



The Pattenmaker

WEEKLY NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY

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From the Master Jennifer Bryant-Pearson



A lot to report on this week with our special church service at St Margaret Pattens on Monday, our Gala Fundraiser on Wednesday evening at the Reform Club, as well as services at St Paul's cathedral – and Freeman Paul Bennett is now in the Guinness World Record as the holder for the fastest marathon in ski boots – 5 hours 30 minutes and 20 seconds! Full report report and photographs in Members' News below.

Congratulations to Paul and the other 4 runners for their fantastic achievements – more to come in the next issue.

The Clerk and I attended the lunch for Masters and Clerks hosted by the Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers which was a very enjoyable and friendly occasion in their own Hall.



I also joined a Masters lunch on HMS Wellington when we had the most glorious weather and were able to get together outside and enjoy the last of the October sunshine.

It was a busy time at St Paul's Cathedral, as I attended an annual Evensong for Livery Companies with a link to a chorister, followed by the Dean's reception in the crypt. All the Masters involved had a photo taken with their linked chorister.



The following evening, I enjoyed Evensong once more accompanied by Immediate Past Master David Best and other Masters and Clerks attending the Musicians' Company service, which featured magnificent music, with a reception afterwards.

This week we were at St Margaret Pattens for the Presentation, Installation and Induction of our Chaplain, Andrew Keep, as Guild Vicar after a suspension of the living for the last 33 years. It was a moving ceremony, full of joyful music from the choir, and the service was conducted by the Bishop of London and the Archdeacon of London, with 8 clergy in attendance along with many old friends of Andrew who came to support him. The Basketmakers and the Pattenmakers were all very proud to be there and I thank Andrew for his devoted service to the church, particularly throughout the pandemic when he kept us all together as a congregation. He is going to write a personal piece for our next newsletter but there are a few photos available and a report by our Editor.

Last night we held our Grand Fundraising event at the Reform Club in the presence of our Patron His Royal Highness the Duke of Gloucester and the Duchess of Gloucester. We were treated to a truly magnificent performance from the choristers of St Paul's Cathedral under the direction of Andrew Carwood, an introduction and poem by Freeman Teresa Griffiths – formerly CO of the DMRC at Stanford Hall and an interview by Freeman Lt Commander Emma McCormick with Corporal Matt Edwards about life in rehabilitation at Stanford Hall. Our Trade Warden, Liveryman Martin Pickard, then explained why this café project is so important for the patients' well-being and we concluded with a live auction led by Past Master Raymond Sancroft-Baker which, together with the online auction raised great funding for this worthy cause.

I want to pay tribute to the absolutely fantastic team which made this event possible – Trade Warden Martin Pickard, Liverymen Graham Perry and Lesley Exley, Freeman Sophia Lee, the gallant Clerk and my good friend, Roger Walkinton. They were all so hard working, energetic and enthusiastic and a joy to work alongside – thank you most sincerely Reform Committee!

Thank you also to all those Pattenmakers and who contributed so generously to the evening by attending, sponsoring, bidding in the online auction or live on the night and for making donations to the project – I am incredibly grateful.



Behind the scenes before the event started

More details and photographs will be in the next issue.

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Livery Briefing

All Change at the Livery Committee - Election of Chair and Deputy Chair At the Livery Committee meeting in Guildhall on 9 September last, Philip Woodhouse, Past Master Grocer, was elected to the Chair, having served as Deputy for the previous three years, and Julia Sibley, MBE, Past Master Innholder, was elected as the Deputy Chair. In [the attached newsletter here](#) they introduce themselves and there is news of other City events.

From Philip Woodhouse, Chairman of the Livery Committee

- Our first in person City Briefing since February 2020 also took place at Guildhall on 21 September. Alderman Bronek Masajado outlined the role of an Alderman; and Murray Craig explained more about the Chamberlain's Court and The Freedom of the City. I thought I knew a bit about these topics but found I learnt a great deal more by attending.
- These briefings are aimed at new Liverymen and Freemen and their partners, as are Court Assistants and Liverymen of longer standing. The courses are run quarterly, and now being held in person at Guildhall. The next Briefing will take place on **Thursday 21 October**. You may book their a place by clicking on the link: [Book here for City Briefings](#).

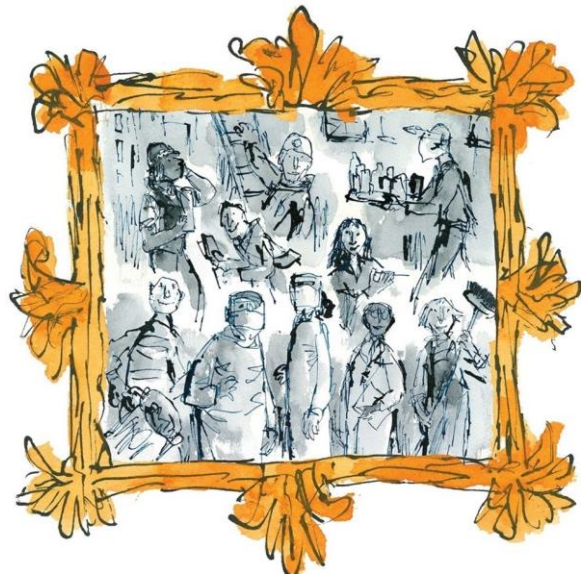
The Lord Mayor's Show 2021

SATURDAY 13 NOVEMBER FROM 11AM

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

Details of Luncheon at Apothecaries Hall can be found here: [Luncheon at Apothecaries Hall](#) and their [Covid management strategies](#)



www.lordmayorsshow.london

Our Charitable Fund

St Margaret Pattens - Liveryman Ian Balcombe

A service of Choral Evensong took place on the 11th October when the Institution by the Rt Rev and Rt Hon The Bishop of London, and the Induction by the Venerable The Archdeacon of London of our Honorary Chaplain the Reverend Andrew Keep, as Guild Vicar took place.

After a welcome from Churchwarden Emeritus Past Master Donald Newell and the reading of the Letters Patent, The Prime Warden Basketmaker read the first lesson taken from the Old Testament, and the Master Pattenmaker read the second lesson taken from the New Testament.

The sermon was given by the Bishop of London, following which the Induction took place. The Church Wardens then lead the Archdeacon and the Guild Vicar to the door, to place his hand on the handle of the door to take possession and then to ring the Bell, to show that he had taken responsibility for the care of the Church. He was then Installed in the Guild Vicar's Stall.

The Choir and Organ Playing were excellent as always.



The Bishop of London, Rev Andrew Keep and Master Pattenmaker



Master Pattenmaker and Prime Warden Basketmaker with Rev Andrew Keep



The Choir under the direction of Mr Rupert Perkins practising before the Service



Liveryman Ian Balcombe with Warden Emeritus Past Master Pattenmaker Donald Newell and Mrs Rosemary Newell after the Service



Past Master Pattenmaker Tim Watts and Past Master Pattenmaker Helen Auty

There will be more photographs in future editions of the Newsletter.

Exercise Hudson Gap - 101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment Capt J Lethbridge Adjutant

An article written by LCpl Mahoney detailing our return to physical training on a recent Bridging Exercise to Weymouth for The Sapper Magazine [appears here](#) with pictures below.



Members' News

Past Master Pattenmaker, Sir John Timpson CBE



Sir John's article appeared in The Times recently when appropriately the catering for the Guildhall Banquet was provided by the Clink. He has kindly given permission for it to be reproduced here:

to encouraging bosses to [employ ex-prisoners](#). If this represents a permanent shift in attitude it will significantly reduce the number of prisoners who reoffend and will cut the vast cost of our prosecution and prison service.

At Timpson we started recruiting ex-offenders 20 years ago after my son James attended a function at Thorn Cross open prison near Warrington. James was so impressed with Matt, the inmate who showed him round, he said, "Get in touch when you get out and we'll give you a job." Matt is still with us 19 years later and we now have about 600 other colleagues who experienced time in prison. It isn't easy to get your life back on track, but work is the link that helps put things back together. More than 60 per cent of prison leavers reoffend within two years of release, a figure that falls to under 20 per cent for those with a job.

Since 2002 we have learnt how to make prison recruitment an all-round success, whether in our shoe repair, locksmith or dry-cleaning shops. We use the same criteria as for all other applicants: we pick them on their personality. We look for busy, keen, helpful, outgoing and kind people who are ambitious. Drug dealers are often successful: they are very commercial! Everyone who joins us from prison has the same pay and opportunities as every other colleague.

We've also learnt how to help our staff give new starters from prison the extra support they need, especially in the weeks after release. The personal mentoring of their area manager and apprentice trainer are vital. What makes the real difference, though, is being trusted to do the job.

Along the way, inevitably, we have made a few mistakes. Most of the horror stories happened in the early days when we recruited some of the toughest characters who frankly were too naughty to be employees.

Lots of prisoners serving sentences would make great drivers, butchers, bakers and pastry chefs. But the current lack of skills will not be solved overnight by HR managers tripping around the prison estate. There are some 85,000 people in prison and most won't be available for work any time soon. We recruit several ex-offenders on day-release but that's only possible when they are serving the last four months of their sentence.

There is another, much simpler, solution. Ex-offenders can only get a job with most companies if they lie on their application form. If employers think ex-cons can help with the current crisis, and beyond, they should scrap for good their insistence on a clean criminal record.

Freeman Paul Bennett, Brogue Runner and Double Guinness World Record Holder

A word of thanks for your very kind sponsorship for my Guinness World Record Ski Boot Marathon Attempt, one week ago today.

Marathon day was incredibly warm and first few miles I struggled to get on top of hydration, drinking around 1-1.5 litres of water between each of the mile markers, and regrettably from the 4th mile my feet were already having several blister hot spots, which was not a good sign!

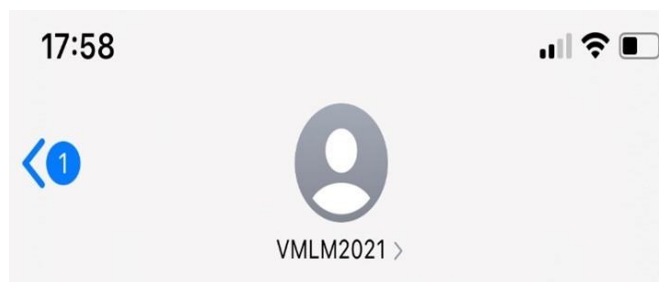
The support on the streets of London was as amazing as ever, getting shouts out of go "Eddie the Eagle" and go "ski boot man" although there were a lot more expletives once people realised that I was actually wearing ski boots and not moon boots! Oddly it was the other runners whom gave me the most support as they could see me running in the boots and really gave me huge words of encouragement to keep me going.



I was lucky enough to have BBC sport stop me and have a short tv interview, although I almost forgot to mention what I was running for due to feet pain!

Had a slight issue with a faulty watch at mile 21 where I thought I only had 5.2 miles to go where actually I was at mile 19, so had to stop the watch forget the time and just focus on keeping on going. I called my brother at mile 23 and asked him if I was on target for the record, he confirmed that I was 1 minute 37 seconds down on time and it was looking like it was not going to happen for me, so had to dig deep and it hurt!

Knowing that it was still possible and the fact that I didn't want to let anybody down on achieving the goal I moved from fast walking to a run/ walk strategy for 1 mile, then hit mile 24 and felt that if this was going to happen I had to give everything I could and decided to shut out the pain and run as fast as my ski boots would allow me. As you come into the Mall, signs show 800's metres then 600 and finally 200 and I was pushing my body as much as I could and crossed the line... I receive the below text



Text Message
Sunday 15:18

Congratulations on completing the 2021 Virgin Money London Marathon! Your finish time, brought to you by TAG Heuer, is 5:30:20. #WeRunTogether



The current Guinness World Record for Fastest Marathon in Ski Boots is 5.30.27 seconds, I got the record by 0.00034% or 15.14 metres.....Also my amazing Mum finished and was 30th in her category, so an incredible day out!



The British Footwear Association (BFA) is pleased to announce the formal appointment of three new Directors to its Non- Executive Board of Directors who will help to drive the Association's strategy forward.



The BFA Board of Directors 2021 Top row left to right: Paul Savrimoothoo, William Church, Rink Bindra, William Miles. Bottom row left to right: Court Assistant Jane Wilson, Freeman Lucy Reece Raybould, Freeman Robert Perkins and Freeman Vanessa Podmore.

[Click here for full press release](#)

Liveryman Zoë Chowney is participating in the Scott 7 Estrellas mountain bike event in Madrid, Spain on 24th October 2021 to raise money to contribute to the creation of our 'Escape Café' for our injured servicemen and women at the DMRC.

If you feel able to sponsor her, please visit her Virgin Money Giving page (<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/ZoChowney>) to make a donation. Every donation will be gratefully received, no matter how small. Many thanks!!

Here is a video that provides more details of the event:

<https://youtu.be/hcDUCLivudM>



Events

Annual Livery Dinner - 28th October 2021

Trade Warden Martin Pickard

The Facilities Management and the Built Environment Annual Dinner is on Thursday 28th October at the Ironmongers' Hall. For more information [please click here](#) or download the [booking form](#) for tickets.

Pattenmakers' Calendar

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

[Pattenmakers Events Oct 21 - Mar 22](#)

Cultural Calendar

[Cultural Calendar 15th October – 26th October 2021](#)

Letters to the Editor

From Past Master Dame Heather Steel to the Clerk

What a marvellous edition with all those lovely pictures. Heartbroken to have missed all the fun. This year is clearly being absolutely wonderful. Thanks to Jennifer and everyone involved in making it so.

From the Worshipful Company of Masons

A very nice letter was received following the receipt of a copy of "Out of the Mud" [which can be found here](#)

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

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