



# The Pattenmaker

NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY

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## From the Master, Commodore Patrick Tyrrell OBE Royal Navy



Despite the recent hot weather down in the South, summer is well and truly over as we contemplate the second half of October and the imminence of November. In Cornwall, the trees are losing their colour and their leaves and nights are drawing in! I feel a bit of a fraud since I am writing this newsletter from the deck of my villa in Crete, overlooking the blue Mediterranean. I am looking up at the hilltop right by Stavros Beach made famous because it was where Anthony Quinn and Alan Bates danced their way across the beach in the closing scenes of 'Zorba the Greek' filmed exactly 60 years' ago.

Back in the City of London, the Livery Companies have performed one of their most important roles: that of electing the 695th Lord Mayor of London to serve from November 2023 for twelve months. Alderman Michael Mainelli was elected unanimously. He is a familiar face for the Pattenmakers having served as Sheriff with our own Past Master, Chris Hayward. You can read all about him in the current Newsletter.

We finished our last Newsletter with the fantastic tour of the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre and the unveiling of a plaque commemorating the part played by the Pattenmakers in raising funds for this important and worthwhile project. PM Jennifer Bryant-Pearson, Assistants Martin Pickard, Sarah Hodge, Graham Perry and Liverymen Mike Packham, Leslie Exley, Sophia Lee and designer Liveryman Brian Okynansky are to be congratulated bringing this amazing project to completion.

The Pattenmaker Facilities Management dinner was held at Haberdashers' Hall and we are extremely grateful to our sponsors, OCS, for their support in enabling this important dinner in the Pattenmaker calendar to be such a success. Richard Hobbs, the sales director of CBRE GWS gave an excellent talk on the management of their projects and Agathe Boudiba was presented with the Young FM Manager of the Year Award and received the Freedom of the Company.

We need more young people like her!



*Richard Hobbs*



*Master with Richard Hobbs*



*Agathe Boudiba having been presented with the Young FM Manager of the Year Award at the Mansion House Dinner, received the Freedom of the Company*

On the 22nd September, Debbie and I had the great privilege of joining a Pattenmaker table at the Sheriffs' Ball. The theme was 'Phantom of the Opera' and, as you can see, we entered into the spirit of the evening. The event, in aid of the Lord Mayor's appeal was spectacular and raised a considerable amount.





The weekend was completed when a number of Pattenmakers exercised their ancient right of herding our sheep across one of London's bridges. Actually, they weren't 'our' sheep, we just borrowed them for the short trip across the bridge. Great fun was had by all (although I suspect the sheep were a little bored of going backwards and forwards!)

As many of you will be aware, the Pattenmakers are part of the 'Leather Liveries Group' and I was privileged to attend a luncheon at Saddlers' Hall with fellow Masters and Prime Wardens. We were given a tour around the Hall and shown some of their treasures including an embroidered Coffin cover dating from around 1506. Apparently, the Worshipful Company of Saddlers was concerned that it might be seized by Henry VIII's commissioners as papist as it had effigies of the Virgin Mary on the four sides so they unstitched the faces and they managed to persuade the authorities that there was nothing papist to be seen! The blank faces of the Virgin Mary stare out from the cloth to this day! It is stunning! Another treasure is the saddle of the 'King's Champion', a role held by a gentleman living in Norfolk. The saddle, made for King George III's coronation, was used by the Champion whose role was to ride into the coronation banquet, throw down the gauntlet and challenge any person who doubted the King's right to be King. The embroidered gauntlet was lying beside the saddle.

One of the important traditions of Livery Companies is the 'Common Meal'. This is one of the earliest 'democratic' traditions whereby the whole company is invited to a simple meal and can ask questions of the Master and the Court. We held our Common Meal at Davys Wine Bar close to our church, St Margaret Patten. Conversation was spirited and enjoyable - it is a democratic tradition we must foster!

The following day was the occasion of Common Hall where all the Livery Masters process into the Church next to the Guildhall, St Lawrence Jewry. For those of you unfamiliar with this church, it has recently undergone major restoration and is well worth a visit. Following the service, the Masters processed into the Guildhall for the election of the new Lord Mayor. With a cry of "Oyez" we approved the choice of the two front runners for the post and the Aldermen retired to make their choice between them! The Pattenmakers then repaired to the Guildhall Club for a well deserved lunch!



We can now look forward to our October dinner which is to be held at Trinity House on 20 October. As this is only one day before the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar and, possibly because of the Master's naval background, we are going to celebrate the anniversary in true Naval style. We have Lord West of Spithead as our principal guest and he will propose the toast to the Immortal Memory. It should be an evening to remember.

In November, we will inaugurate our 695th Lord Mayor and he will parade through the streets of the City in the traditional Lord Mayor's parade. This year the Guilds of Zurich and other Cities will be

joining us. The Pattenmakers will be there!

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## City of London Corporation

### Livery Food Initiative - Past Master Richard Kottler

During the pandemic, the Livery movement sponsored the provision of meals for nearly 200,000 people in London and raised over £640,000 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 to 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 50 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.

In September, the Lord Mayor hosted a celebratory event to acknowledge this and to further raise awareness of the Initiative and the Liveries role in it and all contributing Companies received a plaque to recognise this.

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### Election as Lord Mayor - Lord Mayor Elect, Alderman Michael Mainelli



Today was an enormously emotional day for Elisabeth and me as, not only was it Michaelmas (!), I was elected as the 695th Lord Mayor of London for the 'year ensuing', from 10 November 2023 till 10 November 2024. My acceptance speech, and thanks to the Livery and City of London community [can be found here](#) and, yes, it was a delightfully sunny day with the sun directly in my eyes for the photos:

**Professor Michael Mainelli** MStJ PhD MPhil BA FCCA FCSI(Hon) FBCS FRSA CITP FIC CMC MEI is a qualified accountant, securities professional, computer specialist, and management consultant, educated at Harvard University and Trinity College Dublin. He gained his PhD at the London School of Economics where he was also Visiting Professor of Innovation & IT. Originally a

research scientist in aerospace (rocket science) and computing (architecture & cartography), after directing mapping projects in Switzerland he became a senior partner with accountants BDO Binder Hamlyn directing global consulting, and Corporate Development Director for Europe's largest R&D firm, then the Ministry of Defence's 14,000 strong Defence Evaluation & Research Agency. During a mergers & acquisitions spell in merchant banking with Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, he founded Z/Yen in 1994, the City of London's leading think-tank, promoting societal advance through better finance and technology, renowned for its Global Financial, Green Finance, and Smart Centres indices.

Michael is Chairman of Z/Yen Group; Emeritus Professor of Commerce and Honorary Life Fellow of Gresham College; Senior Independent Director of the United Kingdom Accreditation Service and AIM-listed Wishbone Gold plc; City & Guilds Council Member; Trustee of Morden College; Fellow of Goodenough College; Visiting Professor at UCL's Bartlett School. Awards include a UK Foresight Challenge Award for the Financial Laboratory; UK Smart Award for prediction software; Technology Strategy Board Challenge Award for financial avatars; British Computer Society Director of the Year; Gentiluomo of the Associazione Cavalieri di San Silvestro; Consigliere del Senato Accademico of L'Accademia Tiberina; 'Hons' award from the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment; Member of the Order of St John; Honorary Fellow of King's College London; Honorary Bencher of Middle Temple.

He is an Alderman of the City of London, Trustee of the Lord Mayor's Appeal, Director of the Lord Mayor's Show, and late Sheriff of the City of London 2019-2021, with charity interests in the environment, education, and care. Michael is Past Master of the World Traders, Craft-Owning Freeman of the Watermen & Lightermen, Honorary Liveryman of the Worshipful Companies of Furniture Makers, Water Conservators, Marketors, Tax Advisers, International Bankers, Management Consultants, Security Professionals, Engineers, Architects, and Makers of Playing Cards, Honorary Freeman of the Educators, and member of the City Livery Club and Guild of Freeman'

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### The Worshipful Company of Water Conservators

Delighted to announce that Dr Adam Read, Chief External Affairs and Sustainability Officer, SUEZ Recycling & Recovery UK, will be presenting our next webinar on Monday 23rd October 2023 at 5.30pm titled "Sustainable Resource Management – delivering Net Zero, a sector in transition and the need for new green skills?"



In this presentation Adam will reflect on the evolving UK waste & resource policy landscape, in particular the progress and implications of Extended Producer Responsibility, Deposit Return Schemes, the Plastic Tax and Consistent Collections reforms on UK waste & resource management solutions and services. He will identify the scale of the opportunity for the sector to deliver Net Zero solutions both for our sector but also for the sectors we support and identify just what the risks and rewards might be for the sector given the competing interests of other sectors that are 'going green'.

Please note that to attend the webinar you will need to register first via the Eventbrite link on the flyer, attendance is free. You will then receive a return email from Eventbrite with the zoom joining instructions. Any problems contact: [rob.casey1@hotmail.com](mailto:rob.casey1@hotmail.com)

[Click here](#) for more information about the webinar and guest speaker.

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## St Lawrence Jewry

St Lawrence Jewry is now re-opened after our massive refurbishment programme.

To celebrate this, show off our now even more (if such thing is possible) beautiful church!! Our new Guild Vicar- Fr James Titley, has organised a concert, details of which are below.

### Embark on a nostalgic adventure at "A Sentimental Journey" where we'll take you back in time, creating unforgettable memories on November 3

Join us for an unforgettable evening at St Lawrence Jewry, London, EC2V 5AA on Fri Nov 03 2023 at 19:00 GMT.

Get ready to embark on a nostalgic adventure as we take you on A Sentimental Journey. This enchanting evening of music and song will transport you back to the early twentieth century and war years, evoking emotions and memories from days gone by.

Join sensational soprano Lili la Scala, accompanied on piano by Tom Carradine (creator of the infamous 'Carradine's Cockney Singalong') and immerse yourself in a captivating atmosphere filled with live music, performances, and a welcome glass of wine. Our talented musicians will serenade you with timeless classics from WW1 and WW2 that will make your heart sing.

With its central location in the heart of the City of London, St Lawrence Jewry, provides the perfect backdrop for this magical evening. The historic charm of the beautifully restored church adds an extra touch of nostalgia to the event.

So mark your calendars and join us for A Sentimental Journey, where we'll celebrate the beauty of the past and create cherished moments that will last a lifetime.

[Click here for Flyer](#)

### Sheriffs' & Recorder's Fund: Dial Medicine for Murder

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The S&R Fund is again planning a superb fundraising evening to take place in Court No.1, Old Bailey on Tuesday 28 November. Called Dial Medicine for Murder it is a criminal medical consultation given by retired doctors Dr Harry Brunjes and Dr Harry Johns. They will present the story of the two most notorious British Physicians of the 20th century who were serial-killers on a vast scale; Dr Harold Shipman and Dr John Bodkin Adams. They will compare and contrast the background, arrest, trials, legacy and psychopathology of both individuals interspersed with film footage and contemporaneous news items. How did they get away with it for so long, how were they caught.

This Show has toured the UK and been presented in the USA too. The Presenters are now wrapping up the tour and the Old Bailey presentation will be the very last opportunity to see it. There is only one performance and 170 seats in total, you are recommended to book your seats online early while available, at this link: [Booking Form for Dial Medicine for Murder Show](#)

More information about the presentation can be viewed here:

[www.dialmedicineformurder.com/dates](http://www.dialmedicineformurder.com/dates)

[Click here for flyer](#)

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### **Lord Mayor's Show - 11th November 2023**

The image for this year's Lord Mayor's Show has been painted by Jim Moir (or more commonly known as Vic Reeves).

# THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW 2023




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**Saturday 11 November**  
From 11am It's free  
[lordmayorsshow.london](http://lordmayorsshow.london)




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### Zurich Guilds in London

Professor Michael Mainelli PhD, Senior Alderman Below The Chair (SABTAC), invited the City of Zurich and all its Guilds to participate in the Lord Mayor's Show 2023, together with other cities of the world who are important to the City of London. This call was answered enthusiastically both by our city, as well as the Zurich Guilds, and we are very pleased to be present with nearly 200

delegates, in their traditional costumes in a colourful float in the Lord Mayor's Show 2023. In the evening of Saturday, 11th November 2023, from 6.30pm, a sumptuous black-tie dinner will be held, livery-style, at the Plaisterers' Hall. The future Lord Mayor invited delegates from other World Cities, according to his theme "Connect To Prosper". He will be present as well as the Vice President of the City of Zurich, and other dignitaries.

[More details can be found here](#)

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## Our Charitable Fund

### Letter of Appreciation Received

Colonel R W Murfin TD DL  
The Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers  
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3 October 2023

Dear Colonel Murfin,

I write to thank all at the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers for their generosity in enabling me to have a pair of bespoke shoes made that take account of my ongoing mobility issues. Prematurely retired from a career in the Royal Navy after an injury sustained in service, I must now use a number of custom orthotic devices, all of which make the wearing of anything other than adapted footwear unachievable. As a result I have struggled to find something suitable to wear, when an occasion demands a smart appearance.

Again, as I am sure you are aware this task was expertly undertaken by Bill Bird and his team at their workshop in Blockley, Gloucestershire. The result – an excellent pair of "Blucher Brogues", so well made the casual observer would have no idea that they are designed to fit around my orthotics. The standard of the work they have produced is excellent, the pride this team take in their work evident in all they do. I really am most grateful for the substantial support of the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers in enabling this work to be undertaken on my behalf.

I hope to make good use of these shoes in the coming months, and with this in mind I would be very grateful if you could pass on my heartfelt thanks to the Master and all those at the Company of Pattenmakers for all their support. Thank you, once again, for your help in enabling me to look smart, despite my ongoing footwear challenges!

Thank you. Your support is really appreciated.

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## Members News

### Thirteenth Annual Young Pattenmakers' Dinner, Watermans' Hall

We look forward to seeing you there. There are a few spaces remaining, so if you have not returned your completed booking from, please do soon as possible to secure your space.

Booking from [can be found here](#). Please return directly to [assistantclerk@pattenmakers.co.uk](mailto:assistantclerk@pattenmakers.co.uk)

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