



The Pattenmaker

WEEKLY NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY

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Dear Member,

From the Editor Liveryman Ian Balcombe



I am pleased to welcome you to our revamped Newsletter. As we hopefully progress back to normality we have reduced the size of the newsletter. The Pattenmakers had two events this week, which we will report on in the next newsletter, and this is certainly a good sign of progression. We have also changed the format of the newsletter to make it even more accessible. I hope that you continue to enjoy the newsletter and please do let me have any comments, suggestions or contributions at ianbalc@gmail.com

City of London Corporation

Pollinating London Together at Kew Gardens



POLLINATING
LONDON
TOGETHER



[Pollinating London Together](#) (PLT) celebrated [World Bee Day](#) on May 20th, 2021. An environmental movement started in 2020 spearheaded by the Livery Companies of the City of London, PLT aims to make London and other cities a better place for human beings and pollinators.

In the words of John Burton, Chairman of Pollinating London Together:

“The PLT mission, as a membership organisation, is to influence organisations and individuals to positively support pollinators in the management of urban land resources and the built environment in the UK, starting in the City of London.”

On June 26th, [Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew](#), invited members of the PLT Team for a guided tour of Kew Gardens. The tour was led by the incredibly knowledgeable [Dr Hauke Koch](#), Research Leader in Pollinator Biological Chemistry at Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew.

The Digital Divide - Helping Disadvantaged Pupils

Please find attached [here our newsletter](#) providing information about the responses to a survey Livery Schools Link recently issued to the schools and pupils that benefited from donations given by Livery Schools Link from the funds given to us by your Companies. We will be issuing a complete report when all the data is assimilated.

There is still a considerable amount to be accomplished to ensure all disadvantaged pupils have the necessary equipment to stay connected with their schools and fellow pupils to maintain their education and outside interests

Thank you for the funds you provided to help us in endeavour to assist the pupils of the many schools we maintain a connection with.

Our Charitable Fund

Marathan Runners - Alison Rostron

I ran my first London Marathon in 1993 and have completed another five since then, the last one in 2019 after a break of 18 years, when my son, Freeman Paul Bennett, persuaded me to come out of Marathon retirement and run as part of the Pattenmakers Team. I was nearing the milestone age of 70, and the training wasn't easy. Although I had continued to run over the years, entering the occasional 10k and half-marathon races, it was very hard to find the time (and energy!) to up the distance, particularly since I was still continuing to work as a Lymphoedema Practitioner.





I treat patients whose limbs have swollen, often as a result of cancer treatment or physical trauma, and encourage them to exercise and maintain their mobility, since this plays a huge part in helping to reduce the swelling, particularly when I explain that all the evidence in cancer recovery shows that there is a marked reduction in recurrence if exercise becomes part of their daily life..

My training this year has been spasmodic – I have a persistent running injury which has not been helped by my age. However, I am seeing a really helpful physiotherapist, who is also a triathlete and understands the obsessive nature of a committed runner. She has modified my training schedule and is confident that I will get to the finishing line in one piece. Currently I run three or four times a week, increasing my distances gradually; and I am also using a cross-trainer to build up muscle strength. I'm really hopeful that I will be able to run part of the distance with Paul who, even though he is running in ski boots, will still be extremely likely to finish ahead of me! Yet again he has inspired me to participate in the London Marathon for such a worthwhile cause.

No one said it would be easy but what a challenge!

Our History

Pattens from America – Court Assistant Steve Huxham

I am delighted to inform our Members that I have now received delivery of a further pair of pattens acquired for the Collection, and in this case the first pair that we have that are known to have originated in North America. More specifically, they are all the way from a family run antiques business based in Rutland in the heart of the Green Mountains of Vermont.



Described at auction as a “Pair of Late 18th Century or Early 19th Century (1780 to 1820) Ladies Pattens,” they are quite small, measuring 19cm x 6cm. A leather heel section has survived on one, along with a metal buckle, both of which items are more unusual to find on English examples. One other difference from most English versions is that the iron rings are considerably wider than the wooden bases: 10cm in diameter. Perhaps if they were originally from the area they were sold from, these would have aided grip in the ice and snow – having once skied Killington in Vermont as a much younger man (minus 28 at the top of the highest ski lift one day!) I’m sure it would have helped!



Members will know from the History Book (pages 195 to 197) that it is usually very difficult to ascertain definitively whether surviving North America pattens were imported or locally manufactured. It is my opinion only, but I would say that judging from the design details mentioned previously, these would seem to be locally made.

These are in good condition and will display well when we are able to do so. There are a few old woodworm holes in one base which will be treated, along with conservation for the remaining bit of leather, and then “quarantined” in airtight bags for storage at St Margaret Pattens.

Finally, I am sure that everyone in the Company will be pleased to hear that, although originally quite reasonably priced at \$99.99 for what they are, an offer of \$70 was accepted (plus VAT and p&p.) Another good deal for us!

Members News



The Master and Clerk attended their second post lockdown event at The Two Termers Luncheon at Saddlers' Hall

Liveryman Ian Balcombe was presented by the Master, with the Master's Award for the Editorship of the Newsletter, at the Merchant Taylors' Hall Dinner. Ian said that it was a wonderful surprise and a terrific honour, and greatly appreciated and he thanks the editorial team and contributors, for making a success of the newsletter.



Events

Thursday 19th August 6.30pm to 8.00pm - Pattenmaker Champagne Tasting



On the 19th August the Pattenmakers will be hosting their very first live champagne tasting event. Hosted very graciously for free by Mr. Paul Bolt who has spent the last 30 years working in the debt and asset management markets, entertaining and educating his clients through the medium of wine and champagne.

[Click here for more information on this exclusive event or to arrange tickets](#) contact Liveryman Graham Perry directly graham.perry@datore.co

Young Pattenmakers Event

Friday 13th August 18:00 to late - North meets South

First **Live** Young Pattenmakers Drinks event since Lockdown.

The Young Pattenmaker Committee cordially invite you to join us for in-person get togethers in **Leeds** and **London**.

As much as we'd like to get us all in the same place, the Young Pattenmakers are proudly spread across England and this event caters to those in the north and others in the south.

[Click here for more information](#)

A live video link will be arranged during the event so we can all raise a toast together!

Cultural Calendar - 30th July - 12th August 2021

Please click link to [Cultural Calendar](#)

To find out about all our up and coming events please click on the link

[Pattenmakers Events Jul-21-Mar-22.pdf](#)

Recipe of the Week

Gazpacho Soup - Past Mistress Pattenmaker Eileen Eskenzi



Approximately 8 servings

This is a cold, and delectably flavoursome soup. It's a family favourite which can be taken in a flask on picnics. Truly nutritious and although the ingredients seem endless, if you relish a refreshing summer soup - this is a dish to satisfy the and your palate!. Once tried you will be addicted, so please let me know if you enjoy it.

[Click here for the full recipe](#)

Quiz - Advertising Slogans - The Clerk



How well do you know your slogans?

[Click here and see how many you can answer](#)

I hope you enjoy the newsletter. Would you like to contribute? If so, please email ianbalc@gmail.com

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