



The Pattenmaker

NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY

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From the Master, Sarah Leijten



Hopefully it's not too late to wish you all a very Happy New Year! So happy new year anyway. I do hope that you were all able to spend some time with loved ones, take some time off normal duties and do something different. If you haven't already tried Past Mistress Pattenmaker Eileen Eskenzi's fish recipe then please do – I can highly recommend it!

I am delighted to see that this edition of the Newsletter is packed with information, updates and invitations to various activities going forwards; not least our own Pattenmakers' calendar for the coming year so please do make sure to take a look and note down those that you want to join us for. Especially take note of the Installation Dinner which will be held at the Drapers' Hall on 15th March – where all are welcome to watch the ceremony before dinner.

We have received the most endearing letter from our new chorister at St Paul's which you will find later in the newsletter, so I would encourage you all to take a look. Taryn is in year 4 and we are delighted that he will enjoy our support for a number of years to come. There is an update from our Young Pattenmakers on their gift drive for the charity I Choose Freedom; and alongside this I am absolutely delighted to say that the Court agreed that we should specifically state that one of our charitable giving guidelines be 'in support of women'. To that end we will be more formally building a relationship, going forwards, with the charity 'I Choose Freedom' which run a number of women's refuges here in the southeast. This is very fitting for a Livery Company that has as its motto: Women Receive Support from Us.

At the recent Court meeting earlier in January it was also decided that the Company would go ahead and begin the process of implementing a new Membership IT system. This is viewed as a generational shift in the way that we will record data, information, book and pay for events and, eventually, collect quarterage. In order for us to make sure that the members' data currently held on record is completely up-to-date, we are looking for applications from anyone interested in undertaking an intern position for a short period of time, in order to undertake this 'clean-up' of said data. Please see later in the newsletter the activities expected and where to send in your expression of interest – or if you know of anyone who might be interested e.g. a student in their holidays/between jobs etc.

We had our annual banquet at Mansion House on the 19th of January and as usual it went off without a hitch thanks to the excellent team we have working behind the scenes, and a good time was had by all. We were entertained by the trumpeters, escorted by the pikemen and musketeers and our speakers, Alderman Sir Andrew Parmley – Lord Mayor Locum Tenens (who entertained us

with his usual hilarity) and Danny Lopez who outlined the ideas behind Destination City.

While we know the Mansion House always lays on a superb selection of their silverware for all to see, the most observant of you will have noted that the Pattenmakers Rose Bowl filled with roses, provided personally by the Beadle to match our Pattenmaker colours, was also on the top table. Designed by Gerald Benney the Rose Bowl was purchased using the proceeds of other Company silver that it was thought prudent to dispose of at the time. It really is a superb piece.



Sir Andrew Parmley



Danny Lopez

There are some super pictures – a selection of which can be seen here or you can find the complete gallery at the Gerald Sharpe website link here: <https://sharpphoto.co.uk/f358552151> It was my last speech to you as Master and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for the fantastic support you have all given me so far throughout my year as your Master – not that it is over quite yet. During the evening three awards were handed out.

Two were to our Young Manager award winners; in the footwear this year's winner of the Paice Memorial Bursary is Hannah Coe. Hannah is employed by SATRA (Shoe and Allied Trade Research Association) where she has been employed for over 10 years.

In the Facilities management category this year's winner of the FM Bursary is Agathe Le Moing. Agathe is employed by the FM provider, Bouygues where she is now their contracts manager at their client site at Addenbrooke's Treatment Centre in Cambridge, running a team of twenty.



Hannah Coe with the Master



Agathe Le Moin with the Master



Sophia Lee with the Master

This year's Master's Award went to the whole of the Young Pattenmakers Committee for all that they do, being as they are, very much the future of our Livery. They act as ambassadors for us, encouraging and nurturing prospective new freemen, they provide mentoring and contact with the schools we support, run informal events and get-togethers; and there is no doubt that we are very much the envy of many of our fellow liveries for such an active group of young people within our Company.

The award was accepted by their Chairman Liveryman Sophia Lee on behalf of the whole committee, many of whom were present at the banquet.

For the first time in over 3 years we welcomed many of our Swiss colleagues from the Tanners and Shoemakers of Zurich. It was fabulous to have them all with us, and we entertained them following day with a tour of the Guildhall excellently given by the Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court and organised by the Renter Warden. The group then retired to the Members Dining Room for lunch. We look forward to next year when it is our turn to visit Zurich for Sechselauten.





I have had great pleasure in attending the installation lunch of the Gold & Silver Wire Drawers this month (sitting next to their Immediate Past Master Brian Turner left of picture and PM Nigel Nichols on the right), who are celebrating their 400th anniversary this year as well as their first lady Master.

I also had the privilege of being invited by our Past Master Christopher Hayward to the Gresham (City Side) Committee dinner at the Mansion House. I learnt a lot more about the Gresham Trust along with its aims and I would encourage anyone who has some time to attend one or two of their lectures during the year – they are free to all and cover all manner of subjects. For more info, please [click here](#).

For those of you that have watched and love The Repair Shop, as we do, it was a huge surprise and pleasure to see our Past Master David Best on a recent one! He brought in two super collections of childhood verse and memories, including letters to Tolkien which he wanted re-bound into a book. I leave it to you to read his story later in the newsletter and/or to watch it in the link provided.

Finally for those that don't know or haven't heard yet, this year is the 300th anniversary of the death of Christopher Wren; our own church of St Margaret Pattens being one of his buildings. Throughout this year there will be a number of events across the City celebrating this milestone. You can find them here at: <https://wren300.org/> Looking at the website for example there appears to be what looks like a lovely guided tour of Wren's churches, called City of Spires running throughout this year every Tuesday. I think I know what we will be doing in due course! Have a great month of February everyone – until next time.

City of London Corporation



Sir Christopher Wren is probably the most famous Gresham Professor in history: a polymath, architect, mathematician, astronomer, anatomist and courtier. On the 300th anniversary of his death, this series will explore different aspects of his work. You can watch more historic lectures about Sir Christopher Wren [in our archive](#) now.

United Guilds' Service – Friday, 24th March 2023

The United Guilds' Service has been confirmed this year to be held in St Paul's Cathedral on Friday, 24th March 2023.

The Company has been allocated a single row of nine reserved seating and a small quantity (14) of unreserved seats as usual. Admission is strictly by ticket only. The Stationers' Hall has re-opened following a massive refurbishment and as "old" customers has kindly invited the Company to luncheon following the Service. We have been allocated twelve places which will be on a strictly "first come – first served basis", cost of the three course luncheon with wines and port is £72.00 per head. Please book early to avoid disappointment as we are very restricted on places. The booking form [is here](#)



Update from the Chamberlain's Court January 2023

Freedom Ceremonies and Applications – Excursion and High Profile Freedoms [found here](#)



Sheriffs' and Recorders Fund



In support of the Sheriffs' & Recorder's Fund (supporting Prison-Leavers & families) and Pan Intercultural Arts (caring for victims of human trafficking), there is another brand new 'Trial & Error' Show this spring.

Presented in Court No. 1 at the Old Bailey, this year's Show focuses on the trials with notable Juries. Your Master and guests will no doubt relish the opportunity to attend this iconic Court room without facing an indictment or 6 weeks Jury service on hard seats! Some premium seats remain (not Sunday) and a drinks reception precedes the evening Shows.

All information can be found on the website here: www.liverycommittee.org Including the Flyer and a PDF of the online booking form found here: [Booking Form](#)

Livery Company Sussex Thanksgiving Service and Reception at Chichester Cathedral 13th May 2023, 5.30pm - The Right Reverend Graeme Knowles Acting Dean of Chichester and Immediate Past Master of The Musician's Company.

I hope you will have seen news of Chichester Cathedral's Sussex Livery Thanksgiving service via the Fellowship of Clerks, and I am writing now to invite you and your members to join us as we acknowledge the many good works and projects across Sussex supported by the City Livery Companies.

We previously held a similar service in November 2019, which was attended by more than 200 Members from 62 Livery Companies, and was welcomed by hundreds of Sussex-based Livery Members as a new perennial fixture in the calendar. After the long years of the Covid pandemic, we are delighted to now be able to hold another thanksgiving service at the Cathedral for Livery Members and their guests, on Saturday 13th May 2023, at 5.30pm, followed by a drinks reception.

The Evensong service will celebrate and give thanks for the Livery movement as a whole, and specifically the many and varied charitable endeavours across the Diocese which benefit from your support. The Diocese of Chichester encompasses both East and West Sussex, and I would be most grateful if you would take a moment to advise us of the beneficiaries you support within these counties, so that we may showcase them as part of this event, whether or not you are able to join us for the service – most simply, you can reply to this email with the information for inclusion.

Our invitation to this special thanksgiving extends to all members who would like to attend, so please do share this with all your colleagues at The Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers. We very much hope that you will be able to join us for what promises to be a very special and uplifting occasion, and ask that you RSVP by Friday 28th April to TrustRSVP@ChichesterCathedral.org.uk, or by phone on 01243 812990.

Inter-Livery Bridge Tournament 2023 - Drapers' Hall, Monday March 6th

Details of the Makers of Playing Cards Annual Inter-Livery Bridge Tournament to be held on Monday, 6th March 2023 at Drapers' Hall are available here: www.makersofplayingcards.org



The Worshipful Company of Launderers - an all-day seminar on *The Future of Energy in the UK*, at Glaziers' Hall on Monday, 20th February 2023. [Click here](#) for booking form.

Our Charitable Fund

London Marathon - Court Assistant Liveryman Rachael Scarr-Hall

One of the Main fundraising activities of the year is the London marathon.

On April 23rd we will have 11 places this year all raising a minimum of £2000 for our livery charities. All our runners are a complete range of abilities and age! With varying targets for success.... Paul Bennet is attempting a world record for Fastest Marathon in a 3 person costume and wishes to beat the time from his last record. We have the Past Master Ian Scarr-Hall and his daughter Rachael running along with mother son team Alison Royston and Paul.

There will be the Master marathon reception at St Margaret's Pattens Church on March 22nd with an opportunity to share training stories and encourage the runners to just keep going.

Please wish the Pattenmakers' marathon team all the best with their training and success on the day!

The Pattenmakers' team members include: Paul Bennett, Alison Rostron, Rachael Scarr-Hall, Ian Scarr-Hall, Richard Hayward, Brett Skipper, Simon Oakley, Emily Ware, Mark Pollynn.

Please feel free to [donate here](#)

DMRC Visit - Past Master Jennifer Bryant-Pearson

Senior Past Master Lamb arranged a visit to Bill Bird Shoes for some of the Orthopaedic team at DMRC so they could see at first hand the extraordinary work on bespoke shoes carried out by Bill

and his team Lt Col Dave Roscoe - Consultant Clinical Lead for Complex Trauma, led the visit and was accompanied by Mark Thoburn – Senior prosthetist Rob Buckley-Green – orthotist and DMRC in house shoe adaptation specialist Linda Die Bie – Rehab therapy assistant.

I was delighted to host the team on behalf of the SPM and we were joined by Past Master Paice. The DMRC team spent the morning with Bill, Emily, Rebecca and George and were hugely impressed with all that they saw and learned.



We then retired to the local pub for lunch before they returned to Stamford Hall much more knowledgeable about both our bespoke shoes and the Pattenmakers!

Bill has given me permission to publish his note below as it is such a fascinating insight into the wonderful world of Bill Bird Shoes and the amazing Bill Bird himself!

Dear Jennifer

It was a pleasure to have you all come to see what we are doing. I too really hope we can be of service to them, building on the wonderful provision of the DMRC Café.

I think I've got their names right with David, Rob, Lyn and Mark? It was a very different scene than when the trade outing came to us about 18 months ago!

It was very satisfying for me to see how confident and articulate Emily and Rebecca have become. I'm sure that George would have also done so if asked.

I think one of the evidences of learning from having done the Bespoke Orthopaedic Course has been the ability to clearly describe the processes that we do to those outside of the trade. I'm very grateful for the support that the John Foxon and the Pattenmakers have made.

I know that you in particular put your head above the parapet for the course in the early days in your role as Master, Jennifer, and I hope we've lived up to those expectations.

I remember doing some work for the QCA about 16 years ago as well as working with City and Guilds to help them produce a curriculum for shoemaking education. To me, both authorities were putting the cart before the horse by setting out an outline curriculum only to find there was no one to teach it.

I believe that we as a livery are much more on the right track by starting with the 'Holders of the Knowledge' and providing them with the support and facilities to teach and inspire 'Those who want to Learn' to serve and cater for those in need of their newly acquired skills. That's the way it worked

when we received our charter in 1670 and I think it still works that way.

The new cohort of ten students are very enthusiastic and the interchange on their WhatsApp group is very lively.

At the same time as receiving your email, Jennifer, I received this from Maria Eriksen in Denmark:

“Thank you so much Bill,

Really fantastic description and pictures.

I also wanted to thank you for the course. It has been amazing so far. I leave every Monday’s teaching feeling so happy and excited about what I have learned during the lecture. Your course is exactly what I have been looking/hoping for since I started this shoe making journey.

Thank you again.”

I think we may well be seeing quality bespoke orthopaedic shoemaking being done well into the future and with the Pattenmakers they’ll have an anchor point for their association.

Pax et Bonum,

Peace and blessings,

Bill Bird

The Award Schemes - David Emanuel Assistant to the Court

Young Managers Award

We have just completed the Young Managers Award interviews once again, the time of year when we embark on identifying some of the rising talent in the Footwear and FM industries. Each year since the early 1990’s we have supported many individuals with their career development, assisting with their personal development and their professional networks – even through the toughest of times.

Made possible by the generous legacy of Past Master Paice, in memory of his father Reginald, the programme has been a huge success with many winners rising to take up senior positions in the footwear industry and in turn, bringing new candidates to the scheme. In more recent years the award has been extended to include Facilities Management which is enjoying equal popularity and success.

So, who is Eligible?

Any candidate under the age of 32 is eligible, but it must be someone with the potential to develop into a strong manager within their chosen industry.

Applications come from across the whole footwear industry. Past winners have come from retail, buying, range management, technical, design and marketing. Just this year we had applications from Pentland, Lacoste, Marks & Spencer, Church and Dr Martens.

We were thrilled to have such an impressive diversity of entries from the FM community this year and from all over the country together with an international entry too. Often FM is perceived as managing large office buildings and of course there were entries from those that run buildings in the city, but also in healthcare, transportation, leisure and manufacturing too. We had FM’s that run operations at the London Zoo, Tottenham Hotspur football club, Addenbrookes Hospital and Luton Airport.

The Award Scheme

The Pattenmakers Young Manager Award funds the winners who work with Award Administrators Assistant Annette Cove and Liveryman Deborah Longstaff to design a valuable and bespoke development programme with full support throughout the year. This might include off-the-job courses and work placements designed to broaden the perspectives of the Young Manager, and in full consultation with his or her line manager, each training programme will be focused specifically on the needs of the individual.

The winner receives their award from the Lord Mayor of London at Mansion House on the occasion of the Pattenmakers’ Annual Banquet in January. They then receive the Freedom of the Livery with the opportunity to later apply for the Freedom of the City of London.

New mentoring programme

In 2022, for the first time, a new mentoring scheme was launched for footwear candidates. ALL shortlisted candidates were invited to participate in a mentoring scheme which offered unprecedented access to some of the most high-profile industry figures who have agreed to share their experience and skills with young talented people in the industry. This has been a great opportunity for any young person starting out in their career. What is so rewarding for the Pattenmakers, is that three of the mentors offering their time and experience, are indeed former winners of the award. Liveryman Janice Donaghue, Liveryman Chloe Findlater and Freeman Martin Shobo. Thanks however go to all our mentors for giving generously of their time. With the success of the webinars for the footwear candidates, we are also going to create a series of insightful presentations for the FM candidates in 2023 too, with so many worthy candidates, we hope that this will ensure that we keep in contact with these young managers.

Footwear Award Winner 2023

Judged on Friday 18th November, the judging panel consisted of Court Assistants Stephen Etheridge, Jane Wilson, Annette Cove and Liveryman Claire Farmer. The winner of the Young Manager and Paice Memorial Award 2023 is Hannah Coe.

Hannah is employed by SATRA (Shoe and Allied Trade Research Association) <https://www.satra.com> she has been employed by the company for over 10 years progressing through the business to her current role of Footwear Technician.

Hannah was an impressive candidate. Confident, quiet, passionate about footwear and her line of work at SATRA. Not satisfied with learning in the workplace she pushes herself beyond the workplace to seek more knowledge and has demonstrated a desire to extend her own boundaries by accepting a placement in Denmark. Hannah loves problem solving and presented a mature awareness of the need for a commercially balanced approach to decision making in the testing arena. She is curious about the footwear world and ambitious to rise to director level in the industry. Hannah will receive her certificate for the award at the Mansion House Banquet in January which she will attend with her parents and SATRA personnel.

FM Award Winner in 2023

The judges this year comprised of Court Assistant David Emanuel, Liveryman David Sharp, Deborah Longstaff, Sarah Hodge and Freeman Kath Fontana together with Simi Gandhi-Whitaker. The judging took place on the 8th November having shortlisted sixteen entries down to six. Whilst we were all impressed by those that we interviewed, it was a unanimous decision that the award should go to Agathe Le Moing who demonstrated such huge potential.

Agathe studied languages and international trade at the University of Rennes (France) before joining the FM provider, Bouygues, a large international organisation on their Graduate Programme six years ago. She is now their contracts manager at their client site at Addenbrooke's Treatment Centre in Cambridge running a team of twenty, having worked in many different areas of the business, before she discovered her passion for FM in the healthcare sector.

She is a most impressive young lady and was also a finalist in the Women in Construction & Engineering Awards (WICE) back in 2019. She believes in getting involved and volunteering and will be a great ambassador for the Young Pattenmakers. We look forward to creating a bespoke personal development package for her in the New Year and seeing her career develop and prosper.

Agathe will also receive her certificate for the award at the Mansion House Banquet and will be joined by her partner.

St Paul's Chorister - Court Assistant Jane Wilson, Chair to the Charities Committee

I thought you may be interested to read our first letter [found here](#) from the new young probationary Paul's chorister, Taryn. It is quite delightful.

Our History

Mansion House Dinner

Some of our Treasurers were on display including a rarely seen flower bowl.



The Beadle made a personal effort to make sure that the Master had some "bling" as requested and supplied the flowers himself.

Members' News

From the Master Elect Commodore Patrick Tyrell OBE – Installation Dinner 15th March 2023



On the 15 March 2023, we will be holding our annual Installation Dinner in an ancient ceremony where the new Master and Wardens are installed into office for the 2023/24 Livery Year. This year's venue will be at The Draper's Hall, one of the finest buildings in the City of London. It featured as Buckingham Palace in the 'King's Speech' and will be a superb location in which to commence the new Livery Year. The Installation Ceremony will start at 6.00pm and you, together with your guests are warmly invited to be there. Dinner will be at 6.45 for 7.15 pm and Carriages at 10.30 pm. The dress will be Black Tie.

I am delighted to invite you, your friends and families to mark this important occasion where we can demonstrate our gratitude to our current Master for an exceptional year and welcome in the new team.

Our guest speaker will be Professor Andrew Lambert of King's College Department of War Studies who is, as a nod to my former profession, the Professor of the Royal Navy and has a fund of what we, in the Navy, refer to as "Salty Dits" – you will be both fascinated and educated in equal measure!

My new team and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on 15th March. [Booking form here](#)

Past Master Alastair Watson – Gandy remembers Paddy Hopkirk

I have had an old mini since my university days, so Paddy has always been a legend for me. Paddy's wife, Jenny was High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire in 2005 and Vice Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire 2006–2011, so they are both well-known across Bucks, especially south Bucks. We have been part of their chums for several years.

Here is the picture I took of Past Mistress Pattenmaker Jenny Dicken with the famous mini at the celebration of Paddy's life in the RAC Club.



Please read a tribute to Paddy Hopkirk which has been approved by his widow [found here](#).

Seeking an intern to assist us - David Emanuel Assistant to the Court and Webmaster

As you may have heard from the Master at the annual banquet the court approved the F&GPC recommendation to implement a new fully integrated membership system. As the webmaster and also the chair of the membership committee I'm especially pleased that we have sourced a bespoke package that many of the other livery companies are already using. Of course, there is often some resistance to change and adopting new technology, but I can assure everyone that the new system has been tried and tested by many other liverymen over the years and this really does assist us all in ensuring that we are future proofing the way that we run the livery and making everything far simpler and more accountable.

The new system is not just about ensuring that we administrate our membership more efficiently and can communicate with all our members better, it will also make booking events far simpler for members and of course ease the resources for the Clerk and the team that facilitates the dinners and events. Just imagine, no longer needing to fill in your details and dietary requirements every time you book a dinner, as the system will retain all those details, and be able to take payments instantly by direct debit too. Potential new members can complete an application form online, without the necessity for that information to be typed in again and ensure GDPR compliance. There

are so many advantages in the deploying this new system, there really isn't enough room in this newsletter to communicate all the advantages that it will bring the livery.

However, before we deploy the new system, its important to cleanse the data that we already have and to ensure that we import in the most up to date information that we can and thus we are looking to secure the assistance of an intern to contact everyone by phone and ensure that all the details we have for you are correct. If you know of someone, a child or grandchild at University or in higher education, that could take on this role to assist us, we'd like to hear from you. They need to have some spare time during the day or early evenings, be computer literate with their own computer, methodical and efficient with good communications skills, and have plenty of patience too. We want to start this process as quickly as we can, and I'd be grateful for any recommendations. Please do get in touch with me at david@l-fm.net

Liveryman Ian Balcombe

I had a delightful day walking around the City with Felix Huber, Master of the Tanners and Shoemakers of Zurich who was attending the Mansion House Dinner.

We started off at the National Postal Museum as we both have a passion for stamps. This included a visit to the Mail Rail, which follows part of the now disused underground mail system, and fulfilled another of Felix's interests being Railways. We then went on to St Margaret Pattens, where we saw the upgraded display of Pattens.



Then on to the Royal Philatelic Society London, of which I am a member. The new Headquarters Building was opened by HM The Queen just before Covid. We were able to see a unique and magnificent collection of Portuguese India, and had a personal tour by the two brothers who had assembled it, as well as meeting other members of the Society.

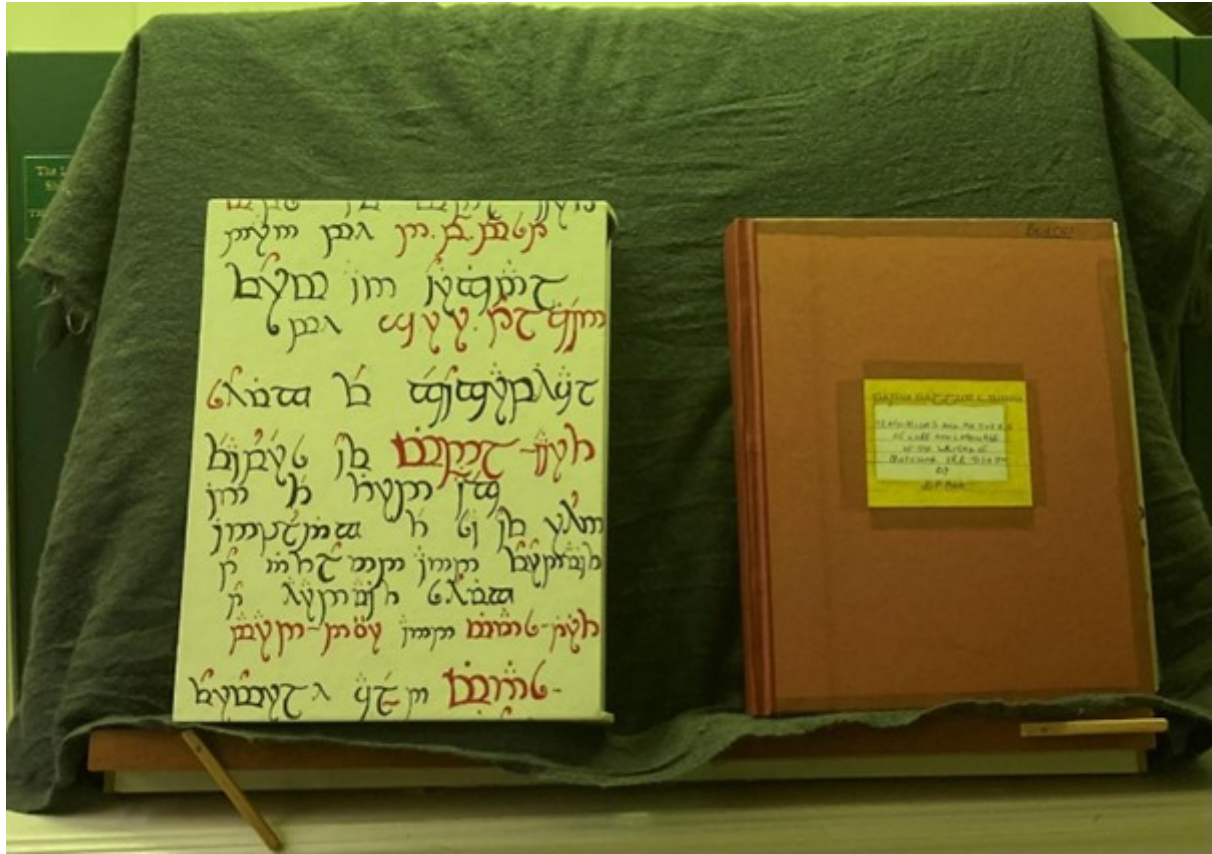


Past Master David Best - Tolkien and a visit to The Repair Shop

When I was around 15 years old, I discovered the books of J R R Tolkien, the Lord of the Rings, the Adventures of Tom Bombadil and his lesser-known works. I also discovered the attraction of different lettering systems from ancient times (runes in particular) and Tolkien's imaginary ones.

We had moved to Birmingham from the country and I was not enjoying it. So as part of my new found passion I transcribed a lot of Tolkien's poetry into runes, and being a diligent pupil, of course sent it off to Professor Tolkien for assessment. He wrote back with comments and thus began a short correspondence. Over the years these letters had not weathered well and last year I wrote to

the Repair Shop and asked for their help. They responded and over two months last autumn restored them beyond anything I had thought possible



Chris Shaw the bookbinder, created a hardback book to contain the letters and my original notebooks (old school exercise books in which my transcriptions were written). He even made a cover for the hardback which exactly mimicked my cover for the notebooks- show on the right of the picture. Not only this but he created a slip case from a copy of some of my elven calligraphy (shown on the left above). Jay Blades, Chris and the repair shop team are warm and friendly people and the whole experience was made more special by the discovery that the majority of them are avid Tolkien fans and were keen to hear about the events around the writing of these texts. They also had me writing all their names in Runes and Elvish, one even deciding to have it immortalized as a tattoo - let's hope I got his name right!



I made two visits to the barn and had a fantastic experience, and met some great people warm and passionate about what they do. I have not only a tremendous restoration of my books and letter, but memories of a great couple of days. Jay has even expressed his willingness to come and speak at

one of our dinners- perhaps for another story!

The episode went out on BBC1 last Wednesday and is episode 18 of Series 11. To watch episode, [click here](#).

Young Pattenmakers

Inaugural Young Pattenmaker Gift Drive - Liveryman Bryan Oknyansky

A fledgling charity initiative spearheaded by the Young Pattenmakers was piloted before the holiday break. If you attended the Livery dinner at the Cutlers Hall in October, you will have had the privilege to learn about the I Choose Freedom charity from its Service Manager by Zoë Snelgrove. I Choose Freedom helps women and children fleeing domestic abuse find refuges in undisclosed locations.

An idea for an end-of-year event emerged in a YP Committee meeting to end the year with a charity gift drive. With I Choose Freedom fresh in our minds, and the nature of their service to women and children leaving their homes for refuges, the YPs contacted Zoë to pitch the idea. The stars were aligned as I Choose Freedom had already established Amazon wishlists for the women and children they serve. With time of the essence to prepare a call to action, the YPs crafted a flyer and distributed it to the Pattenmaker membership in early December.

As ever, the Pattenmakers took to action and logged in to the Amazon wishlists to fill Father Christmas's sack with a variety of gifts to be delivered directly to the refuge sites without compromising their undisclosed location. Although a bit fast and furious, this pilot gift drive is one the YPs plan to roll out annually as it established a framework through which targeted gifts could be purchased in an effort to prevent waste through sending unwanted or incompatible gifts.

Finally, the I Choose Freedom charity does not only need items from the Amazon wishlists at Christmas. They need them year-round. So, if you missed the opportunity ahead of this past Christmas to donate, please see the below links to the wishlists as well as a document with instructions on how to use the Amazon wishlists. For those familiar with Amazon wishlists, you can skip to the last two instructions regarding checkout.

Finally, as always, please give as generously as you can.

With best wishes for a prosperous year ahead,
Liveryman Bryan Oknyansky

Women's wishlist: www.amazon.co.uk/women
Children's wishlist: www.amazon.co.uk/children
Amazon wishlist instructions: [Please read here](#)

Pattenmaker Calendar

Please [click here](#) for the Pattenmakers' Calendar

Letters to the Editor

From the Clerk

Having finished his coffee Bob casts an eye over the Drapers' Hall contract



From the Editor

When at home – the Master only lays the table(s) for two or any other suitable caption accepted .

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

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