



# The Worshipful Company of Masons

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Dear Robert,

## History of the Pattenmakers' Company

It was a pleasure to talk with you on the telephone, and (along with your email) learn a little more about the creation of 'Out of the Mud'.

Thank you, and thanks also to your Beadle, for the copy of the book. My neighbour received it on my behalf and of course has now passed it to me. I have only had a chance to 'look', rather than 'read', but it certainly gives a very good impression of the Pattenmakers' Company, and no doubt you are proud of your own role in the result.

As you have indicated, great respect is rightly due to Stephen Cribb and Steve Huxham for the extensive amount of time and effort they have given to the creation of all the writing and photography; very impressive. And it is equally clear that beyond making the original proposal, Past Master Richard Kottler has made a very significant contribution as the Managing Editor – great teamwork!

Please accept this letter as a record of my gratitude, and more importantly that of the Worshipful Company of Masons, for your fraternal gift of the updated book of your history and current charitable activities. In due course I hope that we will be able to reciprocate with a publication that will shed some light on our own journey in support of stonemasonry from inception to the present day.

In the meantime, I know that I will be much the wiser about your own ancient trade, and role in the livery movement as we now know it.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Woodman-Bailey