



The Pattenmaker

NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY

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From the Master, Commodore Patrick Tyrrell OBE Royal Navy



Well, “That Was The Summer That Wasn’t” may be a catchy title for a film but a wash-out for many, especially those taking vacation during the school holidays! Lovely weather in May and June followed by a wash-out in July and August and a heatwave at the beginning of September.

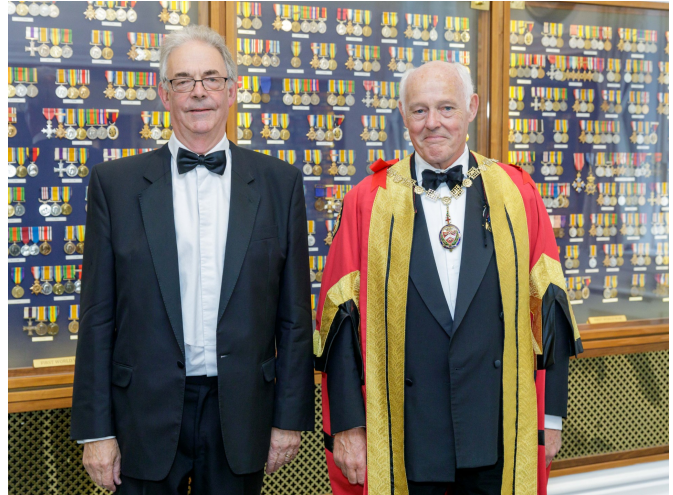
It might have been a very confusing summer but we are now back to our Livery activities full-time!

We finished our Livery summer programme with our dinner at the Honourable Artillery Company and the incomparable Sixteen who entertained us so well.





The Master with The Sixteen Choral Group and with the co-founder of the group, Richard Price who spoke at the Dinner



The Master presented the Immediate Past Master Sarah Leijten with an illuminated scroll in appreciation of her year as Master

I was then honoured to be invited to a Basketmaker Trade dinner at Pewterers' Hall and a lunch at the Carpenters' Hall for their summer Court. My basket now takes pride of place in our kitchen.

Already in September, I was privileged to attend the 40th Annual Symposium on Financial Crime held at Jesus College Cambridge hosted by Past Master Professor Barry Rider. I then attended a dinner of the Gresham Committee held in the Old Ballroom at Mansion House. Sir Thomas Gresham died in 1597 and left is not inconsiderable estate to the City to be used for the education of children. The bequest is jointly managed by the City of London Corporation and the Mercers' Company.

This dinner was followed, in quick succession, by lunch at the Old Bailey with the Judges and an opportunity to witness a trial in progress, and by dinner at the Guildhall with the Glasgow Liveries. As befits any Scottish dinner, it was a rumbustious affair with swirling bagpipes and much bonhomie!

Perhaps the most important duty undertaken by your Court over recent years has been the recruitment and selection of a new Clerk. Replacing Colonel Robert Murfin after 25 years as our Gallant Clerk was never going to be an easy task – we will have an extensive summary of his time in a future Newsletter. I am, therefore, extremely pleased to announce that we have appointed Claire Hobson to be the Clerk and she will be joining us at the beginning of October. We will have a formal introduction to her in our next Newsletter. Welcome Claire!

Our main event in September will be the FM Dinner, to be held at Haberdashers Hall on 19 September. A number of Pattenmakers will be exercising their ancient right as Freemen of the City to drive their sheep across London Bridge – I hope we have photographic evidence to show you in the next edition!

On 28 September, the Company holds its “Common Meal”; this is an informal meal at which any member of the Company may raise any issue they wish about the governance and good order of the Company. This is an ancient right and one which we hope many you would wish to exercise.

Welcome back to you all and I trust you had a relaxing and enjoyable break.

City of London Corporation

Common Hall - Election of Lord Mayor, Friday 29th September

Tickets are available for the election of the Lord Mayor on Friday, 29th September 2023 at the Guildhall. This is an ancient privilege for Liverymen of the City of London since medieval times to elect the Lord Mayor for the ensuing year. If you would like to vote, please let the Clerk know as he has to send you a ticket. Please remember that only Liverymen admitted to the Company before July 2022 are entitled to vote. Luncheon has been arranged at the Guildhall in the Guildhall Club. Not only a rare privilege but also no walking – just get in the lift!

The cost attached slip to me as soon as possible if you would like to attend. You do not have to have voted to attend the luncheon! Nor do you need to have lunch – just vote!

Please return the [booking form found here](#) as soon as you are able and, as always, please visit the website www.pattenmakers.co.uk and check that your information is correct and current!

The combined Ceremonial Information can be [found here](#).

Fundraising Dinner - Help4Ukraine, Tuesday 10th October

A Black Tie, fundraising dinner will be held on 10th October at Cutlers' Hall - [Worshipful Company of Cutlers](#).

Drinks reception in the Court Room followed by dinner in the Livery Hall. The event will be an evening of speeches and cultural entertainment from Ukraine, as well as an auction to raise funds and continue our cause.

Guest speakers include the former **Ukrainian Ambassador to the UK, Mr Vadym Prystaiko**, and journalist and author of *Killer in the Kremlin*, John Sweeney

To find out more and book tickets please follow this link: <https://www.help4ukraine.charity/dinner/>

Lord Mayor's Show Drop-in Lunch, Apothecaries' Hall, Saturday 11th November 2023



The Lord Mayor's Show is one of the greatest shows on earth and is the oldest annual parade in the world to have run almost uninterrupted since its inception. Mark the event with lunch at the city's oldest extant Livery,

The Hall is in a prime location on the show route. You can watch the show pass on Ludgate Hill or outside St Paul's, and get to the Hall without having to cross any barriers, then drop down to Victoria Street and watch it all over again – still without barriers! The Hall is also very handy for Blackfriars Station, and is an excellent place to drop off coats and umbrellas if the sun shining.

The Hall will be open from 10.00 am. Tea and coffee will be available; we provide take-away cups so you can dash off to watch the parade (or if you prefer to be environmentally friendly, bring your own reusable, take-away mug and fill up!). There will be a rolling buffet with wine available between 12.00pm and 2.00pm. Once you have booked, you can drop in at any point between those times, have your lunch, and go back to the show. This way, you won't have to worry about rushing off for lunch, just as the parade gets to where you are standing.

Children are very welcome – this will be a very relaxed day, so feel free to bring friends and family.

Refunds, minus a £5 admin fee (per ticket), will be offered, upon request, to anyone cancelling for any reason up to six working days before an event. After this time, no refunds are available.

To Book:

Please contact the Events Officer on: events@apothecaries.org.

Please advise of any dietary requirements you may have

The Brigantes Committee

Please see [link here](#) to a selection of photographs from the 2023 Brigantes Breakfast held at The Royal Hall, Harrogate on Friday 7th July.

275 Liverymen and guests attended, including 23 current Masters and the President of the City Livery Club, with many staying in Harrogate for either one or two nights. 76 Livery Companies were represented.

To recommend Liverymen for inclusion on the circulation for events, please email the Secretary at livery@brigantes.org.uk

A Square Mile Year - Past Master Gardener Peter Waine 2021-2022

A SQUARE MILE YEAR

An engaging insight into the City of London's traditions and modern relevance

PETER WAINE



A Square Mile Year is a light-hearted yet comprehensive account in diary form of a Master's year incorporating the anecdotes of others and the history and traditions of many liveries and of the City.

Not least the diary gives an insight for those perhaps aspiring to a Mastership or just wanting to know the modern relevance of an ancient entity, the Corporation of London and its constituent parts including our beloved livery companies often as viewed by a Master when participating in the rich array of events in a packed year. Pre-publication reviews have called it 'lively, informative and amusing'. It is not a history of the institutions of the Square Mile but a fast paced diary.

The book is available from my publisher on the link below and, very shortly, from all the usual outlets - Amazon, Waterstones, Daunts etc.

<https://blackspringpressgroup.com/products/a-square-mile-year>

Through Music We Care - Household Cavalry

The Commanding General Household Division and Commanding Officer of the Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment would be delighted if the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers could assist in giving notice of the ambitions of our charity event being staged on 29th February 2024, details of which [are attached here](#) and more back ground information on the Household Cavalry can be [found here](#).

The **Through Music We Care** dinner will highlight and help support the Household Cavalry Foundation. The evening's entertainment will be stunning – and completely unique. Although it may not be possible for your Livery itself to directly support the event, we'd be grateful if the attached information can be forwarded to your members, some of whom may wish to attend in their private capacity.

The Queen's funeral last year featured the Household Cavalry musicians and trumpeters – all whom performed magnificently. Those same musicians will be providing two sets of entertainment during our **Through Music We Care** dinner.



Treasures of Gold and Silver Wire

29th September - 12th November 2023

An exhibition celebrating 400 years of exquisite craftsmanship

Guildhall Art Gallery, City of London, EC2V 5AE

An exhibition of how Gold and Silver Wire has been used and still being used today at the Guildhall Art Gallery. It is open seven days a week from the 30th September to the 12th November. Please [see here](#) for more information,

Inter Livery Real Tennis Tournament, Wednesday 1st November 2023

The Organising Committee are finalising arrangements for the 2023 Inter-Livery Real Tennis tournament,

which will be held on Wednesday 1st November at the Queen's Club, and we hope that you might alert your members to save the date! I shall also send the invitation to participate to each of the participants in the 2022 tournament, with a copy to you, in a week or so.

Barts 900 - Fiona Miller Smith CEO Barts Charity

I'm so pleased to write to you at the mid-point of St Bartholomew's Hospital's milestone 900th anniversary year with an update on the Barts 900 Campaign.

As you are aware, we are committed to extending our legacy of pioneering healthcare for the City of London and East London by creating a Clinical Research Facility at The Royal London Hospital and a Breast Cancer Centre at St Bartholomew's Hospital.

Following the appeal made to the Livery earlier this year by Professor Charles Knight OBE, CEO of St Bartholomew's Hospital, and Andy Bruce, Chair of Barts Charity, I am delighted to share that we have received generous donations from many Livery Companies. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have helped to recognise this milestone anniversary in such an impactful way. I would particularly like to acknowledge the Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners, who donated £5,000 in memory of their colleague Wendy Broadley, who sadly passed away recently.

There is still time to make a donation towards the Barts 900 Campaign and join other Livery Companies in supporting these two life-changing and life-saving initiatives. The easiest way is to [visit our website](#) or get in touch with Emily Hooke at emily.hooke@bartscharity.org.uk for more information.

You can also contribute by taking part in our sponsored walk – Hike for Health – on Sunday 1 October 2023. The Hike will begin and end in the square of St Bartholomew's Hospital and take in the sights of historic East London. For more details, [please visit our website](#).

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and for all your work to make the City of London a better place.

Livery Briefing Newsletter

Please [find attached here](#) the July version of the Livery Briefing newsletter, which will also shortly be available on the Livery Committee website at www.liverycommittee.org

Our Charitable Fund

DMRC Café Launch event - Freeman Lucy Jeynes

The 12th September saw the unveiling of the plaque to commemorate the opening of the newly refurbished café area at the Defence Medical Research Centre (DMRC) at Stanford Hall. The Pattenmakers have a longstanding relationship with the DMRC, started originally through our work supporting the provision of bespoke orthopaedic footwear, but this project drew on the facilities management group within our Company.



A team of FM and design experts conceived and developed the transformation of the area from a plain circulation corridor to a bright, airy social space with furniture specially suited for people on their recovery journey, plants and Italian lighting. The project team were able to draw on their connections across the industry to source both expertise and equipment, demonstrating that connections can be just as valuable as cash when supporting initiatives.

We are grateful to Pattenmakers project team who gave so generously of their time and expertise, and of course all of those in our Company who supported the work. Our team comprised Jennifer Bryant-Pearson, Martin Pickard, Mike Packham, Bryan Oknyansky, Sarah Hodge, Graham Perry, Lesley Exley and Sophia Lee. The project was also supported by the DMRC Benevolent Fund.

The bespoke plaque is made of solid copper, and we were told a section of the wall had to be reinforced to carry the weight! The plaque was unveiled by the Master and Group Captain Christopher Rowley RAF, Commanding Officer DMRC, in front of a group of some 36 Pattenmakers along with other members of the DMRC medical and support staff, who then explored the area, before a walk through of some of the other facilities. The area looks bright and welcoming, and is well-used by the patients – we can be justifiably proud of the difference we have made.

Stanford Hall is the only military rehabilitation centre of its kind in the UK, having moved to this location in 2018 following its foundation at Headley Court in 1949 after World War II. At a champagne reception in the officer's mess, we heard about the valuable work carried out here from the Commanding Officer and then from Brian Dent MBE, (known to everyone as George) as the head of the DMRC Benevolent Fund, and also learned that NATO will be developing a similar centre to support Ukraine, which will be twinned with the DMRC in the UK so that our expertise can be shared.

We also heard from the Master that the Pattenmakers will be one of the first livery companies to sign up to the Defence Covenant as part of our ongoing and continued support for the UK military, this will further cement our relationship with the DMRC.



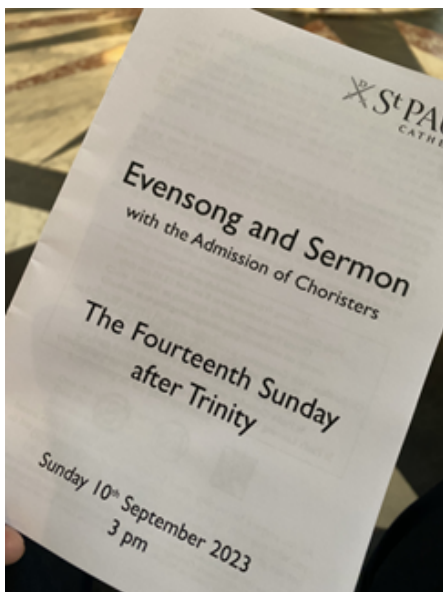
The Livery is very proud to part fund the education of a Chorister at this important school.

It was my great pleasure therefore to represent to Pattenmakers at St Paul's cathedral on Sunday 10th September to see our current chorister, Taryn 'made-up' to being a full Chorister.

Taryn has successfully completed his Probation and this is a testament of the wonderful progress that he has made in the Choir.

There was a lot of support for him with 30 family and friends there. It was a pleasure especially to meet his parents and brother.

A very happy and proud occasion for our Company.



Capel Manor Shoemaking & Leathercraft Showcase & Awards Ceremony 5th July 2023 – Liveryman Mike Watson Smith

I attended this event with on behalf of the Pattenmakers.

It was my first visit to Capel Manor College. I was keen to understand the shoemaking facilities they have and see the work of the recent students.

The showcase and awards ceremony centred around the Saddlery Course, which is the only Saddlery Course in Europe and runs over two years. There were 5 students completing their Year 2 and a with a further 10 students in Year 1. Senior figures from The Loriners, Curriers, Saddlers, Coachmakers and Cordwainers were in attendance and presented the prizes and trophies.

For the Academic year of 2023 there were four students on the 'Access to Higher Education Shoemaking Course'. Unlike the Saddlery Course, which was only financed by the Government for 2023 after a strong intervention by the Leather Liveries, the future funding for the Shoemaking course is secure provided there is a cohort of 6 or more students.

Currently there are only four applicants for 2023/4, and the course is also losing its tutor Sebastian Tarek, who is returning to his bespoke business. Sebastian's deputy will run the course next year, but the long-term outlook with such small numbers of applicants is a concern.

The facilities are extremely good. The stitching machinery and skiver are modern and excellent quality and the general surroundings superb.

The course is a four day a week course of one year duration. There are no accommodation facilities at

Capel Manor and access to the College is a challenge for anyone not travelling from central London.

Each student showcased a total of five pairs of footwear. A woman's court shoe style, a Derby, and Oxford, a pair of sandals, a hand welted style of the student's choice. The material selection, diversity of styling and quality of the workmanship of the finished footwear was excellent. I would go as far as saying that a couple of the pairs of shoes I inspected were superior to the quality of the submissions of the second year students at DMU that Bill Bird and I judged in May 2023.

During the year they enjoyed excursions to Gina, Freed and Trickers well as a visit to Bill Bird.

I met with three of the four students and attach a few photos of them with their work and discussed their plans for the future.

Nicola Holter

Nicola is taking up a position with Thomas Rowe, the London based Theatrical & Film Bespoke maker, in the Autumn.



Alexandra Wilmott

Winner of Cordwainer's Outstanding Contribution Award. Will be setting up her own Bespoke business.



Lewis Conner

Winner of Cordwainer's Outstanding Contribution Award. Is interested in pursuing a career in the Orthopaedic sector and is currently in discussions with JSM about a position.



824 NAS Flying Hours Milestone - Liveryman Steve Huxham

I have pleasure in sharing an article from last month's Fleet Air Arm Officers Association news sheet5,000 flying hours for any naval aviator is a huge achievement and milestone.

Members of 824 NAS were on hand to congratulate instructor **LIEUTENANT COMMANDER Dave 'DT' THOMAS** (pictured right) when he clocked up his 5,000th flying hour.

Squadron Commanding Officer **COMMANDER Chris JONES** (left) said,

'It is a remarkable achievement and testament to his distinguished career,' adding that **LIEUTENANT COMMANDER THOMAS** was a true stalwart of the Fleet Air Arm and MERLIN Helicopter Force.



He'd reached the milestone during a student training sortie (where he was teaching the son of another of the squadron's instructors) and said he was looking forward to being on tomorrow's flying programme too.

Livery Food Initiative

During the pandemic, the Livery movement sponsored the provision of meals for nearly 200,000 people in London and raised over £640k to do so.

Following on from that, the Liveries (via the Livery Charity Chairs Group), have partnered with a well established organisation called City Harvest to both collect surplus food and to distribute it to people in need in London - children living in poverty, women escaping domestic violence, working poor and other vulnerable groups.

Every day, City Harvest collects surplus food from farms, retailers, wholesalers, restaurants and others that otherwise would be destroyed - currently more than 18,000 tons in a year.

The emphasis is on fresh fruit and vegetables, good quality meat and fish and culturally appropriate food for specific communities in London.

The food is inspected and sorted to meet the individual demands of over 300 charities at the rate of 1.2 million meals a month, 7 days a week but with waiting lists that indicate it should be delivering over 20 million meals to over 500 charities a year.

The initiative therefore deals with two of the biggest issues in the world today - food waste and food poverty.

The meals are delivered in 17 vans staffed by professional drivers and the Initiative has raised over £190,000 that has paid for a new van and its running costs for 3 years. The van is Livery and Union Jack branded and is in operation and a campaign is underway to raise funds to purchase and fund a second "livery" van as soon as possible.

Over 30 Liveries, including the Pattenmakers, have so far contributed to this cause and in its short history, there is no doubt that the Livery Food Initiative is doing enormous good and with some incredible benefits to hard pressed Londoners as well as avoiding the unnecessary disposal surplus food. Please [see here letter](#) received from City Harvest

In September, the Lord Mayor is hosting a celebratory event to acknowledge this and to further raise awareness of the Initiative and the Liveries role in it.

Our History

[Scotland v England Football 150th Anniversary - Liveryman Steve Huxham](#)



Past Master Alfred Baker played and scored at the first known international match at the Oval on 5 March 1870. This and the next four matches up to 1872 are recognised as “representative” matches only by FIFA rather than full internationals because the Scotland team were drawn only from London based Scottish players. Alfred Baker was only one of two players not from a public school background in that first England team, and played in three of these matches.

At the time, the England captain, Charles Alcock, wrote very strongly against this viewpoint as the right to play and public invitation “was open to every Scotchman” wherever based. As the invitations had been carried in all the Scottish newspapers “the fault lies on the heads of the players of the north, not on the management who sought the services of all alike impartially....The match was, as announced, to all intents and purposes between England and Scotland”.

The FA solved the issue by deciding to play the next game in Glasgow, and Queen’s Park Club took up the challenge, hosting one in 1872, which is recognised by FIFA, though at the time it was seen as a continuation of previous games.

Formation data doesn’t exist from the earliest games but apparently in the third and fifth matches both teams used a “1-1-8” formation – a system that I don’t believe Mr Southgate has yet considered!

Past Master Baker is featured in an extended article in the Livery’s History – Out of the Mud which is still available.

Auction Item - Liveryman Steve Huxham



A fine pair of silk damask shoes, circa 1730 of dark green silk edged in green braid, with white leather rand, sharply pointed toes, lined in linen with leather inner sole, the tongues backed in pink silk. Later cut steel buckles. The pattens in matching green silk. The price achieved was £2,500. This price together with the on costs meant that the Company did not bid for this item and the description and picture is for information only.

Members News

The Common Meal at Davy's, Plantation Place - Thursday 28th September 2023

The Common Meal is an informal meeting to which all Company members are invited to hear about some of the key strategies of the Company and more importantly, to give those members the opportunity to question and have clarified any Pattenmaker matters and to make suggestions to improve how we operate.

The Common Meal is open to Freemen and Liverymen only and is a great opportunity to meet other members. It endorses one of the key tenets of the Livery through the ages - Fellowship and Friendship!

Please join us from 6.30pm for dinner at 7.15. Cost £65.00 a head which covers the 2 course meal and half a bottle of wine – booking form can be [found here](#)

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

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