The Pattenmaker

NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY

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From the Master, Commodore Patrick Tyrrell OBE Royal Navy

It is a truism that time goes faster as one gets older; I can now tell you, it goes even faster when one is a Livery Master! But be that as it may, here we are at another Christmas and quickly into 2024!

Since our last newsletter, we have entered into the Mayoralty of the 695th Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Michael Mainelli. The privilege of the City of London to elect their own Lord Mayor dates back to the year 1215 when King John was in great financial difficulties. In agreeing that the City of London could elect its own Lord Mayor he laid down two conditions: the first was that the City would be required to show off each new Lord Mayor to the citizenry of the City and the second was that each Lord Mayor should swear fealty to the King; either directly or through the Lord Chief Justice.

November's Lord Mayor’s Show is a demonstrable outcome of that promise as is the visit the Lord Mayor pays to the High Court of Justice at the mid-point of the Show.

It was, therefore, a great privilege to be in one of the carriages in the Show and to accompany the Lord Mayor into the High Court as he made his oath before the recently appointed Lady Chief Justice.

Luckily the weather was fair and the crowds thronged the streets of London – it was a magnificent occasion and, for those who have yet to experience this annual event, you need to book it into your diary for 2024!

I have also had the privilege of representing your Company at several events including the Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders banquet at Mansion House, the Saddlers, and the Paviors. We attended the Zurich Guilds dinner at the Guildhall and made some preparations for our visit to Zurich next April (12th – 15th). Unfortunately, the rail strike prevented me from attending the Coachmakers' Court lunch.

One of the most pleasurable duties as Master is hosting the Master and Clerks lunch which we held at Armourers' Hall. This where we, as the Pattenmaker Company, entertain all the Livery masters who have

given us hospitality. We also enjoyed a wonderful evening with the Young Pattenmakers' at their dinner in the wonderful surroundings of Watermans' Hall. We also attended the Guild of Freemen banquet at the Guildhall.

We enjoyed a lovely evensong at our Livery church, St Margaret Pattens with our sister livery, the Basketmakers arranged by the Friends of St Margaret Patten. If you are not already a member, you can find the link **here**. We have just enjoyed our annual Carol Service to mark the start of Christmas where the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols always marks the start of the Festive Season and brings back happy memories of Christmas Past.

If you are still wondering what presents you might give this Christmas, you might look no further than the 'Pattenmaker Shop' where you can buy Company ties, cuff-links, silk scarves, umbrellas and other fabulous items. Just send a note to the Clerk, he's always happy to act as Santa Claus!

Debbie and I hope that all of you have a wonderful Christmas with friends and family and that 2024 is happy and healthy. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our annual Mansion House banquet on 26th January. It is our premiere event and not to be missed. Looking further ahead, we have the March Dinner on 13th March. This is a change from the earlier promulgated date.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

City of London Corporation

A Christmas Message from the Lord Mayor, Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli, can be found **here**

A number of groups are mentioned including LinkedIn City of London Livery Group https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12921054/

Update from St Paul's Cathedral

As the autumn colours fall away and the days draw in we can at least look forward to the Christmas season and the joy this brings. Here at St Paul's we have our traditional line up of carol services and concerts. Our full schedule can be viewed **here** on our website. All of our Advent and Christmas Services, along with our regular patten of services, are free to attend and everyone is welcome. This year, tickets are needed to attend our 4pm Carol Services on the 23rd and 24th December, in addition to *A Celebration of Christmas* on the 14th December. Tickets for all of these will be released in the coming weeks so please do follow St Paul's on our social media for updates on when bookings become available.

The Cathedral has been very busy over recent months, we have welcomed a significant return of overseas tourists and this has made a tremendous difference to our post pandemic financial recovery. We are also very pleased this summer to have completed on two major projects, which have enabled us to reopen our 17th Century Wren Library and the Whispering Gallery.

Livery Briefing newsletter

Please see here a truncated version of the usual Livery Briefing newsletter, which will also shortly be available on the Livery Committee website a**t www.liverycommittee.org.**

THE ARCHITECTS' COMPANY

Livery Halls of the City of London Book - Special Christmas Offer

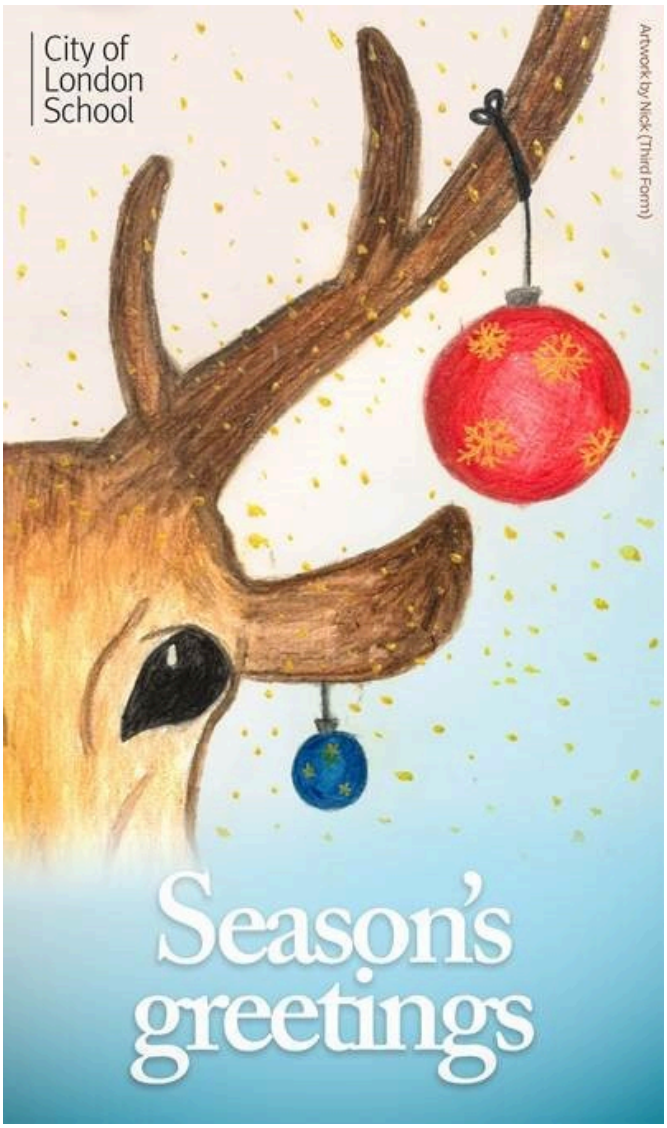
Please see here for a special Christmas pressie idea!

Our Charitable Fund

The Paice Memorial De Montfort University Bespoke Orthopedic Shoe Design Award

The judging of the Practical Projects for the De Montfort University, Year Two, BA in Footwear Design and Illustration took place on Tuesday November 14th. The full article by Liveryman Bill Bird **can be read here**

City of London School



Wishing The Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers a wonderful festive break and a fantastic start to 2024. Many thanks for all your support over the past year.

MEDIA UPDATE FOR EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS from Captain Richard Seaton, 101 (City Of London) Engineer Regiment (EOD&S)

An update from the Regiment along with some photos to accompany the information can be **found in full here**.

Message from Footwear Industry

Thank you so much for your recent, very generous donation to the Footwear Industry Trust.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated and will assist the charity to maintain its giving to those members and former members of the footwear industry that really need our help, especially in light of the continuing Cost of Living Crisis.

Your gift is very much appreciated.

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF SADDLERS

Inter Livery Padel Competition

The Worshipful Company of Saddlers Inter Livery Padel Competition is to be held at The National Tennis Centre, Roehampton SW15 5JQ on Friday 31st May 2024. The nearest station is Barnes which is a 10 min walk to the Centre. The Centre also has parking on site for those that wish to drive there.

Full details can be found here: **Inter Livery Padel Competition**
Entry Form here: **Competition Entry Form**

Our History

Pattens - it's a small world

BURFORD TOLSEY MUSEUM & ARCHIVE

The Clerk received a request from a Trustee of the Burford Tolsey Museum.

I am writing on behalf of the Burford Tolsey Museum which is a registered charity, www.burfordtolsey.org to see if your Worshipful Company is able to assist us in allowing us to use an image of their crest and also supply an image of a person wearing a pair of pattens that we could use to illustrate a small article that we have written. We understand that the Church which is used by the Worshipful Company may feature a stain

glass window which shows the latter.

I ask because we have a pair of simple pattens in our collection from a Cotswold Farm, that we would like to feature in a forthcoming small publication to be called 'Treasures of the Burford Tolsey Museum', to be available to offer to our visitors (approx. 5,000 a year).

Assistant to the Court Steve Huxham responded and further correspondence was received, which **can be read here**

Members News

Annual Banquet,The Mansion House - Friday 26th January 2024

Spaces are limited, booking form to be **downloaded from here**

New Liveryman - Brian de Bell

I was both pleased and proud to have been clothed as a Liveryman of the Company on 20th October, prior to the Trafalgar Dinner.

Having lived in Northampton, in my later childhood, it was not surprising that my first employment was with a footwear manufacturer, as that was still the prevalent industry in the town in the 1960's and remains significant to this day, though much diminished.

Read the article in **full here**

The Lord Mayor's Parade

Pattenmakers gathered before the Parade

Renter Warden and Beadle

The Master and Upper Warden at the Guildhall

Beadle, Assistant Steve Huxham, Renter Warden, Clerk Designate

The Lord Mayor was greeted at the Guildhall by Past Master Chris Hayward

Liveryman Jamie Ingham Clark with the Lord Mayor and the Master

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Pollinating London Together (PLT) - Upper Warden Keith Bottomley

This is an initiative that is raising awareness of the importance of biodiversity and pollinators and their substantial recent decline. The initiative began as a collaboration between the City of London's livery companies, first initiated in 2019 by the Worshipful Companies of Wax Chandlers and Gardeners, and now with a vibrant membership across the livery company community as well as other organisation types.

I am in the process of setting up a Sustainability Working Group. If you would like to get involved please contact Keith on 07930 364499 or email: keith.bottomley@cityoflondon.gov.uk

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The Pattenmakers' Christmas Carol Service

St Margaret Pattens was very near capacity for the Carol Service which was enjoyed by members of the Company.

Who then enjoyed a festive Dinner nearby

Young Pattenmakers

Dinner held on 17th November at Watermen's Hall - Clerk Designate, Claire Hobson

The evening began with the guest speaker, Steve Pateman, strutting around the room in thigh high red high heeled boots telling the real story behind the film and hit musical Kinky Boots. It was quite a tale, from rather traditional beginnings in a family footwear business in Northampton to the catwalk in Milan and cabaret clubs in London. Steve took us on a very personal journey and shared his behind-the-scenes experience of making a movie based on his life, which was later turned into a musical.

The evening, which was oversubscribed, was a huge success and many stayed on for the after party. We welcomed a few new faces including prospective Young Pattenmakers. Based on the buzz in the room and interest in the event, we are positive about the next year for Pattenmakers young and old.

Scarr-Hall Memorial Award Winners

Jemma Swales

Leo Comparetto

The Pattenmakers (sic) Arms - Past Master Richard Kottler

This came out of the blue. Fancy the Patten Burger?

Editor comments - All publicity is good publicity. Perhaps it may get customers interested in the Livery but where is the apostrophe!

The Master comments - We are trying to get a trip up there - so Patten Makers (sic) Fish and Chips all round!

Editor comments - still no apostrophe and now they are using two words - a festive drink should calm me down

THE PATTENMAKERS ARMS

STARTERS

Mushroom Fricassee - 5.95
creamy stilton mushrooms, toasted garlic croute (gfa)

Chicken Liver Pate - 5.95
caramelised red onion, toasted brioche (gfa)

King Prawn & Smoked Salmon - 6.95
baby gem, marie rose sauce (gfa)

Soup of the Day - 4.95
warm bread

MAINS

Chicken Supreme - 15.95
truffled mash potato, tenderstem broccoli, red wine jus (gfa)

8oz Sirloin Steak - 21.00
house chips, roasted tomato, grilled mushroom & peppercorn sauce (gfa)

Rump of Lamb - 21.00
roasted courgettes, rosemary potatoes, pan jus (gfa)

Beetroot & Butternut Squash Wellington - 14.95
truffled mash, greens, vegetarian gravy

Patten Burger - 13.95
baby gem, tomato, gherkins, relish, monetary jack

Patten Makers Battered Fish & Chips - 13.95
mushy peas, tartare sauce

SIDES

Hand Cut Chips - 3.95

House Salad - 3.95

DESSERTS

Lemon Tart - 4.95
raspberry ice cream

Chocolate Brownie- 4.95
vanilla ice cream

Eton Mess - 4.95
creme chantilly, meringue, coulis, berries (gfa)

Cheese & Biscuits - 5.95
chutney, apple, celery

KIDS MENU

Sausage & Mash - 8.95
buttered peas, gravy (gfa)

Fish Goujons - 8.95
house chips & mushy peas

Cheese Burger - 8.95
baby gem, tomato & house chips (gfa)

Vegan Burger - 8.95
vegan cheese & burger relish

WE REGRET WE CANNOT GUARANTEE OUR FOOD PRODUCTS ARE FREE FROM NUTS OR NUT DERIVATIVES
IF YOU HAVE ANY FOOD ALLERGIES OR SPECIFIC DIETARY REQUIREMENTS PLEASE INFORM YOUR SERVER.
(V) VEGETARIAN, (VG) VEGAN, (GF) GLUTEN FREE, (GFA) GLUTEN FREE AVAILABLE (N) CONTAINS NUTS

Letter to the Editor

From Past Master Dame Heather Steel to the Clerk

Another really interesting 'Pattenmaker!' Thank you. Such a busy time and so many wonderful events and people involved. Congratulations to all. I shall always remember attending the Remembrance service at St Pauls to leave our cross. It was a magical summer morning with the autumn leaves gently falling in the sunshine. What a privilege to be part of that occasion.

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

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