



# The Pattenmaker

NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY

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## From the Master, Sarah Leijten



The month of May seems to have flown past – but then I always think it does; probably because the weather is generally nicer as we head towards the end of Spring so one spends more time outside. In my case watching the tadpoles in our pond grow bigger, some even having legs now. Nature for me is both fascinating and inspiring in equal measure –

From this:



to this (so far):



I hope that you too, have been able to enjoy the times when we have had some lovely sunshine this month.

As both your Master and as a Livery we have a number of things to report, not least the election of Past Master Christopher Hayward CC to the position of Chairman of the Corporation's Policy Committee – many congratulations are in order! This is the most senior position within the Corporation and Chris outlines his exciting plans for a 24/7 City which you can read more about in this FT [article here](#).

Since I last wrote, Philip and I have enjoyed a superb weekend in York, hosted by the Cordwainers of York, along with the Leather Livery group of Companies, more of which can be seen later in the Newsletter. I also attended the 472nd viewing day at St Bart's hospital which was extremely informative. The hospital, which has been free to use since its inception, was first set up in 1123 – and so celebrates its 900th anniversary next year. It was nearly closed down in the early '90's and, by a huge effort, was saved by one of our very own, Liveryman Wendy Mead, and the then Labour MP Frank Dobson. Today it enjoys both a national and international reputation for oncology and cardiology. We were shown around one of their chemotherapy wings, very sobering as well as very high tech. A celebratory service in the church of St Bartholomew the Great, and a procession to their Great Hall finished off the event – which was attended by a number of Livery Masters.

We have also had the return, after 2 years, of our Footwear dinner, held in the Grocers' Hall, which was a huge success and more of which can also be found later in this newsletter.

There are a number of events coming up that need a mention:

- If there are any final takers for the Members' dinner at London Zoo on 8th June then please get your forms to the assistant clerk asap – [Booking Form](#)
- For those of you who enjoy outdoor theatre then please consider supporting the Becket Pageant which is being performed in the Guildhall Yard on June 17th and 18th. Apparently there used to be one of these in times gone by each year – but there hasn't been such a pageant for 500 years. This is being supported by the Lord Mayor; there will be exhibitions and stalls from a number of Liveries in the Yard, and we have one of our own – Freeman

Victoria (Tor) Leijten – who will be treading the boards in the performances! I am sure she would love your support, as would the charities to which the proceeds from tickets sales are going. The link to booking tickets and details of the event can be seen here [London's Turbulent Son](#) and here in [Media Release](#).

- Then we have our intrepid team of Pattenmakers' Pilgrims cyclists who will be riding for the send time to raise money for our charitable foundation on Friday 17th This year we have a team of 9 cyclists and they will be riding from Welwyn Garden City to Church's, who have kindly agreed to host them at the finish, in Northampton. We have raised some funds via sponsorship and these wonderful donors enjoy their logos on the jerseys – but they would also love **your** support no matter big or small. More details of this can be [found here](#) and the link to our Justgiving page can be [found here](#)
- And finally, save the date – July 6th – for our next Livery dinner which will be enjoyed on the banks of the Thames on board HQS Wellington, home of the Master Mariners Company. Look out for the booking form due shortly. We will be paying for sunshine!

It remains for me to wish you all a happy and enjoyable rest of May and I look forwards to seeing as many of you as possible during June.

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## City of London Corporation

### Past Master Deputy Christopher Hayward

As I begin my five year tenure as Policy Chairman of the City of London Corporation, which is the defacto Leader of the City I do so with immense pride and humility to have been elected to this high office. The role demands a full time commitment and involves representing the Financial and Professional Services sector the UK both to Government and globally as well as providing the Local Authority services for the Square Mile and overseeing our cultural, educational and open spaces interests. I carry out this role remembering that it was the Pattenmakers who first introduced me to City life some twenty five years ago!



*Mayor of London Sadiq Khan with City of London Corporation Policy Chairman Chris Hayward CC at Bank station following the reopening of the Bank branch of the Northern Line last week.*

## The Big City Loyal Toast

### Invitation from The Worshipful Company of Information Technologists

#### Virtual Toast to the Queen - 30th May 2022

At 5.45pm on Monday 30 May 2022, the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists is organising the Big City Loyal Toast.

The Worshipful Company of Information Technologists are delighted to invite the Pattenmakers to join them for a virtual toast to the Queen, on the occasion of her Platinum Jubilee.



Based on its experience in 2020 with Carols for The City, the WCIT is providing an opportunity for the whole livery movement and the City of London to join the Rt Hon The Lord Mayor Alderman Vincent Keaveny, the Lord Lieutenant of Greater London Sir Kenneth Olisa OBE, and the Rt Hon and Rt Rev Dame Sarah Mullally, Bishop of London, to raise a glass to Her Majesty. Singing of the National Anthem will be led by Voces8, the City's world leading a capella group.

An opportunity to show our gratitude and support for Her Majesty as well as helping the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists reach the record for an online toast. Click on the button below to register. Hope to see you there!

Register

## Becket Pageant in Guildhall Yard



The upcoming Becket Pageant to be held in Guildhall Yard on the 17th and 18th June is a livery event. The Patron is the Lord Mayor and 18 livery Companies are taking part in the free Livery Craft Fair being held jointly with an especially written musical costume play held in the 600 seater open air theatre itself being specifically built for the twice-a-day performance (tickets £25 and £35). Another 20 Livery Companies are lending their support.

The musical Medieval extravaganza is all about Becket and features professional actors and singers, live music, puppets for the kids and lots of participation. Genuinely, fun for all the family. Here is the link to the promotional video: [London Turbulent Son](#) ..and here for the detailed website: [www.becketpageantforlondon.com](http://www.becketpageantforlondon.com)

In all the publicity the 'family fun' nature of the event may not be properly explained or understood.

Bookings are advised to be made in advance using the link provided, but tickets can now also be purchased on the day. There are many of seats now available.

Note that this is the same time as 'Superbloom' at the Tower of London, where the kids can slide down into the moat filled with 2m flowers! A double fun weekend?

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## Common Hall - Election of Sheriffs

Please find attached the Candidates' Addresses for Common Hall: Election of Sheriffs, which will take place on Friday 24 June 2022 at midday. This year's candidates are:

Alderman Alastair King (Candidate for Aldermanic Sheriff; Blacksmith) [Shrieval Address](#); and  
 Andrew Marsden (Candidate for Non-Aldermanic Sheriff; Marketor) [Shrieval Address](#)

Livery Committee website at [www.liverycommittee.org](http://www.liverycommittee.org)

Please note that all Liverymen are asked to arrive from 11.00am to be seated in good time and no later than 11.30am. Those Liverymen arriving later cannot be guaranteed a place in the Great Hall and may be seated, instead, in the Livery Hall or the Old Library. For lunch, please find booking [form here](#)

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## From the Clerk to the Worshipful Company of Feltmakers

The Feltmakers' Inter-Livery Tennis Competition will be held on Tuesday 13th September 2022 at Queen's Club.

The competition is open to teams of mixed pairs, with each Livery Company allowed to enter a maximum of 2 pairs. The competition is designed for Liverymen and their spouses/ partners / friends; one person in each pair should therefore,

ideally, be a Liveryman. The competition will be run as an American tournament, with quarter-finals, semi-finals and a final. The Feltmakers' Trophy will be awarded to the winners. There will be a knock-out Plate Competition for first round group losers. The start time will be 11 a.m.

The competition will be followed by dinner when the Master of the Feltmakers' Company will present prizes to the winners and the runners-up. The evening normally ends shortly after 9.30pm.



Pollinating London Together has been awarded a City of London Corporation Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund (CILNF) grant. We thank the City of London Corporation for their support and look forward to creating greener, healthier City habitats for pollinators – and people – over the next two years.

Pollinating London Together funded to improve biodiversity of City green spaces.

View this email in your browser [Pollinating London Together](#)



Newsletter is available at the following link

Included are

- A report and photographs for the superb Brigantes Golf Spring Meeting and Dinner held at the end of April at Royal Liverpool Golf Club, host venue for next year's R&A Open Championship. In perfect sunny conditions, the Master Framework Knitter led home the winning team.
- Details of how to book for the 2022 Brigantes Breakfast (lunch) at the Tower Ballroom, Blackpool on Thursday 30 June. The Principal Guests are Alderman and Sheriff Alison Gowman and former Lord Mayor Sir Andrew Parmley, with performances by celebrity professional dancers Erin Boag and Ian Waite of Strictly Come Dancing fame.

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## Connecting Communities

Please [find attached here](#) information on the 'Connecting Communities' programme, a new City of London employment service for anyone aged 18 and over who is not in full-time work, training or education. To find out more about how your Livery Company can partner with this exciting new initiative, call Gwen Rhys, Business Manager, on 07599 102169 or email her at: [gwen.rhys@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:gwen.rhys@cityoflondon.gov.uk).

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## Our Charitable Fund

### St Paul's Chorister Trust - Immediate Past Master Jennifer Bryant-Pearson



The Pattenmakers are supporters of the St Paul's Chorister Trust which has enabled us to have a linked chorister, whom any of you saw when he sang for us at the Summer event at Merchant Taylors' Hall and again at the Reform Club fundraiser.

The Cathedral has just made the important decision to include girl choristers in the future and the Dean of St Paul's cathedral sent us this message:

*I am delighted to inform you that the Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral has recently made the exciting decision to welcome girl choristers into our internationally renowned Choir. For the first time in 900 years, a girls' line of equal number and profile to the boys will be added to our Choir.*

*We intend that the first girls will join the Choir in 2025 after both the Cathedral and St Paul's Cathedral School have had the time to undertake the practical arrangements needed to provide a truly equal offer for girl and boy choristers.*

*This decision builds on a long-held ambition to introduce girls' voices into the Cathedral Choir at St Paul's. Our Choir is a true family, built on the values of encouragement, kindness and support. Welcoming women alto deputies 10 years ago, and appointing our first permanent female Vicar Choral five years ago, has thoroughly enriched the vibrancy of our choral and social life.*

*Knowing that our incredible boys will be joined by young female choristers in the near future is heart-warming, and an important milestone in the Choir's history.*

*I look forward to working with the St Paul's Cathedral School, under the leadership of Simon Larter-Evans, to move forward with pace and purpose to ensure that Chapter's vision for the Cathedral Choir will become a reality as soon as is practically possible.*

*As part of the plans, a full fundraising campaign will be launched so that the School's current boarding facilities can be enlarged, and the Cathedral's generous scholarship programme can be delivered equally for both girls and boys.*

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### St Margaret Pattens - Renter Warden Deputy Keith Bottomley

We are unique in the City Livery in having a church named after us - our Guild Church of St Margaret Pattens which was designed and built by Sir Christopher Wren between 1684 and 1687 at a cost of £5,000.

This is a very special church with which we have been associated since the 15th century and takes its name from the Pattens that were made and sold in and around Rood Lane where the church is located.

We support the church with an annual grant of £7,500 for the Pattenmakers Charitable Foundation. The Friends of St Margaret Pattens contribute around £4,000 pa towards the provision of a church administrator. This relies on donations from Pattenmakers, and Basketmakers who we share the church with.



**Please would you consider becoming a friend of our wonderful guild church. No annual donation is too small.**

The form can be downloaded here: [Friends brochure](#) Please set up your own regular payment and let the Hon Treasurer, Keith Bottomley, know. at [keith.bottomley@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:keith.bottomley@cityoflondon.gov.uk)

### **Pattenmaker Pilgrims Ride 17th June 2022**

#### **Riders are:**

Liveryman Joseph Robertson  
Court Assistant David Emanuel  
Past Master Richard Kottler  
Trade Warden Chris Stears

#### **Guest Riders are:**

Philip Leijten (*Husband and Consort to the Master*)  
David Easterfield (*Court Assistant Jane Wilson's Husband*)  
Dan Stears (*Chris Stears' Brother*)  
David Stears (*Chris Stears' Father*) and;  
John Hooker, CEO Satra

#### **Sponsors are:**

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I-FM, Lamont Pridmore  
Beauty Cove, Satra



For more information please see link here [Pilgrims Bike Ride](#) where you can also find how to make a donation via our JustGiving page.

The Route Map can be [found here](#)

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## Our History

### Court Assistant Steve Huxham

I've managed to pick up something I've been watching a long time from the US. Auction photos attached. An old horse patten or bog shoe as they've called it. They hardly ever seem to come up and this one has been going for a while.

For more information on this subject see "Out of the Mud" – copies still available.



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## Members News

### The Cordwainers of York - The Master

The York weekend is an annual event in the Master's calendar and is a chance for all the Leather Livery group of Companies to make the journey up north in support of our regional colleagues. We all made the trip up from London and were not disappointed, neither by the weather in the north (!), nor the hospitality; alongside the opportunity to get to know one another better and to discuss in more detail what the format and purpose of this weekend could look like going forwards. The highlight of the weekend was definitely the opportunity to dine in the medieval Merchant Adventurers Hall pictured here.



*Merchant Adventurers Hall*



*A lovely photo of the 3 Lady Masters who attended the York weekend! Coachmakers, Glovers and Pattenmakers.....*



### **Footwear Dinner - Court Assistant Annette Cove**

Our 20th Annual Footwear Dinner took place on Thursday 12th May at the magnificent Grocer's Hall a superb venue where we were looked after exceptionally well. Of the 117 at table 48 members of the company mainly from the footwear sector enjoyed an excellent dinner accompanied by their guests which included retailers, brands, suppliers, distributors and manufacturers.



*Court Assistant  
Stephen Etheridge*

Court Assistant Stephen Etheridge eloquently welcomed the guests to the dinner which was sponsored by SATRA (Shoe and Allied Trades Association) <https://www.satra.com> in attendance was SATRA's CEO John Hooker and Executive Director Michael Bodsworth.

The speaker Joanne Jørgensen - Design Director at Nike's Textile innovation studio for Footwear delivered a stimulating and thought-provoking speech on how mentoring and coaching is a key part to a successful career in the creative industries and how by cultivating an environment within the design studio of belonging where it is safe to fail, then we will be able to solve the challenges we face tomorrow.



*Joanne Jørgensen*



Jordan Gray - our 2022 Young Manager Award- Footwear received her Freedom of the company from the Master, she was accompanied by her father Liveryman Ken Gray. Jordan is an impressive lady; she displays real pride in her work and a love of the footwear industry which was compelling to the interview panel; who were delighted to be able to offer her the support of the Pattenmaker's Young Manager Award for her further career development.

The Master gave a warm, welcoming and engaging speech and shared a little of our Pattenmakers history with guests who may not have been so familiar. The guests were introduced to Pattens and the key elements were highlighted by showing to the guests several Pattens which were removed taken from our wonderful display of pattens in St Margaret Pattens Church for that purpose.



This was our first gathering as a Footwear Community since 2019 and was a wonderful occasion. We are looking forward to **the 21st Annual Footwear Dinner will take place at the Girdlers' Hall on Thursday 18th May 2023.....please save the date.**

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### Report from the Inter-Livery Shoot - Liveryman Rachael Scarr-Hall



In what has now become the de facto premier Livery sports event of the year, the Pattenmakers entered two teams into the 2022 Inter Livery Charity Clay Shoot. For the first time in recent memory the Livery entered two teams, and both were very capable of winning the event on their day!

In attendance we had Rachael Scarr-Hall, Phillip Marsh, Edward Mcfarlane & Will Holland (Pattenmakers A), as well as Graham Perry, Sophia Lee, Nick Selby & Sean Pritchard (Pattenmakers B). The teams performed very well and were able to shoot alongside each other throughout the day. It was particularly exciting to have Sophia & Graham join the team as they had only started shooting last year and both did exceptionally well given the fact they have only shot skeet targets prior to the event.

The course was challenging with some particularly high birds off of the towers, long crossers and deceptive teal targets. Nonetheless the Pattenmaker A and B teams were able to meet the challenge and achieve 18th and 7th place respectively (out of 91 teams!). A special mention to

individual guns Sean who came 6th and Phillip who came 8th (out of circa 350 guns!). The teams are very proud of their efforts, and are looking forward to improving on the results next year.

### Social Media Survey results - Court Assistant Annette Cove

Please read the full [report here](#)

### Blesma Zoom Talk on the 18th May - The Master

A number of members joined the zoom talk given by Brian Chenier MBE from Blesma – the British Limbless ex-Servicemen Association o the evening of the 18th May.



It was both fascinating and heartfelt to hear of the work of this extraordinary charity and how they look after veterans, and their families, encompassing all aspects of their life and how to get them assistance, without being passed from pillar to post. They also encourage members to help each other.



This is a relationship that began some five years ago and which has been rekindled by the Senior Past Master, Stuart Lamb and the Immediate Past Master Jennifer Bryant-Pearson, and we look forward very much to seeing how this partnership strengthens going forwards in particular in the orthopaedic footwear space. The stories Brian re-told were incredibly moving – and we hope to be able to print one of them here in the months to come.

### Raynes Shoes in the News

The eagle eyed Clerk noticed an article in the Sunday Telegraph regarding the Marcos Family.



*A museum employee displays some of the shoes of former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos  
CREDIT: AFP*

Edward (later Sir) Rayne CVO was Master Pattenmaker in 1981

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## Liveryman Ken Bartle

We are sorry to report the passing of Liveryman Ken Bartle. Obituary can be found here. Court Assistant Annette Cove recalls that Ken attended our 2019 footwear diner with 6 guests one being his son Paul. Perhaps other members of the Livery may have recollections of him.

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## Obituary: Footwear veteran Ken Bartle

By Alys Key, Drapers online



Footwear veteran Ken Bartle, who held roles at Jones Bootmaker, Freeman Hardy and Willis and Shoon, among others, has died at the age of 91.

Bartle passed away peacefully at home earlier this month.

Born in East London in 1930, he was one of seven children. In 1949, Bartle was called up to the army and later also served in the territorial army, achieving the role of captain.

After a brief stint as a merchant banker, his retail career began when he joined Marks & Spencer as a trainee manager.

He began working in footwear, the category that would become the central focus of his career, in 1968 when he was poached to become chief executive of footwear retail chain Freeman Hardy and Willis. Here, he revolutionised the industry for good when he introduced the concept of self-service footwear to the UK.

Roles at various shoe retailers followed, and he also tried his hand at furniture retailing, heading to the US in the 1990s to oversee the Hitchcock Furniture Company.

But he returned to both footwear and the UK in 1993 to rescue the teetering footwear manufacturer Stead & Simpson.

Then, in 2001, he teamed up with friends and frequent business partners Peter Phillips and Lance Clark to buy Jones Bootmaker from Prada in 2001. With Bartle as chief executive, the business was revitalised, and they later sold a majority stake to a financial consortium in 2005.

In 2006, Bartle was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award at the Drapers Footwear Awards, receiving a standing ovation on the night of the ceremony.

Far from capping off his career, the award was just another milestone as Bartle continued to be

active in the industry for another decade. He told Drapers at the time that he was “most definitely not retiring”.

In 2009, Bartle and Phillips once again took control of Jones Bootmaker. In 2011, they sold it to Macintosh Retail Group, but Bartle stayed on as chief executive for almost a year.

Tough he promised to take a holiday once he stepped down from the retailer in 2012, it wasn't long before he and Phillips were looking around for other opportunities.

In 2014, the duo acquired footwear retailer Shoon. However, as Phillips' health deteriorated, the pair decided to sell the company to Mark Pinnock in 2015.

Outside of work, Bartle's hobbies included horse racing, theatre, and cruises.

He is survived by his son, Paul, and his daughter, Nova Roberts, as well as two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Speaking to Drapers, Paul Bartle said his father had continued to do “fantastically” as he reached his 90s.

“I'm staggered how many people from so long back hold him in such high regard, how many remembered his friendship,” he said. “They say what a really good guy he was to work for, in the way he helped and supported people.”

*A funeral service for Ken Bartle will take place at West Suffolk Crematorium – St Edmund's Chapel on Friday 24 June at 1pm. Those wishing to attend should contact Amanda at Meredith Greengrass Funeral Services on 0128 4754017*

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