



The Pattenmaker

WEEKLY NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY



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From the Master Jennifer Bryant-Pearson



I cannot quite believe that we are already on our Christmas issue – the last few weeks have been a whirlwind of activity following the Silent Ceremony and Remembrance weekend.

Shortly after taking office, the Lord Mayor invited Masters and Clerks to the Manion House for a briefing on his coming year. He praised the way that the Livery had adapted during the pandemic, with the Livery kitchen and other outstanding initiatives which he said dispelled the myth that Livery was just ‘white tie dinners’ and that our role as civic citizens is vital.

The Lord Mayor’s theme is “People and Purpose” with an emphasis on Social Impact

and he spoke of the Global Summit he is hosting in London next year, as well as plans for the Platinum Jubilee when he will be visiting major cities in the UK to reinforce the links with the City of

London.

The new Chair of the Livery committee also spoke highlighting the City briefings – in today's newsletter – and the Diversity Charter. Sir Charles Bowman, Chair of the Pan Livery talked about future plans following on from their October conference and he emphasised the importance of a closer working relationship with the Mansion House, the Livery and the Livery committee.

I was honoured to be invited as a guest to the Loriners Mansion House dinner as well as the Wheelwrights Installation Dinner and the Tinplate Workers Alias the Wire Workers Christmas Dinner. All were wonderful occasions with charming hosts.



Master Loriner 2nd Left



With Master Turner at Wheelwright Dinner



Past Master Wheelwright

Our own Young Pattenmakers' Dinner was a great occasion and we have a first-hand report from new Freeman Sarah Thornhill in today's newsletter. We also have fascinating reports from our Military affiliations and a wealth of other great articles including book recommendations for Christmas gifts.

Leslie and I wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing

many of you at the Mansion House Banquet on 14th January.

City of London Corporation



Dear Friends,

We are sending a digital Christmas card this year with our best wishes. We are aiming to reduce our carbon footprint and will be making donations to the Glaziers' Trust and the Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund in lieu of the postage.

Our greetings are nonetheless heartfelt.

Aldermen and Sheriffs Alison and Nick, Glenn and Felicity

Walbrook Music Trust – The Clerk



One of the unknown highlights of a Master's year of office is the menu tasting at the Mansion House to select and confirm the menu for the forthcoming annual banquet. As I had caught an earlier train (hoping to escape the crowded carriages to no avail) I arrived at Cannon Street an hour earlier than I needed.

Had we not been about to savour seven courses and five wines at Mansion House (yes, I know it's tough but someone has to do it) I would have popped into Sweetings for an epic Fish and Chips luncheon but I resisted.

As I ambled down Walbrook I noticed the doors were open and the lights were on in St Stephen Walbrook, another of Sir Christopher Wren's City masterpieces. I have walked past this church countless times but never found the time to visit - now this was an opportunity too good to miss.

I was greeted at the door and warmly welcomed and was astonished to learn that I had arrived a few seconds before a concert from the Renaissance Orchestra was to start. What followed was a most unexpected pleasure. There was the Orchestra (average age seemed about 14) and a well-attended audience but what a sight and what a sound. I was treated to the most memorable Mozart

concert for the ensuing hour including his Horn Concerto N4 and Symphony N29.

The reason for this report is not to demonstrate just how lucky I was but to let you know that the Walbrook Music Trust perform concerts every week – and I never knew about what is a very well-kept secret. Just visit their website to see the dates and what is being performed. Concerts will restart on Tuesday, 11th January 2022. Oh, and what I didn't mention is that it is FREE!

www.wallbrookmusictrust.com

So, every Tuesday, I cannot imagine a better outing than a free concert and fish and chips in Sweetings either before or after

Season's Greetings from everyone at Guildhall School



We wish you and your loved ones a restful festive period, with all best wishes for the new year.

To celebrate the season, we're sharing this [special performance](#) by two of our Guildhall pianists with you.

Livery Briefing

Please click here for [Livery Committee Briefing](#)

Inter Livery Curling Championships

It's the Winter Olympics this year. And although government Ministers may be boycotting attendance in China, there's no reason for us not to have our own fun either in London or France.



The Younger (Iron) Mongers are looking at the possibility to holding a London Winter Sports event in early January. This will

complement the Inter Livery Ski Championships that will be held in Morzine France on January 19th to 21st.

We are proposing an Inter Livery Curling Championships. We are looking to see what interest there is to raise as many teams of 3 as you can gather to curl at The Langham, Portland Place: [Curling at the Langham](#). The date will be mid-week at the beginning of January beginning at 5pm until 9pm. The cost will not be more than £75 per head to cover curling, drinks and eats throughout. No experience is necessary or expected. Think of it as a rather cool bowling game.

Please get back to me (Charlie Morgan) as soon as you can and I'll set up a Curling What's App group.

Best wishes,
Charlie Morgan

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Our Charitable Fund

HMS Chiddingfold - Letter to Commodore Patrick Tyrell OBE RN

Please [read here letter](#) received from Commanding Officer Lt
Cdr Simon Reeves RN of HMS Chiddingfold



Commander James Taylor Royal Navy - Commanding Officer, 824 Naval Air Squadron

The last 6 months has seen 824 holding the fort back at RNAS Cudrose as our Frontline counterparts grab all of the headlines (as usual!). 820 NAS embarked with 7 Merlin helicopters in HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH as part of the UK's Carrier Strike Group while 814 NAS has been spending most of its time in and

around UK waters; embarked, either in RFAs or Type 23 Frigates, or based at HMS GANNET in Ayrshire, the 814 'Flying Tigers' fulfil Merlin Force's non-discretionary tasks, including defence of the strategic deterrent. Meanwhile 824 continue quietly in the background, training the next generation of aircrew and engineers while supporting and generating crews for the Frontline.

The summer saw us hold a Wings Parade where we graduated 8 fledgling aviators, awarding them their Flying Badge or "Wings", and immediately sent them off on operations around the world. Thereafter, we have endured audits and assessment from several higher authorities (including Flying Standards, our equivalent of OFSTED), thankfully emerging unscathed with Good and Very Satisfactory outcomes. Recently we were rocked by the death in service of our beloved Squadron Warrant Officer, the equivalent of the Regimental Sergeant Major, the true heartbeat of the unit. After an appropriate send-off, we got back to business as he would have wanted. We are now on a more positive footing as we prepare to commence training on our new ASaC simulator device. This adds another dimension to the warfare training that we do; 824 now trains aircrew in Airborne Surveillance and Control as well as its traditional Anti-Submarine Warfare. We can protect the QUEEN ELIZABETH class carriers in 3 domains; above, below and on the surface.



The 'classic' Squadron phot that we had been wanting to do for a long time but COVID prevented. It's very recent, we managed to fit it in November, although it was the day after Taranto night so a few might be looking a little shabby!



Our new Merlin Airborne Surveillance and Control (ASaC)



One of our sister Squadron from 820 NAS returning to HMS QUEEN ELIZABETH “somewhere in the Indian Ocean”. Very Top Gun



Presenting a bottle of 'Cornish sparkling wine' to Lt Cdr Larry Smith for achieving the milestone of 3000 flying hours.

101 (City Of London) Engineer Regiment (EOD&S) Adjutant - Capt J Lethbridge

Army Reserve Support to Military Assistance to Civilian Authority (MACA) Taskings

101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment (EOD&S) is unique in that it's the only Volunteer Reserve Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Search Regiment in the British Army. Recently volunteers from the unit have undertaken several live search tasks including the assurance of several high-profile political events including the G7 Summit in St Mawgan, Cornwall, and the Conservative Party's Annual Conference in Liverpool.



LCpl Weir and LCpl Prossor of 221 Field Squadron (EOD&S) details their experiences of these

MACA tasks [in this article](#)

Our History

Mudlarking on the Thames – courtesy of the Clerk

Lara Maiklem author of *Mudlarking – Lost and Found on the River Thames* publicises the Livery on the Clerks' Whatsapp page.



London Mudlark: Lara Maiklem
Mudlarking ✓

1 hr · 🌐

The river has been very generous to me over the last few days, here's another interesting find from Thursday last week. It's an early 18th century shoe patten, a type of 'under-shoe', designed to be worn outdoors and to lift the wearers and their shoes and dresses above the mud and grime of early streets. It's likely it was made by a member of the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers, a City of London Livery Company that was awarded its Royal Charter in 1670 and Livery status in 1717. Their motto is 'Recipiunt foeminæ sustentacula nobis', meaning 'Women receive support from us'.

London's livery companies date back to the days of medieval guilds and represent trades of all forms and nature. Goldsmiths, Fishmongers, Saddlers and Gunmakers are still active in their trade, but others have evolved to represent modern, associated trades - Horners for plastics and Fans for air-conditioning. The demand for pattens died out at the end of the 19th century, when roads and pavements began to improve, but the Worshipful Company survived by supporting those in the shoe trade and today it supports the production of orthopaedic shoes for those, particularly in the armed services, who have had severe leg and foot injuries.

I've got a pair of 18th century patterns now, one for each foot (you can tell from the way the metal is worn at the back).

#Mudlarking #Larking #Mudlark



Comment from Court Assistant Steve Huxham:

These are reminiscent of the (non matching) serrated patten bases we have in the Collection, which when acquired were also listed as a mudlarking Thames find.

I wrote a piece about them for the Newsletter late last year – attached again. The speculation, and

speculation only, but due to the increased ground contact area of this design, was that these were pattens for wearing on ice and that they may have been abandoned or lost (hopefully with wearer not still attached) after the thaw of a Thames Frost Fair.

Members' News

Book Recommendations - Octavia Emanuel, the wife of Liveryman David Emanuel and the owner of Octavia's Bookshop suggests some Christmas reading



Still have some christmas presents to buy for?
[Click here](#) for Octavia's recommendations.

Young Pattenmakers

The Young Pattenmakers Dinner 2021 - Freeman Sarah Thornhill

The Young Pattenmakers Dinner 2021 was my first dinner as a Freeman and the first time meeting so many Young Pattenmakers as I joined The Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers during COVID. Therefore, you can imagine my excitement. Not only was it my first dinner, but it was also the first time I was able to share the glory of The Pattenmakers with my sister, Lucy.

[Please click here for full article](#)

Events

Pattenmakers' Annual Banquet - Mansion House

Date: Friday 14th January 2022

Time: 6:45pm for 7:15pm. Carriages 10:30pm

Dress: White Tie and Decorations

If you have not already booked, [please click here](#) for booking form.



Letters to the Editor

From Past Master Pattenmaker Dame Heather Steel

What an interesting edition with marvellous pictures and an excellent account of the events surrounding the Lord Mayor's show. Well worth keeping for all Pattenmakers. Many congratulations.

Recipe of the Week

Christmas Recipes - Past Mistress Pattenmaker Eileen Eskzenzi

Christmas Apple Tart



Line your tart tin with pastry and prick the base.

INGREDIENTS:-

- 410g jar Mincemeat (Waitrose is good)
- 3 large unpeeled Bradley Apples coarsely grated
- 1 cup Mixed dried fruit
- 1 Orange - rind grated
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 cup walnuts flaked

METHOD:-

Apart from the nuts - mix all the ingredients together and sprinkle into pastry shell.
Scatter nuts over the fruit.

Bake 200C - 180C Fan - 400F - Gas Reg 6 for 30 minutes. Reduce heat slightly for a further 10 minutes till pastry is crispy and golden.

Quick recipes for those leftovers

I know this may sound like an 'ad' for "Jusroll" Puff or Shortcrust Pastry, but to have the carton(s) stored away in my fridge over the Festive Season, for me is an insurance policy. Family, friends, grandchildren with boy/girlfriends 'just pop in', therefore I know there are many dishes I can produce within minutes - and will make my day so much easier! Sausage Rolls, fruit/savoury tarts, pizzas, pies, quiche, pasties, and strawberry or raspberry cream filled Mille Feuille which gets 'gobbled up' in minutes!

OH! I could go on and on.....

Just unwrap the Jusroll, dice left-over turkey, flake fish of choice, or all those 'bits' in the fridge - fill and fold into your pastry. It works for savoury or sweet dishes! It's a boon!

Savoury:-Cheese/fish/vegetarian/meat pasties, pies or pizzas

Desserts:- Apple 'Turnovers', Tart Tatin, Mille Feuille are my favourites.

Miscellaneous:- Cheese Straws, Palmiers, 'marzipan crackers' and mincemeat pinwheels.



Illustrated:- Beef Pie with miscellaneous vegetables and homemade Cranberry Sauce.

A tip from a Viennese Aunt when you next make a casserole - add a liqueur glass of brandy and a square of 70% dark chocolate!

Cover your casserole with a lid of Puff Pastry.

Voila!



Illustrated:- Make individual alphabet letters for guests:- "L" = Livery and "P" = Pattenmakers; Mincemeat Pinwheels; Pastry filled with cheese and chutney;

Marzipan crackers:- From a block of bought marzipan, break off a piece large enough to roll into 'finger size'. Encase this in a square of Puff Pastry leaving enough pastry at each end to fan into 'cracker'! Bake according to packet instructions.

A joyful Christmas to everyone and a safe, peaceful 2022.

Quiz

Question from last Newsletter: Please watch the BBC Coverage of this year's Lord Mayor's Show

(available on iPlayer) There are five connections to the Pattenmakers in the film – What are they?

Answers:

1. Pattenmakers' Banner clearly visible in the BBC opening credits
2. Sheriff Past Master Hayward in the Background with the Yorkshire Shepherdess Sheep Drive
3. Assistant Bottomley can be seen on the Mansion House Balcony
4. Assistant Martin Heffer parading as a Steward escort
5. 101 Engineer Regiment three Floats

With good wishes for Christmas and the New Year from the Editorial Team

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

Regards,

Ian

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