



The Pattenmaker

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From the Master, Sarah Leijten



I hope that you have all had a lovely break. What a busy month it has been!

We have a lot of things to report, as well as a number of events and save the dates for your calendars – so I hope that you will enjoy reading this edition of the newsletter knowing that City activities are very much alive and kicking!

As I write this, I am reflecting on the absolutely fantastic weekend some of us have just had with the United Guilds of Tanners and Shoemakers in Zurich as their guests, and to celebrate their Sechselauten.

I hope that when you see some of the pictures in the [link here](#) many of you will be encouraged to join the next trip in two years' time.

Our hosts, Thomas Huggler and Felix Huber pictured here, were simply fantastic. Felix is on the left and Thomas on the right – and this is at the end of the parade when they had received bountiful amounts of flowers from the ladies in the streets!



Since the last newsletter we have been to a number of events. Philip and I attended the Lord Mayor's banquet at the end of April, happily catching up with Past Master Christopher Hayward at the same event and reflecting together on the splendour of the occasion.

This was followed the next day by the United Guilds' Service in St Paul's, returning after two years. Those of us attending all commented on how incredibly poignant the service was, along with the sermon, owing as it does, its origins to the time of the Blitz in 1943 and now coming on the back of the events happening in Ukraine.

Truly one of the most moving services many of us had attended in a while. Following the service, we were suitably entertained by the Painters-Stainers for lunch (*right*).

Finally on the entertainment front, and of note, the Clerk and I were, for the first time, entertained by the Feltmakers at their livery dinner held in the Vintners' Hall.

Liveryman Joseph Robertson, the Clerk and Past Master Michael Kemsley.



Other happenings that absolutely must be mentioned here are that our congratulations must be offered to Past Master Sir John Timpson for his award for the First Responsible Capitalism Award 2022, bestowed upon him at The House of Lords. An excellent achievement! So too is the fact it can't have gone unnoticed that the booklet entitled Out of the Pandemic has been published and sent out to all those that had bought a copy of the Company's history book – Out of the Mud.

This is a superb telling and record of the past two years of the Covid pandemic – lest we forget – and how well the Company has thrived and survived. I can highly recommend it and if you haven't already got a copy of the history book please do order one from the Clerk, and you will get the pandemic update as well or [click here](#) to order a copy.

Our thanks and praise go to Past Master Richard Kottler for being the driving force behind this publication and for Liveryman Stephen Cribb, Peter Dixon and Ian Hayward without whom this would never have been published. One of hosts while in Zurich, Felix Huber, proudly shows off his copy!



After such a busy month of April we have another one ahead of us for May. I do hope that many of you will join in with as many events as you feel able. We have the Footwear dinner on the 12th May which if you haven't already signed up for, please do so as soon as possible, as it promises to be wonderful event. [Click here](#) for the Footwear Booking Form We also have a talk from Brian Chenier from BLESMA; an organisation that supports limbless veterans and with whom we are building a relationship. I encourage you to sign up here for what I am sure will be an interesting overview of their work: [Click here](#) to register

Finally, I have two 'save the dates' for you: the first is the Members' + guest dinner at London Zoo on the 8th June which promises to be an exciting new venue for us, so look out for the booking form which will be out very shortly; and the second is the annual Sheriffs' Ball on the 23rd September – about which more information will follow, and which we hope we can get at least one Pattenmakers' table.

It remains for me to wish you all happy reading and to have a great month – till next time!

City of London Corporation

Easter Bulletin from Alderman Vincent Keaveny The Rt Hon the Lord Mayor

Please [click here](#) to read the full bulletin.



Miss Laura Miller - Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court

The newsletter from the new Clerk can be [found here](#) with some important updates, together with the updated application form [found here](#) which includes the new fee details.

The Revd Ben Cahill-Nicholls -Chief Executive, Clergy Support Trust

After two years without an in-person service, this year's Festival will be particularly special, not least as we welcome HRH The Duchess of Gloucester and other honoured guests, and we hope very much that your Liverymen and Freemen might be able to attend.

As a Freeman myself, I am deeply conscious of the huge contribution Livery Companies make to the life of our shared city, and the historic links our charity has always enjoyed with them. I am eager to keep those strong and would so enjoy meeting as many of your Liverymen and Freemen as possible at this year's Festival.

The Festival Service will begin at 5pm with a majestic procession of the choirs, cathedral clergy, Masters of Livery Companies, Bishops, and special guests. Tickets for the Festival Service are free and can be easily booked via our website. [The Clergy Support Trust](#)

The world's oldest choral service, this year it will bring together three of the UK's finest cathedral choirs under the dome of St Paul's, and we are thrilled that the Dean of St Paul's, The Very Reverend Dr David Ison, will preach.

Following the Service there is a Festival Dinner at Merchant Taylors' Hall, with tickets for this costing £100 per person for a three-course meal. [Festival Dinner](#)

Lord and Lady Lisvane will be the speakers. The Lord Lisvane KCB DL, an Honorary Vice-President of Clergy Support Trust, is a Crossbench peer and former Clerk of the House of Commons. The Revd Lady Lisvane, as well as being chair of the Hereford Diocesan Board of Finance, is a self-supporting priest serving several rural churches in Herefordshire.

With their unique and diverse perspectives on the Church today, we know that the Lisvanes will provide a fascinating after-dinner talk for us all.

The Dinner will also provide an opportunity to hear about Clergy Support Trust's response to the pandemic, In the last year our charity has helped around 5,000 people, including spouses/partners of clergy, children, retired clergy and widow(er)s. The demand for our support services and financial grants continues to grow across England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. In all this work, we are delighted to be supported ourselves by a number of Livery Companies, whose donations are greatly appreciated.

I do hope your Court Assistants, Liverymen and Freemen will soon apply for their Festival tickets , to ensure they are able to join us for this very special service, and for the wonderful Dinner which follows it. I look forward to seeing them there. Please do also encourage forwarding of this invitation to any colleagues, family and friends who might wish to join us for the 367th Festival.

Livery Climate Action Group Update – Sherriff and Alderman Alison Gowman



To read the latest update please [click here](#)

Worshipful Company of Carmen – Portsmouth Drive

Do you own a vintage or classic car?

For more information on this wonderful event, please [click here](#)



Sheriffs' Ball on 23rd September - Immediate Past Master Jennifer Bryant – Pearson

I am organising a table once again for the Sheriffs' Ball which is always a great occasion – lots of fun, great food and wines, dancing and entertainment in the glorious surroundings of Guildhall.

If you would like to join our Pattenmakers' table, please contact Jennifer Bryant-Pearson as soon as possible: jennifer@pattscomms.com

Our Charitable Fund

St Margaret Pattens

The AGM was held on the 28th April and the Annual Report and Accounts can be [found here](#).

Against the Odds – Guy Disney

The Clerk spotted this TV programme. Captain Guy Fraser Disney MBE who was injured in Afghanistan is the first amputee jockey to win a horse race at a professional race-course in Britain. He won the Royal Artillery Gold Cup, on his horse, Rathlin Rose, at Sandown Park Racecourse, in Esher in Surrey, in 2017. The Pattenmakers provided his riding boots and the programme is available on itv hub.



Members News

Past Master Sir John Timpson CBE receives award for responsible capitalism



In their Citation FIRST state that “Sir John Timpson CBE, Chairman of Timpson, received the FIRST Responsible Capitalism Award 2022 for his inspired leadership throughout a lifetime in business, with an impeccable record of helping those who have fallen victim to misfortune, and specialising in recruiting staff from marginalised groups within society. He and his late wife have also been foster carers to some 90 children over a period of thirty-one years. His unique approach to recruitment and his commitment to Responsible Capitalism are exemplary.”

The Clerk spotted the announcement in the Daily Telegraph





In 2000 FIRST instituted the Award for Responsible Capitalism to honour business leaders who have excelled in both commercial success and social responsibility. FIRST is a multidisciplinary International Affairs organisation.

Proposed initiative to link Ukrainian refugees to employment

Liveryman Ingrida Kerusauskaite

As the conflict in Ukraine continues, the number of Ukrainian refugees who have fled is now close to 5.5 million, with the majority currently in Poland. Refugees' savings are being fast depleted and as the war's end is not yet in sight, interim solutions to support Ukrainian refugees are needed. People want to work to support themselves, send funds to their family members that have remained and also to return to some normality and be productive members of society, as they are used to.

I would like to see if the Pattenmakers could draw on our networks to help employ Ukrainian women (men 18-60 y.o. aren't allowed to leave the country) who have fled the war. Refugees who come under the 'Homes for Ukraine' scheme are eligible to work in the UK for 3 years. There will be a mix of skills levels and experience, so positions in a range of seniority levels could be filled.

The initiative to support the women would involve the below steps, with thoughts on how to improve the process appreciated:

1. Drawing on Pattenmakers in facilities management, shoe and financial services industry to identify where there are vacancies that could be filled by Ukrainian refugees to compile a list of available jobs.
2. Liaising with the charities that are helping house Ukrainian refugees find accommodation, to coordinate a full offer to the refugees:
 - We could add a tab to the website <https://www.supportingukraine.co.uk/> - to show the vacancies that are available, or we could do that off-line directly with the refugees.
 - Small group self-funding travel to Poland to identify the first batch of people to link up with the prospective employers to consider for the vacancies, as well as organisations that could help identify the refugees going forward
3. This could be expanded to involve other liveries if successful, maximising our impact

Please get in touch with me at ingrida.ker@gmail.com if you'd like to support, particularly looking for anyone interested in supporting to:

1. arrange possibilities of employment with businesses you are familiar with, and/or
 2. help work on this initiative.
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Virtual Quiz Night

This event was enjoyed by all those who took part – some of whom are shown below. Many thanks to Liveryman Zoe Chowney for organising it and setting the questions.



Can you identify the celebrities disguised as Easter Bunnies in one of the round

WELCOME!

Round 1: Celebrity Easter Bunnies! Can you identify the 10 famous people below?:



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2.



3.



4.



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6.



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Pets' Corner

Master, Sarah Leijten

How many dogs can you get in a sheep trough?



Letters to the Editor

Richard Woodman-Bailey Past Master Mason wrote to the Clerk

I am writing to thank you most sincerely for the totally unexpected delivery of your new publication on the Covid-19 crisis. I've been away and only glanced through it just now, but I look forward to reading it properly. It does the Pattenmakers proud, the icing on the cake after Out of the Mud.

Editor's note – The Pattenmakers are assisting the Masons in giving technical advice on the publication of their History.

If you order Out of the Mud you will receive bonus edition of Out of the Pandemic.

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

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