



The Pattenmaker

WEEKLY NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY

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From the Master Jennifer Bryant-Pearson



We promised you photographs of the great fundraiser at the Reform Club – they are all inside today's newsletter!

We have also had our annual FM Dinner which was a huge success, with so many of our guests thanking the Pattenmakers for such a fascinating evening, and for making them so welcome. Our Trade Warden, Martin Pickard deserves huge credit for his organisation and management of the event including inviting our excellent speaker Freeman Kath Fontana, making it one of the best FM Dinners that we have ever had.

Kath's pre dinner speech could not have been more topical as she talked about the many issues faced by the FM community, who were

at the forefront of changes to offices and workplaces, and the importance of the FM sector going forward as major business changes emerge.

We are still receiving charity donations from our valiant marathon runners and their supporters so read Liveryman David Sharp's final report alongside our Guinness record holder, Freeman Paul Bennett pictured with Eddie the Eagle.

Our schools commitment continues to grow and Past Master Richard Kottler and Liveryman Ingrida Kerusauskaite report on the Livery Schools Link and the City of London School. The Upper Warden together with Liveryman Susan O'Hare attended the annual CLS lunch for Liveries.

This week, the Clerk and I joined the other Liveries to plant our cross at the Garden of Remembrance service, conducted by the Dean in the garden of St Paul's Cathedral. It was an impressive and very moving occasion organised by the Livery committee for the first time, and was

attended by the Lord Mayor, Lady Mayoress and Sheriffs along with representatives from the British Legion, the armed forces, police and other major organisations and schools involved in the City of London.

I also joined the service of thanksgiving for the Lord Mayor of the City of London, the Rt Hon Alderman William Russell, in the church of St Stephen Walbrook . The Chaplain to the Lord Mayor, the Revd James Power, preached and he spoke of the commitment made by the entire Russell family during their two years of office. The reading by the Lord Mayor from Deuteronomy referred to coming out of the wilderness and into the new land with honey – most appropriate for the Lady Mayoress and her bees on the top of the Mansion House.

This coming week, I look forward to the Silent Ceremony and then Remembrance Sunday at St Paul's and of course, the great Lord Mayor's show in which the Pattenmakers have a carriage this year. Do come and enjoy the atmosphere of this great event – there are many fellow Pattenmakers joining us on Saturday.

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The Pattenmakers in the wider Livery - Renter Warden Commodore Patrick Tyrrell OBE Royal Navy

On 18 October, my wife, Debbie, and I attended the glorious Drapers' Hall and the Inter-Livery Card Games invitation for Renter Wardens and their equivalent across the wider Livery community. This pan livery assembly is to enable all those who are likely to be installed as Master of their own Livery in 2023 to be able to meet their contemporaries and start the process of getting to know them. We



had an excellent dinner but without the speeches! Instead, Drapers' Hall was turned into a casino and we were invited to test our skills at the game of Swedish Pursuit. It's a bit like UNO with a few twists and turns! For those of you who like playing card games it is fun, simple yet surprisingly aggressive! I have [attached the rules here](#) if you are minded to play!

The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators

Please find [details here](#) about the next webinar in our very successful series.

Water Conservator Carolyn Roberts, Water and Environment Consultant, will be presenting our December webinar titled "OUT OF OUR DEPTH? ASSISTING THE POLICE WITH THEIR ENQUIRIES".

Often murder victims are disposed of in our rivers. Professor Carolyn Roberts' work with UK police forces and other agencies as an Expert Witness has applied scientific principles to murder investigations, helping to establish the new science of forensic hydrology. Drawing on some macabre and fascinating case studies, the talk will range from exploring particular cases to the

general principles of tracing bodies and bringing murderers to justice.

Open to all, no registration needed. If missed, all webinars are uploaded to the Water Conservator website.

News from Alderman and Sheriff Alison Gowman



Please [Click here for first Newsletter as Sheriff](#)

Letter from the Lord Mayor and the Mayor Elect Celebration Dinner and Concert 15th December 2021 In the presence of HRH The Duke of Kent KG Mansion House Walbrook City of London 10th November 2021

The Lord Mayor and the Mayor Elect is delighted to confirm that HRH The Duke of Kent has accepted an invitation to attend a Dinner and Concert at The Mansion House on Wednesday 15th December [click here for copy of letter](#)

City of London Corporation Elections

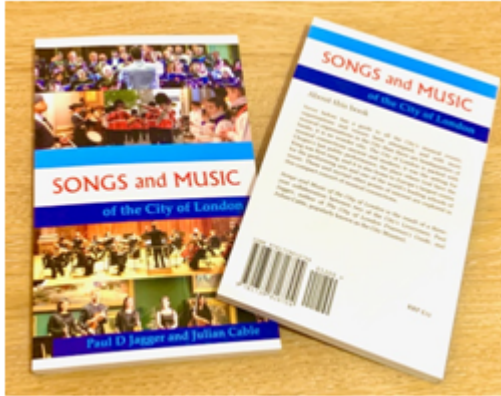
If you work or live in the City of London, you may already know that registration is currently underway ahead of next year's elections. These elections are unique, in that City workers are eligible to vote, irrespective of where they live, if they are registered by their organisation.



The elections for 100 Common Councillors in March will be the first test of City democracy since the pandemic. Strong registration and turnout figures, which will be viewed as a clear sign that the Square Mile is back in business.

If you work in the Square Mile, please feel free to encourage your organisation to submit its return prior to the 16th December deadline. If you would like to request a vote yourself or find out more information, please visit www.speakforthecity.com or email the City Corporation election engagement team on vote@cityoflondon.gov.uk

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Now available to order as a full-colour pocket guide from cityandlivery.etsy.com with a recommended retail price of £12.00.

Our Charitable Fund

Fundraising Event at the Reform Club – Master Pattenmaker Jennifer Bryant-Pearson

We held our major fundraiser for the DMRC café refurbishment in the glorious gilded library of the Reform Club in Pall Mall.

We were honoured to have as our principal guests our Royal Patron, HRH the Duke of Gloucester and HRH the Duchess of Gloucester who moved through the room meeting many Pattenmakers and their guests, making it a very special occasion for us all.



The evening began with a champagne reception during which the trumpeters announced the arrival of our Royal guests who were greeted by the Pikemen and Musketeers with the Royal Standard who lined the staircase for the Royal party.



HRH the Duke of Gloucester, as a trained architect, took a close interest in the plans displayed on the boards and asked a lot of questions of Trade Warden Martin Pickard and his excellent team.



We then had a wonderful performance from the Choristers of St Paul's Cathedral conducted by Andrew Carwood, Director of Music. The Pattenmakers' linked chorister is Head Chorister and he displayed his Pattenmakers' medal with great pride.



This was followed by an introduction to the DMRC Stanford Hall and a poem written and performed by Freeman Group Captain Teresa Griffiths, formerly Commanding Officer there.



Freeman Lt Commander Emma McCormick (a former patient at Stanford Hall) then interviewed Corporal Matt Edwards, a current patient. Matt explained how the Stanford Hall team had supported him and the importance of the café project we are undertaking.

Warden to the Trade, Martin Pickard then made a passionate appeal for funds



prior to Past Master Raymond Sancroft-Baker auctioning the amazing array of prizes collected for the evening as well as the final bids for the online auction.

Although we are still counting, we believe that we raised well over £40,000 that evening for our project and I am personally very grateful to all our sponsors and guests who made that possible.

My special thanks go to the 'Reform team' of Liverymen Graham Perry, Lesley Exley, Trade Warden Martin Pickard and Freeman Sophia Lee, our gallant Clerk and Roger Walkinton – they all worked so hard to make this such a special and huge fundraiser event.

Letter of thanks received from Lieutenant Colonel Alastair Todd LVD, Private Secretary to TRH The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester

From
Lieutenant Colonel Alastair Todd LVO
Private Secretary to
TRH The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester



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18th October, 2021

Dear Master

Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester have asked me to write to thank you for what was a super evening at the Reform Club on the 13th of October, 2021.

Their Royal Highnesses thoroughly enjoyed meeting the Company's members, supporters and Choristers at the Reception and they would wish to pass on their thanks and appreciation to everyone involved for ensuring that they were so well looked after. Particular thanks to Robert Murfin for his hard work in ensuring we had the latest information for the evening.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester would like me to convey their very best wishes to you and all at the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers, and they look forward to visiting again in the not too distant future.

*Yours sincerely
Alastair*

Ms Jennifer Bryant-Pearson

Carol Service and Supper – Thursday 16th December 2021

Following the annual Carol Service at the Guild Church we have been invited to join the Basketmakers' Company for supper at the Watermans' Hall.

After the Service there will be mince pies and mulled wine in the Church, then, should you wish, attend with the Basketmakers' Company for supper.

Should you wish to book, [please click here](#) for the booking form and return to the Basketmakers. It is advised that you should book sooner rather than later as there not many places available.

Pattenmaker Marathon Runners



Freeman Paul Bennet who we reported set a new Guinness World Record for fastest marathon run in Ski Boots at the London Marathon, broke the former record by 7 seconds, and received his Guinness Book of Records Certificate from Eddie the Eagle.

Read the Pattenmakers' Marathon Runners [report here](#)

Education - Paster Master Richard Kottler



The Pattenmakers remain committed to “doing our bit “for schools in the London area.

City of London Schools

Our liaison team of Susan O’Hare (Boys School) and Ingrida Kerusauskaite (Girls School) continue to keep in regular contact with our bursary recipients and the relevant people in the schools. Several letters from the students have been received and some published in the Newsletter.

London State Schools

Currently we support 4 schools with an annual donation of £500 each which forms part of each school’s hardship fund but is allocated to a specific need. These are:

- A Shoe Hardship Fund - City Academy, Islington
- Special books for children with reading difficulties - Ashmead Primary School
- Replacement kit bags for pupils - Notre Dame Southwark
- External art workshops for pupils unable to afford them - Compass School, Bermondsey

In the past year, we have also contributed £4,000 to the Digital Divide project run by Livery Schools Link and which raised over £150,000 to provide nearly 850 devices to over 58 schools.

We have just started a Footwear Design project with the Islington School under which we have given the school a brief and have arranged for one or two of our young footwear designers to provide (virtual) mentoring support. We have shown the 100+ pupils relevant footwear making videos and have organised 30 pupils to visit a shoe factory in London (Gina). The project is being managed by Liveryman Susan O'Hare and forms part of the school's art and design curriculum. The winner – judged by us – will receive a prize from the Livery. We have one other school keen to do the same sort of thing and it could that this concept could be made more widely available if all goes well with this pilot version.

Looking ahead, we hope that we will be able to plan for more of our charitable funds to go towards supporting pupils in severely depressed and deprived areas in London, We can choose to manage this ourselves or via some initiatives being launched by Livery Schools Link on behalf of the entire Livery movement. This will be considered by the Charity Committee as more information becomes available.

Livery Schools Link - Past Master Richard Kottler

Be their inspiration – Get involved with today's students for tomorrow's world

This is your opportunity to help school children make their important career choices. To find out more [please see attached](#)

"Student's eye" view of the Pattenmakers Certificate in Bespoke Orthopaedic Shoemaking Course - Past Master Richard Kottler

The course managed and initiated by Bill Bird has just completed its first year. As you can read, it has been a resounding success and all 7 participants are already enjoying the start of the second year of this two year course. [Read here for](#) full report from the Students.

Pattenmakers' scholarship students from the City of London School for Girls have been excelling in their studies and extracurricular activities – Freeman Dr Ingrida Kerusauskaite

Please read City of London School for Girls [report attached here](#)

101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment - Captain James Lethbridge



Over the summer, the Regiment has seen a full return to physical training with a number of exercises being conducted to “brush off the cobwebs” after Covid-19 lockdowns earlier in the year.

These exercises have included:

Ex BLACK CAT HART, 23 – 25 Apr 21

Development Weekend focusing on management and leadership training for Officers, Seniors and Junior NCOs as well as Search and Driver Training.

Ex BLACK CAT EVO, 5 – 9 Jul 21

A Battlefield Study of the use of the History of Explosives in the UK featuring a tour of the Royal Gunpowder Mills, Black Powder Ranges, RE Minefield Clearance and EOD Tasks, a Remembrance Parade at the EOD Memorial at Mundesley, the Muckleburgh Military Collection Museum, a Formal Dinner on the HMS Belfast and a walking tour of London looking at sites of recent terrorist attacks in the capital.

Ex BLACK CAT CHARGE 2, 7 – 21 August 21

The Annual Deployment Exercise (ADE) conducted across a range of training areas across the UK which saw service personnel from 101 Engineer Regiment receive 'Soldier First' training from the London Regiment before deploying to Sennybridge for a challenging field exercise. After this a series of cohesion events were held at DEMS Training Regiment in Bicester including Crazy Golf and a Regimental Sports Day.

Ex BLACK CAT MANNOCK, 15-17 Oct 21

A Combat Engineering Weekend in Minley, Surrey including Bridging, Demolitions and combat engineer skills such as battle trenches and abatis .

In addition to the above regimental training, Sub Units have been conducting their own training and this has included such highlights as Bridging and Rafting in Weymouth, Infantry training In STANTA and Search training exercises at Twickenham Stadium and the Motorpoint Arena in Nottingham. We also had the privilege of hosting the Honorary Colonel Jools Holland for a virtual training session earlier in the spring.

Sub Units have also recently conducted a number of Adventurous Training (AT) expeditions within the UK including a mountain biking expedition on the south coast and a multi-discipline AT expedition to Jersey that featured Stand Up Paddle (SUP) Boarding (although not all those participating managed to successfully stand up!), Sea Kayaking, and would have included Land Sailing had the weather permitted it! Cohesion events are also beginning to feature again and 350 Fd Sqn (EOD&S) recently attended 'Armourgedon' Tank Paintballing, getting an experience of what it's like to operate in armour for a change!



We have also had a number of individuals deploy on Search Operations in the UK in conjunction with members of 29 EOD & Search Group to support various taskings including the assurance of sites such as the G7 Summit held in Cornwall earlier this year and the Conservative Party Conference in Liverpool. We are actively looking to support additional Military Aid to the Civil Authorities (MACA) Taskings, which should become more prevalent within the Reserves as recommendations from the Integrated Review are implemented across Defence.

In addition to all of the above activity, we are proud to inform you that individuals from within the Regiment have also received a number of honours and awards so far in 2021 including:

MBE

Maj Eb Mukhtar – For his work in support of logistics for Op RESCRIPT.

Chief Royal Engineer (CRE) Commendations:

WO2 Jon Williams – For Virtual Training Excellence during the first Covid-19 Lockdown.

Capt Sam Greville-Smith – For contributions to his Squadron as acting OC and Project SAHARA (innovation in Search Training)

Capt Lara Small – For being an inspirational role model within the Army Reserves.

Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (LS&GC) – SSgt Crotch, Capt Ward

Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) – WO2 McKinney

Accumulated Campaign Service Medal (ACSM) – WO2 McKinney

Volunteer Reserve Service Medal (VRSM) and Clasps for Reserve Service – Sgt Rowe, LCpl Montandon, Capt Potts, LCpl Greenwood, LCpl Ainsworth, SSgt Eaton, Sgt Brown, LCpl Smith, Capt Wood

Notable new appointments into the Regiment include a new Regimental Second In Command (R2IC) – Maj Eb Mukhtar, a new Executive Officer – Maj Mark Simpson, a new Regimental Administration Officer (RAO) – Maj Clare Taylor and a new Officer Commanding 217 Fd Sqn (EOD&S) – Maj Andrew Chu.

Fundraising Mountain Bike Event - Liveryman Zoë Chowney

On Sunday 24th October, I took part in a 'Scott 7 Estrellas' mountain bike event in Paracuellos de Jarama, Madrid to raise additional funds for our charity project this year, the 'Escape Café' at the DMRC, Stanford Hall.

Zoë's [full report here](#)

**Our History**

Past Master Tim Watts' eagle eye caught this letter in the Times:

Historic antivaxers

Sir, Hugo Rifkind ("Antivaxers are too absurd to get airtime", Comment, Oct 12) is right: hoping antivaxer conspiratorialists will go away any time soon is an unrealistic expectation. They have been with us ever since vaccines were invented. The 1815 memorial tablet to the antivaxer surgeon John Birch at St Margaret Pattens church, Eastcheap, says: "Mankind is indebted to him for a more intimate acquaintance with the powers of medical electricity by his own ingenious and improved applications of which he performed many remarkable and almost unhop'd for cures. But the practice of cowpoxing...he uniformly, and until death, perseveringly opposed."

Smallpox remains the only human infection eradicated by vaccination; medical electricity machines have been relegated to an occasional appearance on the *Antiques Roadshow*
Hugh Pennington
 Emeritus professor of bacteriology,
 University of Aberdeen

Liveryman Dr Stephen Cribb

That's a great spot by PM Watts and thanks for forwarding on. I remember seeing that plaque at St Margaret Pattens and thinking how intriguing it was, but that's a good connection made to current times. Esteemed surgeon of the day John Birch (to the Price Regent no less,) wasn't a Pattenmaker: I've just checked. I see that he died in 1815 – like many antivaxers, did he meet his Waterloo?

Young Pattenmakers

Eleventh Annual Young Pattenmakers' Dinner - Friday, 26th November 2021 at Barber-Surgeons' Hall in the City of London

The Dinner for Young Pattenmakers is an annual Livery dinner held by The Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers that enables young professionals under the age of 40 to experience aspects of the social and fellowship sides of the City, and to learn about the benefits and pleasures of being part of one of the ancient Livery Companies of the City of London.



This year we are delighted to welcome Dr Niall McCann, an explorer and Biologist as our guest speaker. Since the age of 18 Niall has undertaken challenging expeditions all over the world and conducted remote-area biological research specialising in endangered species. His adventures have been covered in the media for many years. He worked alongside Sir David Attenborough on the BBC's A Perfect Planet and presented the award-winning PBS documentary Lost in the Amazon: the enigma of Colonel Percy Fawcett.

Events

SAVE THE DATE

Pattenmakers' Annual Banquet - Friday, 14th January 2022

We have now had the date of our annual banquet confirmed by the Mansion House so please save the date – Friday, 14th January 2022.

We are delighted to report that the Lord Mayor-Elect, Alderman Vincent Keaveny will be attending with the Lady Mayoress and the full Civic party.



Pattenmakers' Calendar

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

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

Cultural Calendar

[Cultural Calendar 1st Nov 21 - 18th Nov 21](#)

Recipe of the Week

Pea and Lettuce Soup - Past Mistress Pattenmaker Eileen Eszenzi



We are rapidly moving towards the shorter, autumnal days and chillier evenings. What could be more inviting or therapeutic than to sit down and savour a steaming hot bowl of flavoursome soup. This soup is so quick, healthy and easy to make which in itself is a bonus. Add croutons, a few toasted, slivered almonds - even a swirl of cream - to this vibrant green coloured soup and your eyes as well as your palate are sure to enjoy a treat.

[Click here for full recipe.](#)

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

Regards,
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