



The Pattenmaker

WEEKLY NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY

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From the Master Jennifer Bryant-Pearson



You can see from the happy faces in the photographs outside St Margaret Pattens that our Ascension Day service was a truly wonderful occasion

Our Honorary Chaplain, Reverend Andrew Keep, led a moving service and

reminded us all of the importance of this event in the Pattenmakers' calendar.

We are very grateful to him and to the entire St Margaret Pattens team who made it possible for us to meet in person after all this time of zoom events.

It was made a very special evening as the sun was shining when we all congregated outside in the square – with a flame heater thoughtfully provided by our own Beadle and Church Administrator, Chris Moore – to enjoy some wine together, thanks to Leslie who is now known as the Church Barman!

The conversation flowed as Pattenmakers met up with old friends and we were all so appreciative to have heard such beautiful music from the choir led by the Director of Music, Rupert Perkins - all of whom joined us afterwards.

I am sorry that those Pattenmakers who joined the service by Zoom could not share our conversation afterwards but I hope they enjoyed the event as much as we did in London.

It was the first official duty for our new Church Warden, Freeman Sarah Hodge and she was supported by Church Warden Emeritus, Past Master Donald Newell.

The Church looked magnificent in the fading sunlight and I urge you all to step inside and appreciate our own stunning Sir Christopher Wren building when you are next in the City!

Now to follow on from that joyous occasion, details are available for our Summer dinner on 29th June to be held at Merchant Taylors' Hall. We hope that you will wish to join us for a great summer evening in a superb and very large venue in which we have plenty of space to manage any social distancing regulations, should they still be required then.

I am delighted to announce that our guest speaker is General Sir Timothy Granville- Chapman who as Vice Chief of the Defence Staff at the MOD, together with the late Duke of Westminster, was responsible for fundraising £300 million and building the new Defence and National Rehabilitation Centre at Stanford Hall, thus creating the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre, which replaced Headley Court.

Our association with the DMRC goes back over 11 years under the leadership of Past Master Stuart Lamb and over 30 years through the Orthopaedic Shoe Fund with the provision of some £200, 000 worth of bespoke pairs of orthopaedic footwear for the injured servicemen and women living in and being treated at the DMRC. Our close relationship will be further enhanced with our Escape Café project on site where patients will be able to enjoy some much needed relaxation and social interaction.

As well as the dinner on 29th June, we have a fantastic afternoon charity tea at Fortnum and Masons the following afternoon organised by the Fundraising Committee when the 'Queen of Fleet Street', Eve Pollard will be interviewed by Liveryman Lesley Exley about her life in newspapers, Claudia Winkleman (her daughter) and Survival!!

So, make a night of it and stay over if you are coming into London – taste the fellowship and joy of the Pattenmakers – aka Partygoers – once more! I look forward to welcoming you to our first dinner since January 2020.

From the Editor Liveryman Ian Balcombe



We are now moving out of lockdown and you are able to travel a bit more or go back to the office if you wish, we feel it would be sensible to publish the newsletter less often and so the next newsletter will be in two weeks' time.

The newsletter this week does reflect the easing out of lockdown. We have the reports of the Virtual Trade Outing and the Footwear Events that have taken place, and the Ascension Day Service which took place in person at St Margaret Pattens with alfresco celebrations afterwards. The photo of the week is taken by a friend of the Pattenmakers who attended and we glimpse more of Diana Fieldwick's garden in Twickenham. The events add to the packed Members' News – we are delighted to report a new Pattenmaker Baby, and following on from last week's congratulations to Liveryman Jamie Ingham Clark, he gives us an insight in to what it means to him to be Chairman of the Finance Committee of the City of London. We have further tributes to Past Master Nigel Linstead.

Have you ordered your new Pattenmaker Tie? There is a link to the order form.

Past Master Richard Kottler appeals for your help in adding to the History Book to record the

extraordinary times that we have been living through.

The Bird of the week is the Gadwall, which is apparently a shy bird which may explain why I have not come across one before, which is the beauty of this column, and we hear about Eagles in Norfolk and a danger to Kittihawks in Suffolk. We also have the beauty of a garden visited by Senior Past Master Helen Auty, which we may not otherwise know about with hidden treasures.

The Cultural Calendar covers the next 2 weeks significant days and there are events in the City and Livery Companies.

The quiz last week had a lot of reaction and this week Liveryman Steward Raymond Lewis is on the other side of the fence setting the questions

City of London Corporation



The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor of the City of London and the Genesis Foundation invite you to join them for the fourth in the series of Cultural Conversations: 'Culture, Technology and Innovation' taking place online at 5-6:30pm on 24 May 2021.

The Cultural Conversations series is a sequence of focused debates around Arts and Culture in the City of London. This fourth Conversation, the first of our renewed 2021 season, will be Chaired by Farah Nayeri, in conversation with **Javaad Alipoor**, Artistic Director, Javaad Alipoor Company; **Daniel Birnbaum**, Artistic Director, Acute Art; **Sarah Ellis**, Director Digital Development, Royal Shakespeare Company; **Suhair Khan**, Strategic Projects, Google; **Rich Waterworth**, General Manager UK & EU, TikTok.

[To attend this event please click here to register.](#)

Our Charitable Fund

St Margaret Pattens Ascension Day Service – Honorary Chaplain Reverend Andrew Keep



It was an immense pleasure to welcome the Pattenmakers to the church for their Ascension Day service. Some were able to join online, and a number in person. Ascension Day is one of the great festivals of

the church- put simply, it marks the humanity of God- that God is not an abstract idea, but a God who understands what it is to be a human being and is with us in our thoughts and feelings.



And after all that theology, and the hymns and prayers, we celebrated outside the church, with an excellent case of wine brought by the Company. It was both a relief and a joy to laugh and chat again, and even the rain held off.

It was also a moment to thank Past Master Donald Newell for all he has done in his decade and a half in the service of your church. We stand on much surer foundations- structurally, financially, and constitutionally- than when he began. His vision, generosity, and keen eye has contributed more than people will ever realise from the name that is among many others on the Pattenmakers boards.



The Master presents Past Master Donald Newell with a certificate of appreciation



Master's Consort Leslie Perrin in charge of the Bar



and with Honorary Chaplain Rev Andrew Keep and David Carvill- guest of the Master



Honorary Chaplain and Past Master Tim Watts

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Upper Warden Sarah Leijten, The Clerk and Court Assistant Steve Huxham



Philip Leijten



Church Warden Emeritus Past Master Donald Newell, Church Warden Tom Jackson, Basket Maker Church Warden Tony Charlwood and the Master



Freeman Sarah Hodge Pattenmaker Church Warden with two members of the choir (Mrs Clare Perkins on right)



The Master, Liveryman Wendy Mead OBE CC and Past Mistress Pattenmaker Rosemary Newell



A Chorister and Rupert Perkins, Director of Music



Pattenmaker Steward George Lambert, The Master, Mrs Sandra Clark, Chorister Hans and Senior Past Master Helen Auty

Our History

Out of the Mud 2 –We need your help Past Master Richard Kottler

On the back of the success of the Company History book – “**Out of the Mud**” - the Court has decided to add another Chapter.

This will be in the form of a small booklet recording and celebrating how the Pattenmakers have managed the extraordinary experience of the last 18 months or so of the Covid-19 experience.

We will set the story in the context of what was happening internationally, nationally and within the City. It will capture the ways in which the Livery has continued to manage its day-to-day business as well as the popular social and formal events we have been able to run on a virtual basis.

We wanted to do this before we all forget about how the Company has responded to the crisis and has emerged stronger, better informed and with new Freeman and Livorymen to bolster our membership. Amongst the sources of information will be this wonderful Newsletter which has been the primary medium that has been used to communicate to the membership.

The Booklet will be written by Livoryman Dr Stephen Cribb with assistance from the Immediate Past Master, the Master, the Clerk, Sheriff Hayward and myself. Livoryman Peter Dixon will be responsible for the self-publication arrangements. It will be available by the end of this year and will be distributed **FREE** to all those members who bought “**Out of the Mud**”.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Firstly, if you have any anecdotes or stories that reflect how the livery has coped with these tough times, then please send them to: stephen.cribb9@gmail.com.

Secondly, we would invite Livorymen to suggest a title for the booklet. The publication itself will be in the same style as “**Out of the Mud**” with articles and pictures but it does need a title that

binds the two together whilst being snappy and interesting. Again all suggestions to Stephen Cribb please.

We look forward to hearing from you.

From the Editor – In the meantime if you have not purchased a copy of the History – [here is a link](#).

Members' News

A new baby - congratulations to Court Assistant Rachael Scarr-Hall



We send our warmest congratulations to proud parents, Court Assistant Rachael Scarr-Hall and Jonathan on the birth of their son, George. Past Master Ian Scarr-Hall updates us on his new grandson:

“Delighted to report that both Rachael and

wee George are making steady progress. It has all been rather sudden.

Some four weeks immature born 1725 grams.

(A fly fisherman understands lbs and this fish was 3lbs heavy, a good size for a fighting spring salmon just up from the sea!)



Rachael is now adapting to her new role as ‘Mother.’

We are still not allowed into the hospital but we do get live virtual shows of George feeding!

We look forward to seeing him for real, maybe next week, safely home in his landing net!”

Chairman of the Finance Committee of the City of London – Liveryman Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark CC



On 6th May 2021 it came as a great honour to me to be elected as the Chairman of the Finance Committee of the City of London Corporation. If I had been suggested to

me in 2013, on my first election to the Court of Common Council, that I would chair such a senior committee in 8 years' time, I'm sure I would have told that person the likelihood was infinitesimally small. So I am even more surprised to have got to where I am.

It has been an interesting journey, but in a sense not that surprising considering I am a chartered accountant and spent the latter part of my career as a corporate governance and compliance specialist. The former training allowed me to understand the subject matter of the Finance Committee quite quickly, but I feel my corporate governance experience allowed me to appreciate how the labyrinthine structures of the City operated and therefore help navigate policy through the decision making committees. Unlike the majority of the committees, the chairman of the Finance Committee serves for a maximum of 5 years and therefore the deputy serves for 4 years as the 'apprentice'.

I am, however, very grateful for those 4 years, as I was able to gain the necessary experience to take on the very onerous duties of the office I now hold. Along the way I gained a great insight in chairing both the Digital Services Sub Committee and the Corporate Assets Sub Committee. Both allowed me to hone such chairing skills as I may have and in both cases, have a purview across the whole corporation.

As some may already know the Corporation's finances are run through three different funds. City's Fund which covers all the local authority activities of the Corporation, whilst Bridge House

Estates covers the maintenance of the 5 City bridges across the Thames and the charitable grant giving arm badged as City Bridge Trust. The last part is City's Cash which represents the private cash resources of the Corporation accumulated over the millennium of its existence. City's Fund and City's Cash have assets of about £3.5bn each and Bridge House Estates about £1.5bn.

There have been a number of financing initiatives over the last few years at the Corporation and I think it will be imperative to consolidate the gains those initiatives were designed to achieve. The effects of the current pandemic, the reorganisation of how the corporation is run under our new target operating model and the member governance review resulting from the Lisvane report are all challenges to the chamberlain's function and will need embedding before any further new initiatives are commenced.

A further area I feel we need to reassess is how the City decides the weighting of its investment assets between property and financial investments. To me the current position is more a result of history rather than current pro-active assessment of the Corporation's needs and how the investment portfolio can help achieve the objectives of the organisation as set out in the Corporate Plan. I hope to be able to have some influence on that area during my term in office.

Another area needing careful scrutiny is the Police Authority budget which has fluctuated between feast and famine in recent years and I would like to find a way to reduce the swings and roundabouts in their annual results.

Last, but by no means least, is the financing challenges presented by our ambitious investment projects covering the new Courts in Fleet Street, the Market Consolidation in Barking and our contribution to the resighting of the Museum of London. On top of that we have announced we are looking at ways to refurbish the Barbican Arts Centre. With all sorts of different accounting or regulatory restrictions often tying one hand behind our back it makes the challenge all the more complicated. Therefore, I feel that whilst there is no doubt the City is asset rich as noted

above, I would argue we are cash poor as much of those assets are unable to support our infrastructure plans.

So the above are just a small part of a day's work as Chairman of the Finance Committee of this great City of London, where I hope I can play my part in ensuring it remains one of the best places to live, work, study or visit. I look forward to seeing many of you in person soon where no doubt we could discuss any of the matters I have raised.

Past Master Nigel John Linstead – Tributes



1938 – 2021

SENIOR PAST MASTER HELEN AUTY WRITES *Nigel was one of the people I met in my earliest days within the Company and, apart from being very friendly along with his wife Jessie, he was also very kind and helpful to me, particularly as I came up towards taking over as Master. I once told me that in his first job one of the senior executives said to him something on the following lines 'Young man, never go home at the end of the day having done anything of which you are ashamed' and I believe that he lived his life following that advice.*

PAST MASTER DONALD NEWELL WRITES *"Very sad news."*

PAST MASTER DAME HEATHER STEEL WRITES *"As you know Nigel was a dear and valued friend to me and we shared so many happy times together during his Mastership and afterwards. I have lovely memories of that time and my heart goes out to Jessie."*

PAST MASTER STUART LAMB WRITES *"A great Past Master and a most fascinating man, his stories about working in Africa for so many years and particularly his reflections on working with "Tiny" Rowlands were absolutely fascinating. Nigel was also very kind indeed to PM Ziff after his stroke. A great Master who will be much missed."*

PAST MASTER MICHAEL FINCHAM WRITES *"It is always sad to lose someone in the same 'cohort'. He was a very dedicated servant to the Pattenmakers during his years."*

Trade Outing

The Pattenmakers enjoyed a virtual trade outing to the premises of Hotter Shoes in Skelmersdale on the afternoon of the 14th April. Travelling proved very easy by zoom.



Claire Pearl – CPO (Chief Product Officer) gave a design and development overview. She said that new areas of growth had been identified and new product technology is already smashing targets. The product strategy is timeless style, precision fit and tailored comfort.



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We then enjoyed a video tour of the factory and the manufacturing process.



Victoria Betts



Giles Coulson – Head of Research & Development said that there was comfort design in every shoe and precision fit in full sizes, half sizes and four widths – 44 variants in all.



Giles Coulson



James Emanuel
Regional Manager
– Retail told us
about foot
measuring and
digital fitting

Paul Harnetty – COO (Chief of Operations) and Joan Stewart – Operations Manager spoke to us about Product Development and Technology



Paul Harnetty and Joan Stewart

Victoria Betts – CCO (Chief Commercial Officer) told us about the history of Hotter Shoes which had started manufacturing in 1959 and about digital growth.



Chloe Skeggs – Customer Experience & Resource Manager told us about Customer Support and Social Media.



Chloe Skeggs

Liveryman Ian Watson – CEO finalised the outing by saying his ambition was to have a customised shoe fit – the extent of the range means that they are almost there. He then made a very generous donation of £1000 to the Break Out Café Project



Liveryman Ian Watson

He was thanked by the Master for the tour and all those who had made presentations and for the donation, which had come as a surprise. Trade Warden Martin Pickard said that it had been the best attended Trade Outing ever.

The Master has since sent a plaque of the Company's Coat of Arms to Liveryman Ian Watson in recognition of the donation.



Virtual Footwear Event

The Master welcomed all to the evening and presented the awards.



The first award of the evening was the 2020 Paice Memorial Orthopaedic Footwear Design Award.

This went to Mabel Goshier who is now in her final year of a BA Footwear Design Degree at De Montfort University.



Mabel Goshier

Mabel impressed the judges with her superb design skills and her passion and enthusiasm for designing bespoke Orthopaedic footwear. She is planning to use the prize money to purchase her own post sewing machine which will assist her with her shoemaking and practising her closing (that is stitching to you and me)

This machine should serve her well throughout her degree and in the future.

Mabel's course leader Nannette Westburg-Brown from De Montfort University supporting was also present in support.

Mabel has said that she is grateful to the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers' for the "head start" given to her through winning this award.

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The two Young Manager Award Winners for 2021, who receive the Freedom of the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers', were presented

Charlene Ong is a creative footwear designer, and a talented and impressive individual who has much to offer the footwear industry.



Charlene Ong

As part of her Young Managers Award, she has just completed the 'Circular Economy & Sustainability Strategies'. It is a University of Cambridge Course and she was funded by the Pattenmakers'.

Charlene tells us that the course content has provided her with the tools to propose a convincing transition to a circular model, which she hopes to apply within her current company.

Charlene has thanked the Pattenmakers' Livery for giving her the opportunity to take part in this training and says it has boosted her development in the sustainability field

The second Award winner, James Barnes, comes from a family whose involvement in the footwear industry spans 4 generations



James Barnes

He has chosen to follow in those footsteps and is currently a footwear technologist for Dorothy Perkins. With good solid experience in technical product development, the judges felt that James is a footwear person through and through.

A training plan has been designed with a focus on specific technical aspects to assist James in realising his ambition to become a more rounded footwear technical expert.

The Master thanked the judges of our Award schemes Court Assistants Jane Wilson and Annette Cove, Honorary Treasurer, Stephen Etheridge and Liveryman Hannah Eveleigh.

The Master thanked the sponsor for this event - SATRA, the Shoe and Allied Trade Association which has been supporting the footwear industry for over 100 years, and welcomed the CEO of SATRA, John Hooker and the Executive Director, Michael Bodsworth.



A short film which highlights SATRA as a hugely supportive partner to the footwear Industry was shown and you will see how the Association in their 102-year history, has expanded beyond shoes.

Court Assistant Matin Pickard gave an appeal on behalf of Pattenmaker Charities.



Liveryman Bill Bird spoke about the Bespoke Orthopaedic Footwear Apprentice Scheme funded by Honorary Freeman John Foxon.



We enjoyed a musical interlude provided by Alex Hill (Piano) and Kate Lister (Vocals) from the Guildhall School of Music.



Lucy Reece - Raybould CEO British Footwear Association spoke about the effect of the Covid pandemic on the footwear industry and the success that she had on lobbying the Government on its behalf. She also told us about the new Women in Footwear networking group.



The Master concluded the evening by thanking the sponsors and all those who had taken part. She also thanked the webmaster, Liveryman David Emanuel for managing this event so smoothly, and especially thanked Court Assistant Annette Cove who had worked so hard to create the superb event and managed the various moving parts brilliantly.

Pattenmaker Ties



[Available to purchase here](#)

Gardening

Gresgarth Hall, Lancashire – Past Master Helen Auty

Arabella Lennox-Boyd is a garden and landscape designer whose work I greatly admire and Gresgarth Hall is her Lancashire home.



This designer's name is very well known in gardening circles. Her practice has designed around 800 gardens world-wide over many years, including several for European Royalty and in this country for the Westminster family (Eaton Hall, Cheshire, Pattenmakers visit in 2011), Belmont House, Kent (Pattenmakers visit in 2012) and the Rothschild family (Ascott House, now NT). The Company has also designed for the Maggie Centre, Dundee, St Thomas' Hospital, London, as well as creating the Peace Garden for the Imperial War Museum, and a number of rooftop gardens in London such as James Stirling's No 1 Poultry and an Italianate garden for The Ritz.

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Arabella Lennox-Boyd's own garden surrounds Gresgarth Hall where she lives with her husband, Sir Mark Lennox-Boyd formerly an MP and a former Prime Warden of the Fishmongers' Company, is full of delights with the charming Artle Beck running through it.



What, I wonder, is beyond the green gate covered in roses and even climbing right up the tree behind – wilder woodland perhaps? And here's another favourite shrub I've managed to kill a couple of times (*Actinidia kolomikta*, native to temperate mixed forests in China, Japan, Korea and the Far East of Russia)

Originally the house lay in a damp and very windblown valley but today, thanks to her skills such as the introduction of many yew hedges, there are now many herbaceous borders full of beautiful blue delphiniums (much envy as I can't grow them) with each bed backed by the dark green, well-trimmed yew hedges creating a perfect backdrop for the multi-coloured borders.



Skilful designers often manage to lead the eye one to another garden area entirely





but here it is clearly thriving in North Lancashire with its pink, green and white leaves.

Nearer the house there are terraces with pots



and some interesting stonework



and plants spilling over grassy paths



giving a feeling of informality amongst the formal hedging and every now and again there is a lovely new plant– perhaps this mauvy/grey



fern will thrive in my shady garden?

As in all good gardens, there are good places in which to 'stop and stare' and here it is a rose-covered pergola which is just above the beck – a perfect place for one's evening glass of something perhaps.



Gresgarth Hall is normally open a couple of times a month between spring and late autumn under the auspices of the National Gardens Scheme.

Whilst writing this and checking up on a few facts, I remembered that some years ago I visited Palazzo Parisi in Orvieto, Arabella Lennox-Boyd's childhood home in Italy but that's for another newsletter.

Financial Controller Diana Fieldwick shares some photographs of her garden in Twickenham



Ferns, Bluebells, Lily of the Valley and Pulmonaria



Ferns, Bluebells, Lilly of the Valley and Hellebore

Bird Watch

Bird of the week is the Gadwall – Freeman Richard Parlour



Bird of the week this week is the Gadwall. The Gadwall is a very smart grey coloured dabbling duck, a little smaller than the mallard, and with an obvious black rear end. It shows a white wing patch in flight. Wing patches are great on our ducks as they are colour coded, so do watch out for them. Whereas white will mean a Gadwall, a deep blue will mean a Mallard, green a Teal, and so on. When seen close up the grey colour is made up of exquisitely fine barring and speckling. It is extremely well presented and looks as if it has just arrived from a very well to do tailors on Savile Row!

The Gadwall visits gravel pits, lakes, reservoirs and coastal wetlands and estuaries in winter. To see breeding gadwalls look in the shallow edges of lakes and gravel pits where there is vegetation, mainly in the Midlands and south east of England, eastern central Scotland, eastern Northern Ireland and the south east of Ireland and south east Wales. They are often seen on lakes in parks, but are quite shy, so will find somewhere else if it gets too noisy!

The Gadwall usually feeds by dabbling for plant food with head submerged. Young birds feed on insects at first. Adults also eat some molluscs and insects during the nesting season. It nests on the ground, often some distance from water. It is not as gregarious as some dabbling ducks outside the breeding season and tends to form only small flocks. Gadwalls nest in low numbers in the UK and are an Amber List species. There are thought to be around 1,200 summer nesting pairs in the

UK. The population of Gadwall increases in the winter up to around 25,000 birds, with Gadwall arriving from continental Europe to take advantage of the milder winter in the UK. Populations have increased approximately 2.5% over the course of 49 years (from 1966 to 2010), and continue to grow. Gadwalls are one of the most hunted duck species (3rd to the Mallard and Green Winged Teal), with 1.7 million shot each year.

Gadwalls are monogamous and may start breeding after their first year. Pair formation begins during the autumn migration or on breeding grounds, but has also been reported to occur in August when males are still in eclipse plumage. Gadwalls are generally quiet, except during courtship. The male utters a “mep” call during a display known as the “burp”, where he raises his head, pointing his bill towards a female. The “grunt-whistle” is similar to that of mallards, where the male rears his outstretched head with the bill dipped into water, displacing a stream of water droplets towards a nearby female as the bill is raised against the chest. During this display the male makes a loud whistle call followed by a low “burp”.

Keep an eye out for them next time you venture off to a lake or a park pond to “see the ducks”. The Gadwall will usually be the more reserved of the ducks, staying in the background and keeping quiet.

Norfolk eagle reintroduction given green light

Plans to reintroduce the White Tailed Sea Eagle to East Anglia have been given the green light by Natural England. As many as 60 young eagles will be released at Ken Hill Marshes near Snettisham, Norfolk, over the next decade, in a move that conservationists describe as the next logical step to restore this magnificent bird to England.

Natural England, after thorough consideration, has granted a licence allowing the Roy Dennis Wildlife Foundation to release White-tailed Eagles at Wild Ken Hill in Norfolk. Experts have carefully assessed the project against guidelines for the reintroduction of species, as well as the

potential environmental, social and economic impacts and are satisfied that there are no significant risks associated with it. Around four in five of the 1,839 people who took part in a public consultation exercise earlier in 2021 said they were strongly supportive of bringing eagles back, while 63% of 216 farmers were also in favour. The full details of the consultation study can be found [here](#).

The juvenile eagles will be translocated from Poland, where there are more than 1,000 breeding pairs. Current complications with international travel under COVID-19 restrictions mean that the first birds are likely to be released in 2022. A [crowdfunding page](#) has been launched to raise money for the initial costs of the project. Find out more at [wildkenhill.co.uk](#).

Netting erected to deter Suffolk Kittiwakes

Several buildings in Lowestoft have been covered in anti-bird netting to deter red listed Kittiwakes from returning to their nests this season. RSPB England tweeted "Heartbreaking to see Kittiwakes find their home nesting sites blocked by nets in Lowestoft." One video shows an adult Kittiwake clasp at the net, flapping its wings and trying to reach its nesting ledge, only to be prevented by the mesh. Another portrays a netted building, normally alive with Kittiwake nests, empty, with the adult birds sat in nearby trees and on adjacent roofs.

The RSPB is working on the buildings' owners, which include pizza chain Papa John's, as well as BT, in order to get the netting removed. There has not yet been any official word from Papa John's, although the RSPB has reported that BT has promised to review the use of mesh and is looking into “alternative solutions which work for Kittiwakes and people”. Many argue that the best solution would be simply to take the netting down, so that the birds can access their nesting ledges.

Kittiwake is a globally threatened seabird, classified as Vulnerable due to rapid and ongoing population declines in many areas. Increasingly, in recent decades, it has become an urban breeder, with building ledges in coastal towns and cities

providing a suitable alternative to cliff faces for nesting. The species is a familiar sight in many British coastal settlements, famously including Newcastle-upon-Tyne, but also Scarborough and Lowestoft. Kittiwakes first appeared in Lowestoft in 1946, with 40 pairs breeding on the now-demolished South Pier Pavilion by the 1960s. The birds have increased significantly and now breed on a number of buildings within the Suffolk town. Unfortunately, events in recent years have shown that some individuals do not take kindly to the placid gulls moving in, with the erection of netting already having caused the slow and painful death of both adults and chicks in Newcastle, as well as preventing previously successful colonies from the opportunity to nest.

Photo of the Week

A view of the Shard from St Margaret Pattens taken by friend and guest of the Master - David Carvill who is known to many at the Pattenmakers. He also kindly took the photographs outside Church at the Ascension Day Service.



Events

Pattenmakers' Events

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

Monday 24th May 2021 from 1700 – Worshipful Company of Launderers

Dowbiggin, both Liverymen Gardeners, who will be sharing some of the gardens at Capel Manor College. Julie is one of the Senior Gardeners with responsibility for the National Gardening Centre, Old Manor House Garden, plant sales and Apprentices. Steve used to be the Principal at the College and will share some of the background, whilst Julie has videoed parts of the gardens to bring some of the plants into your homes! Sir William Capel who lived at Capel was Lord Mayor twice and Master Draper seven times

Tuesday 15th June 2021 from 1800 The Worshipful Company of Fletchers

The Master of the Worshipful Company of Fletchers, the historian Professor Anne Curry of the University of Southampton, alongside colleagues from Reading, Oxford



and Glasgow, invites you to join her to hear about their new research on the turbulent events in London in the summer of 1381, which culminated in the killing of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Royal Treasurer. The date of the lecture has been carefully chosen as it marks the 640th anniversary of the meeting of the rebels with the King at Smithfield (close to the Farmers and Fletchers Hall), where the then Mayor of London saved the day. The Fletchers Company came into existence ten years earlier, so 2021 marks our 650th anniversary. We are grateful that Sheriff Michael Mainelli has agreed to introduce the lecture. Post-lecture donations will be divided equally between the Sheriffs' & Recorder's Fund and the Fletchers Trust. Please join the Worshipful Company of Fletchers for this informative webinar, with a Q&A session following it.

Cultural Calendar

Presented by Liveryman Zoë Chowney

22nd – 23rd May – Declaration of the Báb (Bahá'í):



On a spring evening on May 22nd, 1844, Siyyid Ali-Muhammad announced that He was the bearer of a divine revelation whose aim was to prepare the world for “Him Whom God Shall Make Manifest,” a Messenger of God known as Baha’u’llah.

Baha’is refer to Siyyid Ali-Muhammad by His title, the Bab, which is Arabic for “the Gate,” and that eventful evening is celebrated every year by Baha’is around the world.

Baha’is view the Báb as a Messenger of God, who had a role that can be likened to John the Baptist (who told of the coming of Christ) in heralding the coming of the latest Manifestation of God: Baha’u’llah.

23rd May – Pentecost (Christian):



Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday 50 days after Easter (the name comes from the Greek pentekoste, "fiftieth").

It is also called Whitsun, but does not necessarily coincide with the Whitsun Bank Holiday in the UK.

Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church, and the start of the church's mission to the world.

24th – 30th May – National Epilepsy Week:



From 24th to 30th May, National Epilepsy Week will be taking place to raise awareness for those affected by epilepsy, what epilepsy is, who’s affected and what can be done to help those who suffer from this condition.

Epilepsy is a neurological condition that affects the brain and causes recurring seizures or fits in people. Due to an uncontrolled increase of excess electrical activity in the brain interfering with the normal functions, this causes a short interruption to the relay of messages in the brain.

Approximately 500,000 people in the England are diagnosed with epilepsy, affecting people of all ages, from newborns to the elderly.

Learning to recognise the symptoms of a seizure is a great place to start helping those affected, as well as knowing what to do when a seizure occurs to minimise the harm done to both the person and those around them.

26th May – Vesak - Buddha Day (Buddhist):



This most important Buddhist festival is known as either Vesak, Wesak or Buddha Day, and is celebrated annually on the full moon of the ancient lunar month of Vesakha, which usually falls in May, or in early June.

At Vesak Buddhists commemorate the birth of the Buddha-to-be, Siddhattha Gotama, his Enlightenment at the age of 35 when he became the Buddha and his final 'passing' into Nirvana at the age of 80, no more to be reborn. Buddhist scriptures relate that each of these three significant events occurred on a full moon of the Indian lunar month of Vesakha.

Traditionally, his birth is supposed to have been in 623 BC but the Buddhist calendar is counted from his final passing, eighty years later. The older tradition of Vesak is to celebrate all three events but there are some more recent Buddhist schools and groups that celebrate just the birth and others only the Enlightenment.

In Buddhism, death is not the end of life; it teaches rebirth and differentiates it from reincarnation because Buddhism does not recognise a self or soul that is continually reappearing in a new form. Death for the unenlightened, whose minds are still infected with desire, is followed by yet another life. But for the Enlightened who have extinguished all desire, including the desire to be born again, there is no more rebirth. So Buddhists don't usually refer to the Buddha's death but to his passing, into Nibbana or Nirvana.

Only by passing into Nirvana can a person end the cycle of death and re-birth.

The Buddha' is not a personal name but a title, and can be translated as 'the Enlightened One' or 'the One Who Knows'. He was not born the Buddha but became the Buddha through his realisation of full and perfect Enlightenment.

29th May – Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh (Bahá'í):



This important holy day is celebrated on the 29th May, at 3am.

It commemorates the anniversary of the death of the founder of the Bahá'í faith, Bahá'u'lláh, and his teachings.

Bahá'u'lláh died peacefully on the morning of 29th May 1892. He now lies buried in Bahji, in a shrine surrounded by a stunning garden, which is designed to symbolise the order of the world in the future.

Pilgrims to the Bahá'í shrines in Israel visit the tomb to pray there.

This solemn anniversary is a day of rest and is often observed by reading or chanting from the scriptures.

30th May – Trinity Sunday (Christian):



Trinity Sunday is the first Sunday after Pentecost to honour the Holy Trinity—the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Although the word “trinity” does not appear in Scripture, it is taught in Matthew 28:18-20 and 2 Corinthians 13:14 (and many other biblical passages). The concept of the trinity can never be completely understood or rationalised, but it is clearly taught in Scripture. Understanding of all scriptural doctrine is by faith which comes through the work of the Holy Spirit; therefore, it is appropriate that this mystery is celebrated the first Sunday after Pentecost, when the outpouring of the Holy Spirit first occurred.

On Trinity Sunday, the Christian Church ponders with joy and thanksgiving what the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have done to accomplish the salvation of sinful humanity. It is brought to remembrance how Christians should respond to the love God has shown us, praising Him and giving Him glory.

1st June – Global day of parents:



Since the 1980s, the important role of the family has increasingly come to the attention of the international community. The UN General Assembly adopted a number of resolutions and proclaimed the International Year of the Family and the International Day of Families.

Emphasising the critical role of parents in the rearing of children, the Global Day of Parents recognizes that the family has the primary responsibility for the nurturing and protection of children. For the full and harmonious development of their personality, children should grow up in a family environment and in an atmosphere of happiness, love and understanding.

Designated by the General Assembly in 2012, Global Day of Parents provides an opportunity to appreciate all parents for their "selfless commitment to children and their lifelong sacrifice towards nurturing this relationship."

3rd June – Corpus Christi (Christian):



The festival of Corpus Christi celebrates the Eucharist as the body of Christ. The name 'Corpus Christi' is Latin for 'the body of Christ'.

This jubilant festival is celebrated by Roman Catholics and other Christians to proclaim the truth of the transubstantiation of bread and wine into the actual body of Christ during Mass.

In some countries in the world, Catholic churches still celebrate the festival, not only with a Mass, but also with a procession that carries the consecrated wafer through the streets as a public statement that the sacrifice of Christ was for the salvation of the whole world.

Quiz

The answers to last week's  quiz

I am pleased to say that the 57 Quiz prompted a lot of response – some of the comments received are copied here, whilst Liveryman David Sharp was first off the mark within minutes of the newsletter going out:

I'm not particularly one for entering the weekly quiz – limitations on time, rather than interest – but couldn't let today's newsletter pass by without making comment. Good to see us tackling something a little more low brow – has obviously found it's level with me! And hopefully not too saucy for everyone else ...

There was a most insightful commentary from Liveryman Philip Rutledge: *You might wish to add some commentary when you publish the answers to the Heinz 57 Quiz:*

Although the Heinz Company (now part of the Kraft Heinz food behemoth) was founded in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA, you would be hard pressed to find many of the Heinz products displayed on last week's Pattenmaker Quiz on the shelves of US supermarkets. Although baked beans, salad cream and various Heinz soups are known (and loved) in the UK, they would not be familiar to most Americans. Campbell's and Bush's fight for superiority in tinned baked beans and Campbell's wins outright in the soup category. American's generally don't do salad cream at all (although it is one of my favs).

Top tip! So, if you are planning an extended stay in the US and you can't survive without a favourite Heinz product, better pack some extra.

Now here are the answers but please do scroll down for the most interesting information from Liveryman Fred Dudley

1. Who is this?	Henry John Heinz
2. What did he do?	American entrepreneur who at age 25 co-founded a small horseradish concern
3. What was his first product?	A pure & superior grated horse radish bottled in pure glass to show its purity
4. What does HP stand for?	Houses of Parliament See below
5. What is the main spice ingredient in this sauce? Clue See newsletters passim	Tamarind Extract
6. How many Baked Beans, on average, are there in a standard 415g tin of Baked Beans?	Approximately 465
7. Where, in 1886, were they first sold in the UK? Clue See Pattenmakers' events calendar – 30th June 2021	Fortnum and Mason
8. Approximately how many tins of these are sold in the UK every day?	Approximately 1.5 million cans
9. What can't you drink without lashings of this?	Tomato Juice
10. This is the Company's best-selling soup, selling twice as much as the next best-selling soup –what is the Company's second best-selling soup?	Cream of Chicken
11. Does anybody still eat this?	Apparently
12. What year was the upside-down squeezable bottle introduced?	2002
13. Approximately what is the percentage, of this brand of Ketchup, of sales in Europe?	Approximately 80%
14. What year was tinned Spaghetti invented?	1965
15. What year was Salad Cream introduced?	1914

Liveryman Fred Dudley added:

After reading this week's Pattenmakers newsletter and studying the quiz, I thought I would write and add some information regarding HP Sauce.

My wife's grandfather Frederick Gibson Garton, who owned a grocery shop in Nottingham invented HP Sauce. He originally gave samples of the early production to some of his friends, and they in turn gave it to other friends some of whom were members of parliament. It soon became very popular in parliament and as a result he named it HP Sauce. Up until a few years ago his name was always printed on the bottle labels but following take overs of the various companies the formulation and rights were sold and the label was modernised and his name was dropped.

Whilst writing may I thank everyone involved for the excellent work they have done in producing the Newsletter during this Covid time. I enjoy reading it and find it very informative.

I also considered the recent zoom meeting for the Footwear Trade was very well organised and was most enjoyable.

The Huntingdonshire Quiz – Week 58

This week's quiz is based on Huntingdonshire with special thanks to Liveryman Steward Raymond Lewis.



Name this Flag



1. What was the name of the Grammar School Oliver Cromwell attended from 1610 - 1616?
2. What other famous person attend the Grammar School from about 1642 to 1644?
3. Which University College was Cromwell's *Alma Mater* and when was he an undergraduate there?
4. Who did Cromwell marry?
5. What were the Civil War dates he was involved in?
6. What was the highest military rank Cromwell held?
7. As Commander-in-Chief he led armies of the English Parliament against which King?
8. When Cromwell dissolved the House of Commons what title did he take and from what date?
9. When & how did Cromwell die & where was his body entombed?
10. On what date was Cromwell exhumed, hung, drawn and quartered? Where was he later buried?
11. Where is his head now buried?

Finally identify the gentleman, in the following 2 photographs, who does such an outstanding job of promoting Huntingdon and The Oliver Cromwell Museum housed at the old Huntingdon Grammar School in the Town Centre



Pattenmakers' Company Events Calendar June 2021 – Mar 2022

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
10 th June 7-8pm	Stolen Mystery	YP Virtual Event
To be Rescheduled	Trade Outing	Royal Parks
23 rd Jun All day	Inter-Livery Shoot	Holland & Holland Grounds
24 th Jun	Common Hall	Election of Sheriffs
25 th Jun All day	Livery Bike Ride	Northampton (Dr Martins)
29 th Jun 7 – 11pm	Summer Dinner	Merchant Taylor's Hall
30 th Jun 3 – 5pm	Afternoon Tea Fundraiser	Fortnum & Mason
8 th July 7 – 8pm	North & South Drinks in the City	Live Event
22 nd July	Tour of Masons' Hall	Grand Lodge, London. TBC
5 th Aug 7-8pm	City of London Sustainability talk	Guild Hall
19 th Aug	Champagne Tasting	TBC
16 th Sept	New Freeman Event	St Margaret & Guild Hall
16 th Sept	YP - Drinks in the City	Live Event – Venue TBD
17 th Sept	Sheriff's Ball	Guild Hall
21 st Sept	351 st Banquet	Guildhall
26 th Sept	Sheep Drive	Southwark Bridge followed by drinks / Lunch venue TBC
29 th Sept	Common Hall	Election of Lord Mayor
13 th Oct 6.00-8.30pm	Escape Café Fundraiser	The Reform Club
14 th Oct	YP Event	Virtual/Live Event
28 th Oct	FM Dinner	Ironmongers' Hall
13 th Nov	Lord Mayor's Show	Lunch after @ Apothecaries' Hall
26 th Nov	YP Dinner	Barber-Surgeons (or Glaziers)
9 th Dec	YP – Christmas Drinks	London City Live Event
15 th Dec	Liveryman Dinner	House of Commons
16 th Dec	Carol Service	St Margaret Pattens Church
6 th Jan	Court Meeting	Watermans Hall
TBC Jan	Lord Mayors Banquet	Mansion House
23 rd Feb	Speaker Dinner	House of Lords
10 th Mar	March Dinner	Vintners Hall