a more accepted and respected faith.

Guru Angad nominated Amar Das as his successor (the third Guru) before his death in 1552.

**19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> April – MS awareness week:**



Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a condition that affects your brain and spinal cord. In MS, the coating that protects your nerves (myelin) is damaged. This causes a range of symptoms like blurred vision and problems with how we move think and feel. Affecting almost three times as many women as men, once diagnosed, MS stays with a person for life; but treatments and specialists can help to manage the condition and its symptoms.

More than 130,000 people in the UK have MS. In the UK people are most likely to find out they have MS in their thirties, forties and fifties. But the first signs of MS often start years earlier. Many people notice their first symptoms years before they get their diagnosis.

MS can be tough, and for many people talking about it can be challenging. Whether they're opening up to a friend after being newly diagnosed, or finding the right words to describe symptoms to an employer. Sometimes it feels easier not to say anything at all.

That's why for this year's MS Awareness Week the theme is 'Me, MySelf and I' (#LetsTalkMS), to encourage people to share their stories of what life is like with a long-term condition, in order to raise awareness and educate others.

**21<sup>st</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Ridván (Bahá'í):**



For 12 days, Baha'is all around the world will celebrate the Ridvan Festival, which means "paradise", the holiest and most joyous time of the Baha'i year.

Pronounced 'rez-vahn', the Baha'i teachings refer to this 12-day period every spring as "the King of Festivals," because it marks the anniversary of the declaration of a new religion in an earthly paradise of a rose-scented, birdsong-filled garden. That garden, named Ridvan by Baha'u'llah (originally named Najibiyyih), witnessed the birth of the Baha'i Faith, the world's newest independent religion, in April of 1863.

It happened on an island in the Tigris River near Baghdad. The garden on that island marks the exact spot where Baha'u'llah first declared his mission and inaugurated the Baha'i Faith. A decade before that momentous declaration, the Persian government had exiled Baha'u'llah to Baghdad, fearing the rapid spread of his teachings and their progressive impact on society.

In April of 1863, because Baha'u'llah's message of oneness and harmony continued to spread and threaten the clerics and their hold on power, he faced another exile, this time to Istanbul.

So that his family and followers could prepare for the journey, Bahá'u'lláh left his house on 22 April 1863 and moved to the Najibiyyih Garden, where he proclaimed the Festival of Ridván.

The 1<sup>st</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> days are especially holy days. They commemorate the arrival of Bahá'u'lláh at the Ridván Garden, the arrival of his family and his departure.

These three holy days are marked by communal prayers and celebrations, and are days on which no work is done.

Bahá'u'lláh's declaration that he was the prophet heralded by the Báb was not made public for over a year. He made the announcement when he arrived in Ridván to Abdu'l-Bahá and four others, but told them to keep it a secret.

Bahá'u'lláh did not just announce that he was the prophet. He also said that there would be no other prophet for 1,000 years, that his followers could not fight to protect or promote the Bahá'í faith and that "all the names of God were fully manifest in all things".

The last statement is taken by Bahá'ís to mean that the world had been mystically transformed and that there was now a new relationship between God and humanity.

**22<sup>nd</sup> April –Stephen Lawrence day:**



Stephen Lawrence Day is held on 22 April each year to commemorate the life of Stephen Lawrence, who was murdered in a racially motivated attack in 1993.

At a service to mark the 25th anniversary of Mr Lawrence's death in 2018, then Prime Minister Theresa May announced that Stephen Lawrence Day would become an annual national commemoration.

Lawrence's death marked a watershed moment in cultural life and race relations in the UK. Since 1993, wide-ranging changes have been made to policing and the law thanks to the tireless efforts of Lawrence's parents, Baroness Doreen Lawrence and Neville Lawrence.

Lawrence was born in Greenwich and raised in Plumstead, south-east London, to Jamaican parents who had emigrated to the UK in the 1960s. He was the eldest of three children and attended Blackheath Bluecoat School where he excelled at sport, had been preparing for his A-levels and had aspirations of becoming an architect.

A public inquiry into Lawrence's murder was announced by the Labour government in 1998 - five years after Lawrence's death.

Chaired by Sir William Macpherson, the inquiry concluded that the Met Police investigation into Lawrence's death had been "marred by a combination of professional incompetence, institutional racism and a failure of leadership".

This led to fundamental changes in how police forces across the UK investigate murders and the treatment of the victims of crime.

The Macpherson report also resulted in an overhaul of the police disciplinary and complaints system, enhanced powers to inspect forces and measures to promote diversity and tackle racism in schools.

In total, the inquiry made 70 recommendations to the government. The Home Office says 66 of these have been fully or partly implemented.

#### **22<sup>nd</sup> April – Earth day:**



Earth Day is an annual event to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by EARTHDAY.ORG including 1 billion people in more than 193 countries

In 1969 at a UNESCO Conference in San Francisco, peace activist John McConnell proposed a day to honour the Earth and the concept of peace, to first be observed on March 21, 1970, the first day of spring in the northern hemisphere.

This day of nature's equipoise was later sanctioned in a proclamation written by McConnell and signed by Secretary General U Thant at the United Nations. A month later a United States Senator Gaylord Nelson proposed the idea to hold a nationwide environmental teach-in on April 22, 1970.

He hired a young activist, Denis Hayes, to be the National Coordinator. Nelson and Hayes renamed the event "Earth Day". Denis and his staff grew the event beyond the original idea for a teach-in to include the entire United States. More than 20 million people poured out on the streets, and the first Earth Day remains the largest single day protest in human history.

Key non-environmentally focused partners played major roles. Under the leadership of labour leader Walter Reuther, for example, the United Auto Workers (UAW) was the most instrumental outside financial and operational supporter of the first Earth Day

According to Hayes, "Without the UAW, the first Earth Day would have likely flopped!". Nelson was later awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom award in recognition of his work.

The first Earth Day was focused on the United States. In 1990, Denis Hayes, the original national coordinator in 1970, took it international and organised events in 141 nations.

On Earth Day 2016, the landmark Paris Agreement was signed by the United States, China, and some 120 other countries. This signing satisfied a key requirement for the entry into force of the historic draft climate protection treaty adopted by consensus of the 195 nations present at the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Paris.

Numerous communities engaged in Earth Day Week actions, an entire week of activities focused on the environmental issues that the world faces.

On Earth Day 2020, over 100 million people around the world observed the 50th anniversary in what is being referred to as the largest online mass mobilisation in history.

The Biden Administration has decided to convene a global climate summit on Earth Day 2021.

## Letters to the Editor

### Liveryman Ian Balcombe

*Following on from the Bird Watch article on the Water Pipit, I sent details of the stamps I have got from Guernsey – shown below signed by the artist, of the Meadow Pipit, and asked if they were related.*



### Freeman Richard Parlour responds

*Yes, the Meadow pipit is a very close relation, slightly more rustic looking and not quite as slim as the Water pipit, but more numerous. I regularly see small flocks of them locally. Rock pipits are another close relative, usually found on the coast (dark legs and a darker plumage). Then there are the tree pipits. I'm not sure I have ever positively identified one of those, though I understand they like the Brecks in rural Norfolk (as do many other unusual birds). Occasionally we get some rare pipits. I saw an olive backed pipit which had*

*pitched up in Norfolk a couple of years ago, on the coast. Norfolk is a great place for rarities, as are other places like the Shetlands, East Yorkshire coast, Scillies and Somerset Levels.*

## Recipe of the Week

### Yummy Fish Pie – Past Mistress Pattenmaker Eileen Eskenzi



Does anyone remember the chain of fish shops called MacFisheries? In 1958, newly married with little cooking experience, occasionally on my way home from work I would pop into MacFisheries to buy some fish. The Manager took me under his wing due to my pitiful lack of culinary knowledge, explained which fish to buy or how to prepare it. One week 'Mr. Mac' handed me a packet of mixed fish pieces and said:- "Make your man a tasty fish pie, luv." I accepted the package gratefully looking totally bewildered at these lumps of fish. He muttered something to his ample-sized wife who proceeded to write something down on a scrap of paper.

"Here's my Doll's Yummy Fish Pie recipe. Follow her instructions and your man will love you even more!"

Below is 'Dolls recipe', however over the years I have increased the quantity to accommodate our family but included prawns, capers and garlic. For a special occasion scallops or mussels give an added dimension of luxury to this family dish which I hope you will enjoy.

## The Pattenmaker

(Serves 4-6)

Oven temperature:- 200C/180C Fan/ Gas 6

Equipment:- ovenproof dish, 2 saucepans, a grater.

Preparation time approximately 30 minutes.

### INGREDIENTS:-

425g (1lb) smoked haddock or cod - skinned and boned

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1 cup defrosted Prawns.

5 large potatoes, unpeeled - approximately 1kg potatoes, preferably baking potatoes

1 cup breadcrumbs

100g (4 oz) Mature Cheddar Cheese or a mixture of Cheddar and Parmesan cheese.

### FOR THE SAUCE:-

100g(4oz) butter

2 leeks washed and cut into thin slices

2 garlic cloves crushed

1 TBS capers chopped

2-3TBS Vermouth preferably or white wine (depending on your taste)

1 TBS Wholegrain mustard

2 TBS Cornflour

1 1/4 cups milk

1 cup double Cream

1-2tsp Salt depending on your taste and flavouring of the smoked fish

6 grinds black pepper approximately

1/2 tsp of grated nutmeg

1/2 cup Mature Cheddar cheese or Gruyere - grated

3 Spring onions slivered including the green tops

1 TBS parsley chopped

1 TBS fresh Dill finely sliced (optional)

3/4 cup defrosted peas

1 Lemon. - finely grated skin - no juice

### METHOD

1). Microwave 5 large potatoes unpeeled until 'almost' soft.

2). In the meantime, in a medium sized saucepan, over a low heat melt the butter and very gently 'sweat' the leeks for 3 minutes. Blend in the next 4 ingredients. Sprinkle the cornflour over the seasoned leeks followed by the milk and stir gently till blended. Then add the cream. Stir

constantly with a wooden spoon until you have a very thick, smooth sauce. Taste to adjust seasoning if necessary. Turn off the heat.

3). Make sure that the fish is free from bones, cut into bite-sized pieces and pat dry with kitchen paper,, also the prawns, before gently stirring them into the hot sauce. Pour the fish filling into the prepared dish and smooth the surface. Once in the oven, the fish will 'cook' in the sauce and any liquid that weeps from the fish will be absorbed into the thick sauce, saving all the nutrients.

4). Peel the potatoes. When cool enough to handle but still hot, grate them on the large section of your grater straight over the fish pie filling. Season with salt and pepper. Leave no gaps around the edge of the dish or the sauce will spill out into your oven. Uhhhh! Sprinkle first the breadcrumbs followed by the cheese over the grated potatoes.

5). Place dish in the heated oven and bake for approximately 30 minutes until the top is crispy and golden. Remove from oven and serve with a well flavoured mixed salad or your favourite vegetables.

NB. An alternative 'topping'.

Roll out Puff Pastry - I usually buy 'Jus-Roll' - to fit perfectly over the surface of your ovenproof dish. Seal edges of the pastry to fit dish firmly - no gaps for sauce to leak out!

Pierce a couple of holes in the centre of the pastry to enable any steam to escape and bake according to the instructions on the packet.

## Quiz

The answers to last week's quiz were:

1. What wood was forbidden by King Henry V in 1416 to be used for making pattens?  
[Aspen.](#)
2. Witches in Lancashire were around which famous landmark? [Pendle Hill.](#)
3. How tall is the monument to the Great Fire?  
[202 Feet.](#)
4. Who is Jay Silverheels best remembered as?  
[Tonto! There was an alleged incident when the Lone Ranger and Tonto were surrounded](#)

by a war party of hostile Native Americans,  
the Lone Ranger said “what do we do  
Tonto?” Tonto replied “what do you mean  
we?”

5. What is the furthest south a Pattenmakers’  
place mat has been photographed? It was  
photographed in Antarctica, the 63rd parallel  
south @ 63°.53S, when Liveryman Dr Stephen  
CRIBB and the Turners' Upper Warden  
David BATCHELOR Fine Dined at Brown  
Bluff
6. Who is this lady? Ruby MURRAY
7. Who invented “Cats Eyes” (on the road)?  
Percy SHAW.
8. Remember, Remember the Fifth of  
November” What is the next line?  
Gunpowder, Treason & Plot.
9. What is the collective noun for Starlings? A  
murmuration.
10. What is the name of this Country? Niger
11. Which Roman Road is now the A2? Watling  
Street.
12. Which Club is Bertie Wooster a member of?  
The Drones Club.

Well done everyone who entered!

Please see next page for this week’s Quiz.

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

## The Quiz – On Americana Week 53



One year on and 52 quizzes later, so, to mark the anniversary, I have selected 12 of my favourite questions from previous quizzes, all the answers are in the newsletters in the members' area of the website so no excuses! Good Luck and enjoy the birthday quiz!

1. If you ask for a "slice" in New York City, what will you get?
2. How long is the regulation time for an American football game

3. Jazz is associated with which American city?



4. What is the name of the "temple" of country music in Nashville, Tennessee?
5. Is a "corn dog" the nickname given to a dog specially bred to flush out grouse from spent cornfields in the Autumn or a favourite food of Summer state fairs?
6. Fireworks displays are a highlight of which American holiday?
7. If someone asks you for a "pop" in Detroit, what do they want?
8. The World Series refers to what sport?



9. What Washington, DC institution and museum was made possible by a bequest from a UK citizen?
10. Which food is the centerpiece of an American Thanksgiving dinner?



Please send an email to [clerk@pattenmakers.co.uk](mailto: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

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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
22 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	Joint YP/Pattenmaker Comedy Night	Virtual Event
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Footwear Event	Virtual Event
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Murder Mystery	YP Virtual Event
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Ascension Day	St Margaret Pattens Church
3 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	YP Event TBC	YP Virtual Event
17 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Trade Outing	Royal Parks
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jun	Inter-Livery Shoot	Holland & Holland Grounds
24 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Common Hall	Election of Lord Mayor
25 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Livery Bike Ride	Northampton (Dr Martins)
29 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Summer Dinner	Merchant Taylor's Hall
30 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Afternoon Tea Fundraiser	Fortnum & Mason
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Drinks in the City	Live Event
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Tour of Masons' Hall	Grand Lodge, London. TBC
5 <sup>th</sup> Aug	YP Event	Live Event
19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Champagne Tasting	TBC
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	New Freeman Event	St Margaret & Guild Hall
16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	YP - Drinks in the City	Live Event – Venue TBD
17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Sheriff's Ball	Guild Hall
21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	351 <sup>st</sup> Banquet	Guildhall
26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Sheep Drive	Southwark Bridge
29 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Common Hall	Election of Lord Mayor
13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Escape Café Fundraiser	The Reform Club
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	YP Event	Virtual/Live Event
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct	FM Dinner	Ironmongers' Hall
13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Lord Mayor's Show	Lunch after @ Apothecaries' Hall
26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	YP Dinner	Barber-Surgeons (or Glaziers)
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec	YP – Christmas Drinks	London City Live Event
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Liveryman Dinner	House of Commons
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol Service	St Margaret Pattens Church
6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Court Meeting	Watermans Hall
TBC Jan	Lord Mayors Banquet	Mansion House
23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Speaker Dinner	House of Lords
10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	March Dinner	Vintners Hall