



The Pattenmaker

NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY

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From the Master, Sarah Leijten



I hope that you have all been able to keep as cool as possible in what has been unprecedented heat in this country – and to that end it is perhaps fitting that in this edition there are some notes from the first annual conference of the Livery Climate Action Group that I attended early this month and which I hope you will find informative. The challenge was thrown out to all of us who attended so I will repeat it here: they called it the 2-2-2 Challenge – what 2 things will you stop doing, what 2 things will you start to do and what 2 things can you do more of; all of course, actions related to mitigate your footprint.

This has been another very busy month from a Livery perspective and I have had the pleasure of attending a number of events including the one above, which have included the Gold & Silver Wyre Drawers' Dinner at the Vintners' Hall, the Glovers'

Annual Awards lunch at the Plaisterers' Hall and the Master's Dinner at the Leathersellers. I joined the team of Pattenmakers at the Beating the Retreat celebration at the DMRC, which also gave us the chance to see what the team has achieved with the Trailfinders Cafe (previously the Escape Cafe). I must say having seen the before and after photos the transformation is simply superb and all those involved, not least our IPM Jennifer Bryant-Pearson for kickstarting the whole thing, should feel justifiably proud – please do take the time to read the report by Martin Pickard our former Trade Warden here in the newsletter.



The Master with Past Master Gold and Silver Wyre Drawer Emeritus James Walker.

There is an update from Past Master Richard Kottler on the The Kottler Crazy Triathlon including a video of his wing walking which has to be seen to be believed.



*The Master and daughter Young Freeman
Victoria Leijten*

We of course had our Court and Livery dinner on HQS Wellington which was a wonderful occasion and the weather was kind to us – enabling a lovely summer’s evening overlooking the river.

We were joined by two fellow leather Livery Masters – the Master Cordwainer and Master Loriner, an excellent speaker and you can see some of the photos and report later in this edition. It was lovely to see so many of you and I continue to be so heartened to see our fellowship thriving so well – I hope that as many of you who attended the summer event, will join me at our next Livery dinner on the 6th October at the Cutlers’ Hall. Earlier in the evening the Court had the pleasure of appointing a new Court Assistant – Mark Jeffery along with seeing four Freemen clothed in the Livery:



Sarah Hodge



Susan O’Hare



Vanessa Podmore



Mike Watson-Smith

Many congratulations to all of them.

Others who have represented us this month are Assistant Martin Heffer who stood in for me at 101 Engineers Regimental parade in the Guildhall Yard picture below



PM Kottler and Liveryman Susan O'Hare attended the prize giving - much postponed due to Covid – at the City of London School Islington. The winner of our footwear design competition held for the year 9's was presented with our prize and you can read about the competition and the winner later. The pupils and the school have gained so much from this that the plan is for it to continue every year. Our thanks go to those who guided all pupils along their journey to some fabulous designs for sports footwear.

This will be last newsletter until September, there being a break during August of events, so it remains for me to mention some dates and activities that we need your support for and to put these dates into your diaries. At the beginning of October we have the London Marathon which is of course our biggest fund-raising activity of the year for our Charitable Foundation. I will be writing to you all early in September asking for your support for our amazing line-up of runners who are taking

part on our behalf. In the meantime I am pleased to say that we have continued to see the amounts raised from various activities so far, including the bike ride, continue to rise,

We have our Common Meal on 22nd September at the City Livery Club – which is a chance for you, our Members, to grill the officers of the company on activities that have taken place, and ask any burning questions that you may have – all while enjoying a nice meal and good company! As mentioned earlier, the next formal dinner is the 6th October at the Cutlers' Hall. We have the Facilities Management dinner on the 18th October at the Apothecaries' Hall; and then for all Gin aficionados we have a return of the hugely popular informal Gin tasting event (not held now for at least 3 years) on 27th October.



I am pleased too to announce that our Wardens will be taking part in the Livery Halls Walk in September which is a great event to get to know other members of Liveries – and which I myself and our IPM took part in, in 2019.

It is also with pleasure that I can announce that the ancient Liveries in the City have been allocated a 'walking float' in the Lord Mayor's Show on the 12th November. As Pattenmakers we have a carriage in the parade every third year (this is not one of them) – and so we have been allocated, and have taken up the option, to have 4 walking places in this year's show. Some sore feet coming up all round later this year!

I hope that many of you might be free to come to cheer us on while we wave our banner on the 12th – we will be sending out lunch details etc. nearer the time so folks could make a day of it.

So – a busy July, and a busy Autumn coming up! I hope that you will all enjoy a lovely break whatever it is you all find yourselves doing, and that everyone stays healthy and well – and I very much look forward to catching up with you in September.

City of London Corporation

Lord Mayor's Summer Report

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Report from the first Annual Livery Climate Action Group Conference 4th July 2022

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Livery Committee Briefing newsletter

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LIVERY COMMITTEE



The Lord Mayor's City Giving Day

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The 2022 Brigantes Breakfast, The Tower, Blackpool

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Please [click here](#) for pictures

City Livery Club - Root and Branch Awards 2022

Please [click](#) here for report



THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF FELTMAKERS INTER LIVERY TENNIS COMPETITION 2022



To be held at The Queens Club Palliser Road, London W14 9EQ
on Tuesday 13th September 2022

Please [click here](#) for more information
Please [click here](#) for entry form

Annual Sheep Drive – 25th September

Kate Humble Announced as Celebrity Guest of
2022 Annual Sheep Drive and Livery Fair –

Full more information and details of how to
book [please click here](#). If you have any
questions or need further information you can
contact the Sheep Drive organisers directly at:
sheepdriveteamenquiries@woolmen.com



Our Charitable Fund

The Kottler Crazy Triathlon Update- Past Master Richard Kottler

Two down and one to go !

The cycle ride was completed but not without incident in that some 1/3rd of the way in, my complete gear system sheared off and I was left without a bike. I joined the rest of the team at the finish and covered with shame decided to do the missing kilometres (about 60) the following day and added on a few more by way of penance. The rest of the team kindly allowed me to be included as a participant even though I was not as exposed as they were to the 33c heat on the actual day.



And last Friday, I did the Wing Walk. This took place at that major aerodrome outside Upminster, Essex and was on a plane that was built the same year as I was born, neither of which gave anyone confidence! So off we went along the grass runway with smoke billowing from somewhere on the plane - or myself, it was not clear. We did dives, steep ascents and lots of different angles but thankfully not barrel rolls or loop the loops for which you need additional training. Great views of

Canary Wharf and the Thames - when I had my eyes open - and only a few rain drops, which felt like acupuncture on the face. Protected only by goggles, the flight(?) finished with an elegant glide down with lots of showboating on my part, relief on Sonja's behalf and a determination never to do it again.

It was exhilarating, verging on nervousness but an amazing experience.

Have a look at this video : [Richard's Wing Walk](#)

So onwards for the Swim the Serpentine in September. Having never swum anything like the 1 mile involved and certainly not in open water, I have had my first lesson at Shepperton Lakes and have a couple of months of training and getting used to being in a wet suit (but not a collar and tie). I am sure it will be fine, but not easy.

In the meantime, can I thank my very generous donors who have helped raise an extraordinary £3,300 so far and I would love this total to reach £4,000 or even more. I will be writing to all of you soon. The Just Giving link is www.justgiving.com/fundraising/richard-kottler

DMRC Café Report - Liveryman Martin Pickard

The new café at the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre, Stanford Hall is a perfect example of the good works carried out every year by the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers' Charitable Foundation. The charity has had a relationship with the DMRC for many years, providing bespoke orthopaedic footwear for injured servicemen and women but in summer 2019, on a visit to the new centre near Loughborough, we were shown a beautifully built but bare and soulless corridor containing the hospital shop and asked if we could find some funding to transform the space into something useful, like a café.

2020 was the 350th anniversary of the Company receiving its Royal Charter and the new Master, Jennifer Bryant-Pearson thought that this presented an opportunity to commemorate that with a lasting gift which would benefit the more than 8,000 patients the DMRC treat every year. As it was our 350th Jubilee the Court agreed to underwrite the project with a minimum of £35,000.

Unfortunately, when I and members from the FM community considered the size of the space, - described by one patient as a "swirling vortex of nothingness" we recognised that a more appropriate budget would exceed £200,000. However, with confidence in both the fundraising passion of our members and the goodwill of the FM industry I accepted the role of project lead and assembled a team of all talents to approach the challenge.

Three years, one pandemic, and a lot of hard work later that café is now open and thriving. During a visit in June, a group of us were able to see the results of our labours and to hear from people on site about how relaxing, sociable and therapeutic the patients are finding their new facility which is now busy at all times.

The drab and functional military décor has been replaced by a soothing colour scheme, by quality furniture which meets the clinical and accessibility requirements of the wide range of patients, new lighting replicating daylight through glass, real plants bringing the outdoors indoors, and design features like wainscoting borrowed from the heritage past of what was once a Victorian orangery.

Pictures show before



and below after



All of this was made possible by the generosity and support of so many people. I would love to list them all but must make special mention of :

- Past Master Jennifer Bryant Pearson for her vision and support throughout
- Lesley Exley and her fundraising team for exceeding that £35,000 target by a record amount
- Graham Perry and his events team for so many opportunities for fundraising and fun
- Mike Packham and Bernard Williams Associates for providing first class professional services entirely on a pro bono basis
- Bryan Oknyansky for his brilliant but practical designs also provided pro bono thanks to Dexter Moran
- Sarah Hodge and the many suppliers she persuaded to give us so much for so little
- Kath Fontana for bringing MITIE on board to carry out the works on site for no profit and the MITIE staff who gave their time free of charge
- The DMRC team on site especially Quartermaster Matt Davies for his patience and assistance
- All the corporate sponsors and personal donors both large and small
- The DMRC Benevolent fund who partnered with us in financing the works. It is to be hoped that this is the beginning of a mutually rewarding long term partnership with them

The purpose of the DMRC is the rehabilitation of the most seriously injured



(l to R) Liveryman Martin Pickard, Maj. Matthew Davies (DMRC Quartermaster), Liveryman Sarah Hodge, Master Sarah Leijten, Immediate Past Master Jennifer Bryant-Pearson, Lt Col Timothy Clarke (Chair of Trustees DMRC Benevolent Fund)

State School Footwear Design Project - Liveryman Susan O'Hare

The City of London Academy Islington held their Summer Award Event on 30th June where the Livery were invited to present Awards to the winners of the "Design a Trainer" Project. Prizes for the first and joint second were in the form of gift vouchers donated by Pattenmakers Charitable Foundation. All prize winners received a copy of Out of the Mud.

Background

The Head of School, Sonia Jacob along with PM Kottler and Liveryman Susan O'Hare worked with the Head of Department Caroline Johnson to integrate into the academic year the 'Design a Trainer' project and which involved over 120 pupils in year 9 (13/14 years old).

Susan was aided by footwear designers Liveryman Chau Hau Lee and Micheal Lewis who mentored the students over a number of Zoom calls

The project's aim was to give students an opportunity to be creative and respond to the brief as if they owned a brand of trainers.

The project also aimed to give an insight into the footwear industry and what it would be like working for a footwear brand, hearing about footwear manufacturing, designing footwear also how a prototype is development and different types of jobs within the footwear industry.

All pupils were shown videos of footwear design and manufacturing compiled by Assistant Cove and 20 students selected from the top initial designs visited Gina Shoes in Tottenham. Our thanks to owner Attila Kurdash for allowing the students to tour his wonderful factory.

The brief

Liveryman O'Hare explained the brief to all the participants and which was to design a trainer that would be unique to the market that reflects the needs and wants of a consumer aged between 16-30 years old.

The outcome

All participants had to compile a book showing the final trainer design from at least two different angles plus:

- The sole design
- Own logo design
- Selected colour palette
- Customer profile and price points Material / fabric selection
- To Make notes on their thought process and inspiration for their design

The judging was tough but the judges were very impressed by the high level of enthusiasm evident in the designs and the shortlisted candidates had all demonstrated originality and an understanding of their target market. The winners had produced records of their thought processes, mood boards, initial designs and colours and branding. To take a look at some of the designs, please [click here](#)

The Future

The school was delighted with this initiative and is keen to repeat the project later this year and this time we will concentrate on fewer pupils and hopefully be able to have face to face mentoring during the 8 week length of the project. We have had approaches from other London State Schools to run this scheme with them.



Here is a picture of the winner in front of this work.



Liveryman Susan O'Hare with winner

Members' News

Young Pattenmakers – The Ultimate Friends Quiz

The Old Queens Head 44 Essex Road, London N1 on the 10th August at 7pm



Finally, The Ultimate Friends Quiz! And this time it's better than ever as its brought to you by none other than Dave Cribb of the Friends with Friends Podcast!

Do you know how they measure pants? What is Chandler Bing's job? Can you speak French like Joey?

If so, come test your knowledge on possibly the greatest sitcom ever made.

Get your vocals ready for an evening of singing smelly Cat and getting more competitive than Ross and Monica at thanksgiving.

Don't bamboozle yourself, come and win free shots, bottles of bubbles and other prizes!
Max. 6 to a team | £4 per person | 7PM K.O

For further details please contact via email sophia.lee@datore.co or call: 07799701210

The Court and Livery Dinner - Upper Warden Commodore Patrick Tyrell OBE

On Wednesday, 6 July 2022, The Pattenmakers sat down in the magnificent dining room of HQS WELLINGTON for their summer dinner.



This vessel is the Livery Hall of the Worshipful Company of Master Mariners. It had always been the ambition of the founding members of the Worshipful Company of Master Mariners to have their own Livery Hall. Up to the outbreak of war in 1939, various proposals were examined, including the purchase of the sailing ship, the *Archibald Russell*.

After the war, it became apparent that the possibility of building a Hall in the City of London had been rendered very remote. In 1947, the Grimsby class sloop *Wellington* was made available by the Admiralty. The Company decided to buy her with money subscribed by the Members and convert her to a floating Livery Hall – an appropriate home for a Company of seafarers.

Built at Devonport in 1934, HMS *Wellington* served in the Pacific mainly on station in New Zealand and China before the Second World War. During the war, *Wellington* was fitted with two 4.7 inch and one three inch guns. Additionally, anti-aircraft guns were fitted for self-defence. Depth charges for use against submarines were also carried. The *Wellington* served primarily in the North Atlantic on convoy escort duties. She shared in the destruction of one enemy U boat and was involved in Operation Dynamo, the evacuation of troops from Dunkirk.

Pre-Dinner drinks were taken as the guests arrived



Past Master Michael Kemsley



Past Master Donald Newell



Past Master Richard Kottler and Court Assistant David Emanuel



Past Masters Tim Watts and Barry Rider OBE

The Pattenmakers dined on fillet of salmon with a citrus dressing, perfect for the repast on a hot summer's day in London.



The Master presented the Immediate Past Master Jennifer Bryant-Pearson with an illuminated scroll in appreciation of her year as Master.



The Master, Mrs Sarah Leijten, proposed the Loyal Toast, the Royal Family and Lord Mayor



The Toast to the Guests fell to Liveryman and Court Assistant Jane Wilson



Our guest speaker for the evening was James Wallace, naturalist, archaeologist and social entrepreneur

Our guest speaker, James Wallace had an incredibly moving personal story to share alongside the work he is currently involved with at River Action UK. He has spent over 20 years using a natural systems approach to solving environmental problems, setting up organisations to pioneer solutions to the climate and extinction crises. More recently he has worked in nature restoration, establishing Nekton Foundation, a deep-sea exploration institute, Beaver Trust and River Action, both river conservation charities. He has also established or transformed enterprises ranging from conservation and development in the tropics (Blue Ventures), and ecotourism in Europe (Sawday's) to climate communications (Susten8), CSR and education (Global Cool), renewable energy (Empower Community) and clean technology investment (The Research Exchange). His talk was illuminating and extremely relevant as we sat aboard a ship floating on England's greatest river. James proposed the toast to the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers in a rich and entertaining manner. The Master replied to the Toast and then encouraged us to migrate to the Quarterdeck for a post-prandial drink as the sun set over West London.

A perfect evening and dinner!

Cyber Security and Password reset date 22nd August - Court Assistant David Emanuel



Cyber security is something that today we all have to take seriously and be conscious of. The total cost of cybercrime committed globally has already reached \$6trillion. It is a sad fact that anyone that is connected to the internet can become a victim of a cyber-attack. The purpose of this article is not to scare, but to make you aware and keep you as safe as possible.

Your security and privacy is important to us, and we have a detailed Privacy Policy on the website which undertakes to ensure we are compliant to the Data Protection Act of 2018 (GDPR).

Whilst we are a low risk organisation and we don't store any of your financial information or credit card details online, we do host information on events, documents, forms and reports, including the newsletters whose content is solely intended for members to access.

The greatest concern are the passwords to access the membership area, not being as secure as they could be in many instances. It has been approved by the court that from August 22nd we will restrict all access to the members area unless you have reset your password. I appreciate that it's frustrating to have to change your favourite password, and that it may be saved in your logins cache, however we would recommend all passwords are as secure as possible, preferably using a mixture of upper and lower case letters and some numbers, perhaps with a special character too. I can't recommend enough that you use different passwords for different sites, especially for your online banking or any sites that do store your financial details.

Be suspicious, be careful. It is impossible to protect against all phishing, anyone could mimic an email as a Pattenmakers email and ask for members to send funds to their own bank account – so please be vigilant, ensure it's a known bank account, the bank account details would be different / unfamiliar and would not be to Pattenmakers Events Ltd - hopefully your banking software would recognise the inconsistency too.

In terms of charitable giving – we have a new JustGiving page and suggest that all donations are made from the link on our website or from searching directly on the JustGiving website, never click on links from other sources including social media, flyers or emails, which could be fraudulent.

Don't let this put you off donating funds online or using our website or any other for that matter, or reading the Newsletter that is emailed to you, they are source of great information and useful way to discover what events are taking place. We all rely on the internet these days one way or another, it's just important to keep your wits about you. If you think something looks wrong, it probably is, never be afraid to ask someone else's opinion, to verify a suspicious email.

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



The Editor with the Master

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