



The Pattenmaker

WEEKLY NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY

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From the Master Jennifer Bryant-Pearson



In the last issue, I wrote that the City is back.

I am delighted to report that the Pattenmakers – aka the Partygoers – are back in force!

We have had a host of activities in the last two weeks and you can see the reports in today's newsletter.

Following the very successful Masters and Clerks' dinner hosted by our own Past Master Sheriff Hayward at the Old Bailey (last issue) we hosted an evening for new Freeman and Liverymen on 16th September. Which Freeman Toby Daniell writes about in Members' News.

It was a terrific evening and much enjoyed by all. We hope to arrange another such opportunity early next year and I am most grateful to Liveryman Graham Perry for organising the event.

The following evening was the Sheriffs' Ball when the Pattenmaker table was buzzing with fun and laughter throughout and we all enjoyed the fabulous baritone voice of our own Sheriff as he treated us to 'The best of times'



Freeman Brett Skipper describes that great evening in Members' News.

And then the following Tuesday saw us all gathered again at the Guildhall for our historic 350th Banquet shared with the Wheelwrights and Tinplate Workers alias Wire Workers, in the full civic team.

The Lord Mayor was generous enough to say that as his own banquet had been cancelled, he regarded our event as his banquet. It was a truly fabulous evening with 400 guests enjoying champagne in the Guildhall Library before moving onto glittering tables in the Great Hall.

Professional photographs are still awaited but we will be featuring them in the next issue. I understand that we have set a new precedent in sharing a Livery event and that other Companies are now considering such a plan.

The week ended with the annual Sheep Drive and Livery Fair at Southwark Bridge this year where thanks to our Events committee Chair, Liveryman Graham Perry, we once more had a wonderful time together [click here for photos](#). Liveryman Deborah Longstaff reports on the day's events in Members' News.

This week has seen the new Sheriffs taking office, Alderman Nick Lyons and Alderman Alison Gowman and the Election of the new Lord Mayor, Alderman Vincent Keaveny at Common Hall. He takes office in November, allowing the next two months for the new Sheriffs to bed into their role with the current Lord Mayor.

It was very sad to see the end of Sheriff Hayward's term of office but his 2 years at the Old Bailey were very special for all of us in his mother company. During the formal ceremony for the Lord Mayor elections, there is a role for the two Masters of the departing Sheriffs in thanking them for their service. I was honoured to be able to thank Past Master Chris Hayward on behalf of the Livery at Common Hall.

A group of us then went for lunch at Painters' Hall which was enormous fun as we shared the lunch with 7 other Companies so conversations flowed throughout.

Many congratulations to Past Master Richard Kottler, who has just been elected Deputy Chair of the Livery Schools Link!

He will be writing more about the valuable work they undertake in schools in our next issue

Now for next week

The marathon takes place on Sunday and you can see our [fantastic runners here](#) and read their report.

Good luck to you all, and thank you so much for all that you are doing to raise funds for our charitable foundation!

And the following week – 13th October is our gala fundraiser in aid of the Café at the DMRC. It will be a glittering vent at the Reform Club, Pall Mall from 6-830pm in the presence of HRH the Duke of Gloucester and HRH the Duchess of Gloucester.

The choristers from St Paul's Cathedral will be singing for us and there is an auction on the night conducted by Past Master Raymond Sancroft-Baker – and an online auction is running now [so start bidding here](#)

Full details of the evening [can be found here](#)

If you have not yet bought tickets, please do so now and support our Café project.

We want to see you with us along with your friends/colleagues/clients that night - it will be a very special evening!

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Sheep Drive - 26th September - Herd Instinct

This was featured in the Daily Telegraph with a wonderful picture featuring our Sheriff Christopher Hayward

Herd instinct

Amanda Owen, who appears on Channel 5 as the Yorkshire Shepherdess, herds a flock of sheep across Southwark Bridge, a tradition symbolising the right of the Freemen of the City of London to drive sheep into the City.



Pattenmakers joined in the event and Liveryman Deborah Longstaff reports in Members' News.

350th Anniversary Dinner, Guildhall - 21st September 2021

The Charter of the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers





Pictured is the Guildhall ready for the event.
Further pictures and reports follow in the next newsletter.

Sheriffs Ball 20201 - Freeman Brett Skipper

The 5th Annual Sheriffs Ball in aid of the Lord Mayors Appeal was held at the Guildhall on the 18th September and what an event it was!

We were welcomed into the library for the 20's themed event by fabulously dressed flapper girls. We all enjoyed an interesting champagne cocktail, mixed with Captain Morgan rum. Observing the 20's themed attire, women and men were equally dressed to theme, we saw the use of Feathers, Scarves, Spats, Pin Stripes and Great Gatsby Suits!



The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs together with the Lady Mayoress and Consorts get ready for the event.

The Great Hall looked amazing, table displays dressed in feathers, and the Piccadilly Dance Orchestra entertained us all with live music and dancing between courses.

Alderman & Sheriff Professor Michael Mainelli and our very own Sheriff Christopher Haywood CC welcomed us all and received rapturous applause for their two years' service. It's been over 750 years since a Sheriff of London has had to serve two consecutive years, the last being in 1228.



A fine pair – The Sheriffs

A fantastic commitment by both Sheriffs and their consorts, we are hugely proud of them all.

The first Sheriffs' Ball took place in September 2016 when Alderman Sir Charles Bowman and Dr Christine Rigden were in Shrieval office and decided to hold a fundraising event for 400 people at Guildhall as their major contribution to The Lord Mayor's Appeal and in support of then Lord Mayor Lord Mountevans. The audience in mind was very much the Livery and City community as a chance to gather together for an enjoyable event with live music and dancing, with a reasonable ticket price and in support of the Lord Mayor's charitable appeal. Thus, began an annual tradition which all subsequent Sheriffs' have followed.

Talking about our own amazing Sheriff, we were even entertained with a solo performance from Sheriff Haywood singing "The Best of Times" a song I'm sure many of you will remember from the 1983 Broadway musical La Cage Aux Folles. The lyrics resonated around the Great Hall "The best of times is now, as for tomorrow, well who knows, Who knows, who knows! So, hold this moment fast (hold it fast) And live and love as hard as you know how (you know how) And make this moment last (moment last) Because the best of times is now, Is now, is now! Now!"

As you can imagine these words sung by our very own Sheriff was very well received to rapturous applause.

The entertainment did not stop there with the lady consorts jeering up the crowd with an exciting game of true or false, ending with a special prize for the winner presented by the Lady Mayoress.

After a delicious three course meal with copious amounts of wine, before the Liveries were then released onto the dance floor to show off our best moves, the Gatsby Girls also showed us there's! I would say ours did not match their fervour! DJ William Bartholomew kept the records spinning late into the night with a few of my favourite 80s tunes from Aha and many others!



The charity auction which had an array of fabulous items up for grabs raised over £48,000 towards the Lord Mayors Appeal.

Thanks to all the support the whole event is on track to raise a net income of £70,000 which everyone is absolutely delighted with. Funds raised will support The Lord Mayor's Appeal and the four inspirational partner charities Place2Be, OnSide, Samaritans and The Duke of Edinburgh's Award - each a leading expert in addressing social issues and together they are delivering pioneering programmes for change.

It was lovely to be amongst fellow Pattenmakers and our table was hosted by our own Master Jennifer Bryant- Pearson, the atmosphere in the hall was jubilant and as Jennifer said in the last issue – The city is back!





I also have to say, we, the Pattenmakers, also held our reputation as the party makers, very well indeed.

As a relatively new Pattenmaker myself and this being only my 6th event, I was thrilled to have the opportunity in taking my Wife, Laura, and 2 guests.

Laura and I had celebrated her 40th birthday the night before. Staying in London for a few nights, taking in some West End shows, and then attending the Sheriffs Ball, it was the perfect end to her big birthday celebrations.

Since joining the Pattenmakers, I have been delighted to get to meet and know a few of you. As someone who has worked in Wealth Management in London for over 20 years, it's nice to spend time socialising but also supporting the livery's charity events and various causes.

As a Father of 3 daughters, a golfer, and a local parish councillor of my Kent village of Leigh, I am, as you would imagine, rather busy. However, I am more and more interested in getting further involved with the Pattenmakers, as the energy of the people I have met, is certainly infectious. The Sheriffs Ball was such an occasion, that it left me with that exact feeling of togetherness and energy.

Lord Mayor's Parade - Saturday 13th November 2021 **Invitation from the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries**



We are delighted to announce that Apothecaries Hall will be opening its doors for the Lord Mayor's Show drop in lunch 2021!

You are most welcome to join us for a hot 2-course served buffet lunch and wine on Saturday 13th November.

[Attached here is a flyer](#) for the event as well as an outline of our [Covid management strategies](#). Ticket prices have been held at 2019 levels - £42.50 for an adult and £21 for a child. Our doors are open from 10am with teas and coffees served all day. The buffet lunch starts at 12pm and rolls on until 2pm. Doors close at 5pm. Details of how to book are included in the flyer.

THE EDITOR ADVISES - BOOK EARLY AS THIS EVENT SELLS OUT QUICKLY

Our Charitable Fund

London Marathon - Sunday 3rd October 2021 - Pattenmaker Runners



This year's Pattenmakers team of five London Marathon runners are extremely proud to be running on behalf of the Company. We're an ordinary bunch in many ways: whether you're entirely new to marathon running, or an old hand, the training is always tough, and our individual fundraising efforts require determination and dedication. It genuinely isn't easy. What makes it all worthwhile is having the support of friends, family and fellow Pattenmakers. And to know that so many people will benefit from our efforts. If you haven't sponsored us yet, please do click on the [Pattenmakers Marathon Running Team website here](#) where you can donate online, and automatically add Gift Aid too.

We're especially pleased this year to have received support from corporate sponsors Larch Consulting, Exley Hervey Executive Search, and Sole Trader.

In other ways, we're not so ordinary, as you can see from Paul Bennett's comments:

"As Pattenmakers the foundation of our Company is based around the foot and the foundation of much of our charity work is supporting soldiers whom have, in many cases, lost the very thing that the Company was founded to protect. On the 3rd of October I will be aiming to break the world record running London Marathon in ski boots. Yes, it will be painful, but temporary, and nothing in comparison to what these soldiers and their families go through day by day, please help support us the make this DMRC Café project happen."

Thank-you for your support.

Alison, David, David, Jack and Paul

Liveryman Wendy Mead OBE CC adds

On Sunday, this year's Marathon is at last taking place and we have some dedicated runners raising funds for our Charity. We must do our bit by supporting their efforts. I am delighted to say that I am helping a great friend to achieve his life's ambition to run in the London Marathon. The Pattenmakers' have accepted his application and he is working hard, not only training but also raising significant funding for our Charity. I hope you will support him and your encouragement will really spur him on. Incidentally, he is a magical decorator, incapable of doing a bad job, mainly in the London area or East Anglia.

Members' News

New Freeman at St Margaret Pattens and the Guildhall - Freeman Toby Daniell

Having recently joined the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers, I was invited to join a guided tour of the Company church and to visit the Guildhall after-hours, to see another side of this famous City institution.

As a keen historian, I couldn't resist, and I am so glad to have been involved. First up was the tour of the Pattenmakers' own church – St Margaret Pattens, in the heart of the City. The Company Beadle, Chris Moore met our group and took us for a tour of this fascinating building. From the street, you hardly notice it, but once inside, a vision from the mind of Christopher Wren unfolds. Chris in his inimitable way, took us through the loss of the church during the Great Fire of London and its reconstitution. At the end of the tour, we even made it up a very narrow staircase to the bell tower, where one of our number, Daniel, had the skill to make main bell of the church toll.



Mr Daniel Palmer-Kerusauskas, husband of Freeman Dr Ingrida Kerusauskaite-Palmer rang the bell



Once we had survived the descent from the tower, it was off to the Guildhall. As someone who has grown up around the City and its livery companies, I'm ashamed to say that I didn't even know where the Guildhall was. The sight that greeted me as we rounded the corner and walked into the central square is one I will not forget. It's not only a beautiful piece of architecture, but a working office for City officials. Here we met Court Assistant Keith Bottomley CC, a Deputy of the City of London, who took us for a guided tour around this most extraordinary institution. From the crypts under the building, to seeing some of its original 14th Century architecture, to wandering through its empty banqueting halls, we were shown a side to this beautiful building that few get to see.



The highlight was most definitely seeing the Great Hall. What strikes one immediately is its immense size, with high vaulted ceilings, where the arms of the City's livery companies nestle. Statues – I say statues, they were more like monuments – of Britain's great war and political leaders line the room, epitomising British pomp and pageantry.

Just one week later, I was fortunate enough to attend the Guildhall again, this time for the Pattenmakers 350th anniversary, a wonderful evening where we were joined by the Lord Mayor.

To see these spaces, ancient but active, in the heart of an ever-evolving city, one is struck by the uniqueness of the City of London and its institutions. If you see an upcoming tour in the diary, then I highly recommend that you join it!

And here's to another 350 years of our Worshipful Company...

Sheep Drive - Liveryman Deborah Longstaff

On a glorious Sunday 26th September I had the privilege & honour to experience my Sheep Drive across the Thames. The day couldn't have been better to celebrate this momentous occasion .

With family in tow we met up with fellow Pattenmakers and our Master Jennifer et al. and Rupert our dog mascot. We had a lovely lunch & refreshments in the City before the event.

Trying to explain to my 17 year old (for the umpteenth time) leading up to the day what "this sheep business is all about" was a challenge but actually made so much easier by her witnessing the event.





Accompanied also by my husband son and daughter in law, who are serving military personnel was super too. They have expressed keen interest (from this) in the Young Freeman AND wish to play a part in supporting the DMRC fund raising for our "Escape Café" – close to both of their hearts as serving in the Royal Army Medical Corps & spent time in conflict with many of the military personnel that lost limbs

My husband Russ and I are too both ex-military & this fabulous historical event made us feel very proud & part of something special much like the military oh & finished our day off with cocktails in Chinatown

So my first day 'out-out' for some weeks, as have been poorly and in hospital with Covid, proved to one the best days possible

Thank you to Liveryman Graham Perry for organising the gathering or should I say 'herding' of us Pattenmakers.

Philip Hammersley CBE



It is with sadness that we have to report that Liveryman Philip Hammersley CBE passed away on 17th September 2021. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends and his widow Lesley.

Past Master Sir John Timpson CBE writes:

I had the privilege of meeting Philip many times, wearing several different hats. He sold me several thousands of pairs of Clarks Shoes, he bought our North Park shoe factory for the British Shoe Corporation, he sold me the British Shoe's Repair Division and more recently I knew him as a fellow Pattenmaker and friend.

Philip always brought a stream of positive adjectives to mind - kind, friendly, considerate, unselfish and admirable are a few of them. Philip was a perfect gentleman, I was lucky that he crossed my path

Past Master Richard Paice writes:

I first met Philip Hammersley when he joined as a director of British Shoe Corporation, Braunstone, near Leicester, firstly I believe in the manufacturing division, then the children's dept as he had been in Clarks and Stride rite in America

He was later in charge of their Mansfield division. I was very fortunate that he was supportive of my company, starting us to develop designs for this division from Brazil, and got to know him well Around the time of PM Geoffrey Marshall I believe a number of high flying footwear executives were recruited to the Livery, including Philip. He later served as Trade Warden. He went on to take many high profile voluntary positions in the Leicester area, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS trust and later the Space Museum in Leicester

Past Master Stuart Lamb OBE writes:

I have known Philip for many years. We first met when he was Children's footwear Director at Clarks and subsequently when he was Managing Director of a British Shoe Corporation retail division.

A very able manager, always a gentleman and with exceptional integrity. He was also Chairman of the Shoe and Leather Research Association and President of British Footwear Manufacturers Association.

Philip retired in the early 90's but remained very active with the Leicestershire Health Authority, Leicester University and the National Space Agency.

Further details will be promulgated when announced

Events

Pattenmakers' Calendar

To find out about all our up and coming events please click the link to [Pattenmakers Events Sept 21 - Mar 22](#)

Letters to the Editor

To the Master and Clerk from Liveryman Eric Musgrave - 350th Anniversary Dinner

What a splendid evening it was. Congratulations to all involved in bringing the event to fruition.

I attach a photo of a thorn between two roses



Liveryman Ian Balcombe

I had my hero Churchill keeping an eye on me.

Recipe of the Week

Flambé Bananas on a Waffle or wrapped in a Pancake- Past Mistress Pattenmaker Eileen Eskenzi



For 1 person

This dessert is very versatile and so quick and simple to produce. Children devour it with relish - alcohol omitted - but add extra freshly squeezed Orange juice and serve with Vanilla Ice Cream or Salted Butterscotch Ice Cream. Tastes Deeeelicious!

[Click here for full recipe](#)

From the Editor - Past Master Tony Eskenzi reportedly licked up every scrap

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

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