



The Pattenmaker

NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY



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From the Master, Sarah Leijten



This is a bumper edition of the newsletter – combining both November and December into one. Our esteemed editor is taking a well-deserved break from early December hence two for the price of one!

November was a month that saw a number of amazing events tempered by the Remembrance Day activities, during which I attended the lovely Garden of Remembrance service in the St Paul's Churchyard.





As your Master I have been privileged to have attended Past Master Deputy Christopher Hayward's installation as President of the City Livery Club at the Saddlers Hall as his guest; sitting next to Sheriff Andrew Marsden which was very entertaining.

Deputy Christopher Hayward responded to the toast proposed by Past Lord Mayor Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley to the left of the picture

Being out and about I attended the 'At Home' tea party with the Past Lady Mayoress which was followed the same evening with a superb banquet and celebration in the Guildhall as the Lord Mayor Vincent Keaveny's last hurrah. This saw a number of our Platinum Masters get together, which appears to be turning into a rather active year group. I was entertained by the Curriers at their Livery dinner in the Cutlers' Hall; and we held our own very successful reciprocal Masters & Clerks lunch at the Armourers' Hall.

Before the lunch I was able to try on a couple of Civil War helmets that were being polished by the Clerk in time for the Lord Mayor's show – and I can tell you they are incredibly heavy.



Editor adds caption – Now you see me, now you don't and the Clerk adds Where did you get that hat, where did you get that hat

One of the highlights of November has to have been the Lord Mayor's Show where we welcomed the new Lord Mayor Alderman Nicholas Lyons into the Chair. For the first time the

Ancient Liveries were given their own 'float' – a space on the tarmac to you and I – and many of us elected to join in being allowed up to a maximum of 4 walkers. I was joined by the Upper and Trade Wardens as well as Beadle proudly carrying our banner. We were joined in the waiting area by Batman at one point, along with the Master Currier – not that I am linking the two!



We were number 2 in the parade behind the leading marching band who set off quite some pace that those of us with little legs felt like the child running to keep up. It was great fun and the atmosphere was amazing amongst all of us processing as were the crowds – definitely something to join in with every year.





The Link to a short You Tube Video is here:

www.youtube.com

The week of the 14th November was another busy one with the Farmers' Masters and Clerks luncheon, the Dean's reception at St Paul's and our Young Pattenmakers dinner on the Friday. I had the real pleasure of being introduced to our new chorister just before the Dean's reception, Taryn, who is in year 5. He is an absolute charmer and when asked what was the best thing about school replied that it was the waffles and pancakes for breakfast, along with sport! No singing mentioned at all!!

The YP dinner was another huge success, held at the Saddlers Hall this year, with a number of young people being introduced to the Livery for the first time and with three awards presented: Paice Memorial, De Montfort University, Bespoke Orthopaedic Shoe Design which went to Jong Won Kim;





and the Pattenmakers' Scarr-Hall Memorial Award, which is given to students at De Montfort University who have achieved and overcome certain difficulties throughout their time in study. These difficulties range from physical and mental health issues to wellbeing challenges, and the awards went to Cameron Boyd-Murdoch and Jake Collinson.

Rachael Scarr-Hall with recipients



The guest speaker Vita Balsyte was excellent as was the speaker to the guests – Freeman Victoria Leijten (no favouritism there then). A full report follows later in the newsletter.

In fact, Victoria went on to receive her Freedom of the City the week following the dinner – and I remain a very proud parent, as is her grandfather Liveryman John Clark, to have seen her go through the ceremony.



The Masters and Clerks of all 110 liveries were invited to hear the Lord Mayor's address in the Mansion House which was very informative, with his themes for this year being 'Financing our Future' by promoting a resilient, resourceful and responsible City. It will focus on fuelling the economy by deploying capital and expertise to supercharge economic growth nationwide and advancing the UK's global competitiveness.

'Financing our Future' will seek to drive growth and investment especially in the areas of long-term infrastructure lending, green and sustainable finance, boosting the early-stage growth economy by mobilising private savings and pension funds, and attracting international asset owners to have more of their money managed by asset managers in the UK. This will be underpinned by a commitment to financial inclusion for all. Let's hope we begin to see the results of some of these initiatives in the near term.

As we head into December the Events Committee organised another wonderful champagne tasting session with Paul Bolt – and as usual great fun was had by all as well as learning yet more about the champagne making process and what to look out for on the labels



The Clerk and I were entertained by the Coachmakers at their Masters' & Clerks' luncheon at the Watermans' Hall, and Philip and I attended the Painter's Ladies Banquet in their Hall in the middle of the month. Pictures here with the Master James Clover and other guests.



We held our usual fantastic Carol Service in St Margaret Pattens on the 15th December. As Pattenmakers we join with the Basketmakers for this service which sadly saw numbers rather down on previous years – due to the train strike and illnesses. The service was followed by mulled wine and mince pies and I always think of it as the start to our Christmas celebrations.

Hopefully Mr Lynch will do a deal soon and future events will be less affected.

So, all in all a busy time interspersed with all of the usual Committee meetings and organisational activities that always go into ensuring the health and longevity of a livery company such as ours. This is something that no Master could ever do on their own and that we are always so indebted to the army of volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure what we do carries on for generations to come. Thank you to all of you – you know who you are.

Looking ahead as we go to print, I was very proud to see that our YP's organised a link with the charity 'I Choose Freedom' to set up a gift giving campaign for the women and children at their refuges.

Hopefully you will all have seen the flyer for the annual banquet at the Mansion House on Thursday 19th January, at which I hope to see as many of you as possible – so please do get your response to the Clerk.

On February 16th next year, we will be having the Trade Outing to the London Stock Exchange so please look out for the booking form when it comes as there are limited places, at what looks like being a very informative event.

There is a Festive Dish included for your enjoyment in the Newsletter.

You will also find a Christmas message from the Lord Mayor later in the newsletter.

Finally it only remains for me to wish you all a very happy and festive season whatever it is you will be doing, and I look very much to seeing many of you in the New Year.

City of London Corporation

Christmas Lights - Renter Warden

Our Renter Warden was invited to switch on the lights in Fleet Place by the Fleet Street Quarter Business Improvement District Company.

The Military Wives Choir sang carols and mulled wine and hot Chocolate was served.

BIDs in the City are funded by local businesses and are focussed on changing, improving and enlivening local areas.

Keith was especially excited as he'd not been asked to switch on Christmas lights before.

Keith chairs the city corporation BID strategic partnership which brings the five City BIDs together to partner with the corporation in working together to improve the street scene and public realm.



Keith is pictured with the BID Chief Executive Lady Lucy French OBE looking very festive.

[The Lord Mayor's Farewell Bulletin](#)

[Please click here to view Bulletin](#)



[Season's Wishes from Rt Hon The Lord Mayor, Alderman Nicholas Lyons](#)

The Rt Hon The Lord Mayor, Alderman Nicholas Lyons, and the Lady Mayoress, Mrs Felicity Lyons, send their warmest wishes to you, and your families, for a merry Christmas and a happy, healthy, New Year.

Nicholas Lyons

Felicity Lyons





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Special offer on sumptuous Illustrated Book on the Livery Halls – [Click here for details](#)

The No Going Back pan-livery initiative is now in year 3. By way of update, please find attached a short newsletter and a summary of the Year 2 Impact Report.



[NGB Newsletter](#) [NGB Impact Report](#)

Our Charitable Fund

101 Engineer Regiment Update - Capt Laurence Sutton RE Adjutant 101 (City Of London) Engineer Regiment (EOD&S)

Aware that your Winter Newsletters may be fast approaching and wanted to send you an update from the Regiment along with some photos to accompany the information. [Link to photos](#)

With COVID-19 now firmly behind us, the Regt has taken up a robust training program. A new war in Europe has added an urgency to our efforts, and our Army Reservists are increasingly being asked to support the regular force. We have organised and delivered a number of training weekends, culminating in our 2-week ADE.

Ex BLACKCAT CHARGE, 10-25 Sept 22

The Annual Deployment Exercise (ADE) conducted in several training areas in Cornwall. Troops completed a package of standardised mandatory training, before moving onto a series of challenging Search tasks. Searchers were challenged by novel environments including an airframe and a local mine, forcing them to adopt new techniques and hone their skills. After proving their Search abilities, the teams deployed to Tregantle Training Area, going through a program of urban combat training that culminated in an exciting dawn assault on Scraesdon Fort. Following this exhausting period of training, the troops wound down with some social activities and adventurous training including coasteering and surfing.

Guildhall Parade, 12 Jul 22

As an affiliated Regiment to the City of London, 101 Engineer Regiment was invited to parade within the Guildhall Yard to commemorate our return following de-hybridisation. Postponed from 2020 due to COVID-19, conditions finally allowed it to be conducted.

In addition to the above regimental training, Sub-Units have been conducting their own training and this has included some of the following events:

- **Ex PHOENIX CANNING, 18-20 Feb 22**
- 579 Field Squadron conducted a Search training exercise of the Excel Conference Centre in London, simulating the process for ensuring the safety of political party conferences.
- **Ex HUDSON SURVIVE, 9 Jul 22**
- 221 Field Squadron conducted a multi-day 'Survive, Evade, Resist, Escape (SERE)' training event.
- **Ex RAVEN PRISON SEARCH, 30 Jul 22**
- 217 Field Squadron arranged and conducted a training search task at HMP Isis, Thamesmead.

Finally, 101 Engineer Regiment has mobilised personnel to provide EOD and Search support to the Commonwealth Games and the Qatar World Cup, as well as mobilising in support of a NATO Military Training Team in Tunisia.

Members News

We are saddened to report the passing of Liveryman Geoffrey Enticott

His wife Patricia Enticott writes - Geoff had been a member of the Pattenmakers since 1990 and although his health over the last few years had not been good, he attended a number of your events and was a supporter of various Pattenmaker charities. He was active in the shoe trade all of his life and really enjoyed the company of many of the Pattenmaker members.



Geoffrey at the 2019 Trade Outing to Capel Manor and 2018 Trade Outing at Pentland where he previously worked and was able to view his old office.

Past Master Stuart Lamb pays tribute

I first met Geoffrey in Thailand some 30 years ago when our companies shared offices to monitor our respective production in Bangkok. Always honourable and helpful, Geoffrey was a gentleman and an absolute pleasure to work with.

As does Past Master Richard Paice

Geoffrey was one of the Clarks' intake of graduates, along with Past Master Geoffrey Marshall and Trade Warden Michael Fiennes. I first met him when he was children's buyer for the Peter Lord chain. He had graduated in French and German and was passionate about music. We met in Milan, and I took him to the Scala to hear Aida. He was thrilled.

Our paths kept crossing both at home and in the Far East, and one day I discovered he was moving to Oporto to run the new Lambert Howarth office there. Coincidentally I was just closing our office in Oporto. We met in the Oporto Cricket and Tennis Club, and he enthusiastically agreed to take over all our office fittings.

As PM Lamb said, he was a real gentleman, always honourable and helpful.

At the funeral, St Nicholas Church, Itchingfield was filled to overflowing, and I was so glad to have gone. A wonderful memory of a life well lived.

From Penny Graham, Clerk, The Worshipful Company of Cordwainers

From summer 2023, the Cordwainers will present an award each year at the Footwear Awards, entitled the Sue Saunders Award for Excellence. It will be by nomination, rather than application, and will acknowledge either a lifetime contribution within the footwear industry or some aspect of excellence, for example within education. The first award, will be made posthumously to Sue Saunders, and the award will bear her name thereafter.

I hope that you feel that this is a fitting tribute to someone so central to footwear education and to both our Liveries.

Young Pattenmakers

Liveryman Bryan Oknyansky

On Behalf of the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers, The Young Pattenmakers are hosting a Christmas gift drive in aid of a charity giving refuge to women and children fleeing domestic abuse. [I Choose Freedom](#) is a charity that provides refuge for women & children who leave their homes & loved ones behind to escape domestic abuse. We are appealing to you, as well as your family, friends and colleagues, to purchase gifts for the women and children at the refuges from an "Amazon wishlist" that I Choose Freedom have put together.

There are two separate Amazon wishlists for women & children in the attached flyer - which you can print out for noticeboards at work or elsewhere to spread the appeal farther.

For those who do not have an Amazon account or would like help with using the Amazon wishlist, there are instructions in this email, below the signature. For experienced Amazon users, there are two, very important steps when checking out, which are steps number 9 and 10, in the link below. Following these steps are required in order to track our generous gifts.

The Children's Amazon wishlist can be accessed by [clicking on this link](#).

The Women's Amazon wishlist can be accessed by [clicking on this link](#).

Please help the women and children served by this charity by buying a gift from one or both of the wishlists.

With best wishes from the Young Pattenmakers Committee and appreciation for your generosity this winter.

[INSTRUCTIONS FOR USING THE AMAZON WISHLISTS](#)

Young Pattenmakers 12th Annual Dinner - Liveryman Sophia Lee

*'An **amazing** dinner, thank you.'*

*'It was fantastic to meet all the Young Award Winners & Young Pattenmakers, everyone was so **friendly and welcoming**'*

*'What a **vibrate** group, the Young Pattenmakers dinner always goes down well'*

*'I'm so pleased I was invited; it was an amazing evening and would like to get more **involved**'*

Were but a few comments we received about the Young Pattenmaker Dinner held this year at Saddlers' Hall. We had a total of 124 people attend ranging from Young Manager applicants in both Footwear and Facilities Management along with their line managers. The young manager judges, Scarr-Hall Award winners and many friends, guests, and court officials.

Always a popular dinner and this year with one of our own Young Pattenmaker Committee members – Freeman Victoria Leijten, presenting the guest toast. Victoria, an aspiring actress, turned this year's guest toast into a poem! Clever, thoughtful and delivered with grace and charm, as no less expected from one of our own.

Below, a snippet of my favourite parts:



*Well, here we are
All wined and dined
Our stories of life all intertwined.*

*The more experienced and the Young
The New and the old-time vintage.
Together, voluntarily have been flung
Into this hall and oh my what privilege.*

*It gives me great delight
To thank and to highlight
Our sponsors for tonight.*

*To TCFM, William Lamb Group, and Resourcing Group
To you We raise our metaphorical champagne, filled coupe.*

*A mention to the Young Managers is a must
Whom, like stardust have travelled from the likes of Yorkshire and Lancashire.
You are all most welcome.*

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*Ladies and Gentlemen,
This poem, if, you can call it so.
Must be folded away and in my pocket
Must go.
But before I leave, oh Beautiful crowd.
Let us, fellow Pattenmakers stand proud
And out loud,
Welcome all our glorious guests.*

This was followed by a drink filled applause and swiftly on to our speaker of the evening.

Vita Balsyte; she is the Development and Education Manager at the International Aquatics Federation (FINA) and is a huge advocate on how sports can change young people's lives and inspire them. She is currently working on many projects globally to help improve, adapting to cultural barriers to help provide swimming facilities and change communities.



Her opening speech was a powerful message to how sports can **'Speak to Youth'**

"Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. It speaks to youth in a language they understand"

A worldwide famous quote of Nelson Mandela sends a deep and a powerful message. It is an amazing reflection of Olympism and what it stands for.

Inspire – Unite – Speak to Youth

Since Ancient Greece, Olympic Games were a depiction of symbolism, education and testing the abilities of the human body, will and mind. How incredible is that the tradition which began in VIII century BC is relevant and so important nowadays..."

She goes on to talk about inspiring athletes and how this in turn inspires us to achieve better, work harder and attend the perceived unattainable.

"For me the most inspiring is their resilience, perseverance, dealing with failures and stress. We all know how difficult it gets sometimes.

When the whole world is watching, they are not afraid to be themselves, talk about their challenges and struggles. And put their physical and mental health in the first place.

Doesn't this inspire us to be better, to strive harder for our dreams? To be the best and what we do, to be a better friend, to find our passions or balance in life.

And what is a dream if you cannot share it with others, if you cannot share your journey with people close to you, with your community? During the big moments in history everyone remembers where they were exactly at that moment..."

And to conclude, her closing statement is what I personally feel about The Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers.

“Olympism it is not just an event, it is a movement and a way of life, which changes and evolves, but retains some very important traditions. Very similarly to London City and its Livery Companies. Traditions contribute to the sense of belonging and bring people closer together”

The evening ended on a high with many people then asking where and when was the after party, to which our very own Young Pattenmaker committee members, Freeman Wayne Young and Liveryman Bryan Oknyansky led the way to further drinks at Vintry and Mercer.



It was amazing to see so many YP's attend, many new and old friends coming together and catching up. I hope to see many of you again soon and for now, have an amazing Christmas and Happy New Year!

Warmest Regards

P.S. Here is the link to the photo gallery taken by Sharp Photography, please feel free to download. www.dropbox.com

Events

Annual Banquet - The Mansion House: Thursday 19th January 2023



The Reception & Dinner is £135.00 per person
Please [click here](#) for the Booking Form

Letters to the Editor

From the Clerk to the Editor



Further to the publication in the last edition of the newsletter, of the picture of my mate Bob supervising the compilation of the Seating Plan for the FM Dinner I report that Bob returned the next day to ensure it was correct and check the menu inserts. I put a small amount of food out for him on the corner of my desk. A selection of seeds and a side dish of meal worms, which he devoured enthusiastically. Next day I did the same and Bob returned for brunch.

As so it continued, a delight to see him and feeling slightly smug that I had trained a Robin.

Yesterday it was continuous rain and my office door was closed. Mid-morning I was distracted by Bob glaring at me through the glass from the office window sill. I rushed to put out his food and opened the door and in he came.

Then the penny, well actually a huge amount of small change, finally dropped and I realised – I hadn't trained a Robin at all, he had trained me! What made it even worse, unthinkingly, I actually apologised to him . . .

Ego stultus sum

From the Editor's collection



Recipe

Past Mistress Pattenmaker Eileen Eskenzi – Festive Dish

FISH WITH CREAM CHEESE DILL/CORIANDER TOPPING

Hello! This dish sounds odd but believe me it is not AND it only takes minutes to prepare.

This is my 'go to recipe' especially when entertaining. It's fantastically versatile and will be just the thing to serve over the festive season. The 'topping' keeps the fish deliciously moist and flavoursome!

If you haven't got fresh fish then always keep some fillet of cod or salmon in the freezer, 125g Philadelphia Cream Cheese (Waitrose or Sainsbury's Cream Cheese) in fridge and if you cannot get hold of fresh herbs then dried ones will have to work their magic!

UTENSILS:- Flat 'oven-to-table' dish

INGREDIENTS:-

- 4 x 150g (5oz) (approx) skinned chunky fillets of salmon or cod
- 165g carton Philadelphia or Supermarket Cream Cheese
- 3 TBS Hellman's Mayonnaise OR small carton double cream or Soured Cream
- 1 large Lemon - grated rind and juice
- 1 TBS fresh dill
- 1TBS fresh coriander (finely chopped)
- 1/4 stick lemon grass finely grated (optional - keeps well in fridge or freezer)
- 1 TBS capers - diced
- Salt and pepper to taste.

TOPPING:-

- 50g(2oz) Fresh bread crumbs
- 1-2 TBS grated Parmesan

Finally, scatter this topping with slivered almond (optional, but delicious)

DECORATE with a sprig of dill and coriander

METHOD:-

1. Place salmon or cod fillets alongside each other in a butter overproof dish
2. Blend remaining ingredients together thoroughly. Spread evenly over top of each fillet of fish.
3. Sprinkle with bread crumbs, then the cheese and finely scatter the almonds.
4. Place in preheated oven:- 200C (180C Fan) Gas Reg.6 for 15-20 minutes.

A merry Christmas to you all.

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

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