



# The Pattenmaker

NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY

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



Well, here we are, past January and already one twelfth of the way through 2024! Although the New Year is no longer that new, let me start by wishing you all a very Happy and Healthy New Year. For the Pattenmakers, 2024 has started as it means to go on: busy!

I was very privileged to attend the Gold and Silver Wire Drawers' Livery lunch with the Clerk Designate to welcome their Master into office – for the second year running! Unfortunately, her Upper Warden was unable to step up into the role through ill health and, as we say in the Navy, Catherine has had to go around the buoy again! We wish her every success.



It is a long-standing tradition of the Company to hold a dinner for members of the Court and Company Stewards after the first Court meeting of the year. It allows the Court to reflect on the previous year and make plans for the future, including the election of the principal officers who will take office at our next dinner on 13 March, which is being held at Vintners' Hall. It is a stunning location - the Hall having been built in 1675 after the ravages of the Great Fire.

In January we held the Mansion House Banquet and those of you who attended the event on the 26th January will have enjoyed themselves. We had the complete Civic Party led by the Lord Mayor, Professor Michael Mainelli accompanied by his wife Elizabeth. The Lord Mayor shared his vision of

London as a modern coffee house where knowledge and trade were shared within the Square Mile. London is not just about finance, it is also a centre for modern science and technology, the arts, law, and entrepreneurship. The guest of honour was Professor Sir Nigel Shadbolt, currently the Principal of Jesus College, Oxford and one of the leading experts on Artificial Intelligence (AI). After all the negative comments that have been bandied about on the subject, it was good to hear a more optimistic and upbeat future for life in the AI world! I was delighted to present Young Pattenmaker FM Award to Anthony Atkinson and Young Pattenmaker Footwear Award to Heather Robertson. Full article on the award winners can be [found here](#).

The banquet was complete with trumpet fanfares for the Civic Party and an outstanding rendering of "Post horn Gallop"!



*Master*



*Professor Sir Nigel Shadbolt*



*Lord Mayor, Master and Footwear Award Winner, Heather Robertson*



*Lord Mayor and FM Award Winner Anthony Atkinson*

Looking ahead to February, we have the Trade Outing to Lloyd's of London on the 15th February and the Company will be signing the Military Covenant at the Guildhall on 20th February. For tickets/booking enquiries contact [claire@pattenmakers.co.uk](mailto:claire@pattenmakers.co.uk) (there a few tickets remaining for the Lloyd's visit) and look out for future emails from Claire highlighting our packed programme for 2024

including the Company's visit to Zurich in April for Sechseläuten.

February marks the approaching end of my Mastership and I shall hand over to my successor in March. It has been an amazing year which has passed far too swiftly and a great privilege for Debbie and me to be involved in the life of the City of London. As one wit remarked, "You go from being Cock-of-the-walk one minute to a feather duster the next"!

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## Members News

### New Sustainability Working Group

The new Sustainability Working Group met for their first meeting on 23rd January.

The Master-Elect, Keith Bottomley, has set 'Sustainability and Involvement' as his theme for the year 2024/25.

The Working Group is chaired by Liveryman Sarah Hodge with Vice Chair Liveryman Vanessa Podmore and the group will develop the Company's sustainability strategy and actions bringing a Climate Action Plan, based on templates from the Livery Climate Action Group (LCAG), forward for 13th March, the date of the next Court Meeting.

[Read here](#) for full article and list of Members

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### Young Pattenmakers Award Winners

### New Membership System - Assistant David Emanuel, Chairman of the Membership Committee

I am delighted to inform the Livery that the Court gave its consent to purchase a new integrated membership system and once that goes live in February, we'll all be able to book events directly from the members area and pay using a Direct Debit Mandate with GoCardless. So please look out for an email from the Clerk announcing that the new system is live and ready to use.

[Read here](#) for full article

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### Liveryman William Salomon

We are pleased to congratulate Liveryman William Saloman on being awarded an OBE in the New Year's Honours List



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### Sad News - Past Mistress Patten Maker Jessie Linstead

We are sorry to report the passing of Jessie Linstead the widow of Past Master Nigel Linstead (2002) just before Christmas.

# Our Charitable Fund

## Friends of St Margaret Pattens - Past Master Jennifer Bryant-Pearson

We have now had two Friends' services at St Margaret Pattens, both of which were followed by drinks in the church.

The were very lively events with Pattenmakers, Basketmakers, visitors and neighbours from nearby offices resulting in an increase in our Friends' membership.

Our latest event was attended by Sheriff Bronek Masojada who is also the Alderman for our Ward.

We are very keen to encourage more Pattenmakers to join the Friends and support this wonderful Wren building.

There will be a series of events this year for Friends, some of which will be in unusual venues in the City

Come and join us!





If you are not yet a member, please contact [friends@stmargaretpattens.org](mailto:friends@stmargaretpattens.org) and our Honorary Treasurer, Jamie Ingham Clark will be delighted to sign you up!

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### St Margaret Pattens - Reverend Andrew Keep

You are invited to join us for our weekly Services on Thursdays at 1pm, in person or if not in London you can join us on Zoom. Contact [andrew.keep@me.com](mailto:andrew.keep@me.com) for more information

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## City of London Corporation

### Making it EASI - Master Elect Deputy Keith Bottomley CC

The Company of Entrepreneurs Trust, in conjunction with the Company of Entrepreneurs, run an exciting charitable initiative – the Entrepreneurs Award for Social Innovation (EASI).

I was very pleased to represent the Pattenmakers at the '23 Showcase at Draper's Hall on 17th January.

Entrepreneurs solve problems and adapt to challenges. In the face of adversity there are few who are better-equipped than entrepreneurs – entrepreneurs make the best of what the world needs now.

The winners, from over 200 applicants last year receive a grant of £10,000, a 12-month package of support and fellowship including mentoring, networks, and introductions to other sources of funds as well as opportunities to access products and/or services donated by Freemen of the Entrepreneurs and others.

They are looking to support and help accelerate early-stage UK businesses developing products or services with an impactful social or environmental purpose. Applications open this May, and we will promote via our newsletter.



Pictured – the four 2023 winners with some past winners

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### Livery Food Initiative - Operation Farm Gate

In December 2023 the Livery Food Initiative issued its second ask to Livery Companies and Charities. You can access the document here: [Livery Committee](#)

Thanks to the generosity of your Livery Charities, we have already raised more than £90,000 towards the £270,000 costs that will keep a truck on the road for three years. This means we are in a position to launch the newly LFI-liveried lorry on 5th March from Mansion House and, for the second year running, the Lord Mayor has kindly agreed to do this. We will be inviting your Companies and Charities to attend the launch....

[Read here](#) for full article and testimonials

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### Lord Mayor's Coffee Colloquies

The Lord Mayors' Coffee Colloquies are a series of in-person events held at Mansion House promoting connections that help address the leading issues of the day.



[Connect to Prosper](#) celebrates multiple Knowledge Miles, showing that the City of London is a place where problems come to be solved. Lord Mayor's Coffee Colloquies bring together varied voices from around the world to talk about how their work supports the achievement of one of the UN Sustainable Development Goals or another pressing global issue. Through fast-paced transfer of knowledge, with a focus on building connections, the Coffee Colloquies will invigorate our Knowledge Miles in the World's Coffee House.

Liveryman Sarah Hodge will be taking part at a Coffee Colloquie at Mansion House on 15th May, focused on Sustainable Development Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities.

Click [here](#) to find out more

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## Our History

## Master Elect Deputy Keith Bottomley CC

Master Elect received pictures from Liveryman Barbara Barker of a medal presented to her Grandfather together with a Newspaper Article.

Please click [here](#) to view photos and read Court Assistant Steve Huxham's interesting investigation into the medals.




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## Still & Star Pub in Aldgate - Court Assistant Steve Huxham

Our esteemed Master Elect and Deputy Policy Chairman for the Corporation made a LinkedIn post a couple of weeks back, detailing the imaginative restoration and reimagining plans for five City pubs that have all “seen better days” if that is the most apt way to put it. I am sure we would all firstly commend Keith and his colleagues for the ongoing work and vision here in making our City even more of a destination, and not simply a workplace, vital though that part is to the UK economy.

One of these pubs is the Still & Star in Aldgate. There are some good photos of it in the “old days” at this link: [So long Still Star](#)

The point I want to raise here and record is that the Still & Star is one of the very few remaining City pubs where Pattenmakers used to have meetings in former times. This knowledge came from the invaluable work that Stephen Cribb did in the recording of all of these former meeting places. I think we'd have to agree, perhaps with regret, that the pub as it is now is simply isolated, near derelict, and non-viable to remain where it is. The reimagining and local relocation is the best bet going for keeping this historical link to the old City.

All this being the case, the new Still & Star gives us Pattenmakers an opportunity surely? Can we, with the help of our good friends in the City make some sort of play for us to be commemorated, associated with, decorated to reflect – whatever shape or form the reimagined pub? It must be better to raise this at an early stage now and develop some solid ideas?

In summary: we've not got a Hall, we've got a Guild Church, the only current pub associated is in Derbyshire and we rarely go there – so can we take the chance to cement a relationship with one closer to home?

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## Chestnut Removal Shoe - Court Assistant Steve Huxham

Here is an auction link to have a look at - see p198 of the Book in case anyone needs a memory refresher!

Check out Chaussure pour enlever les bogues - Châtaignes - Cévennes sabot déboguer on eBay! [Cevennes hoof debugging](#)

Delivery proved an obstacle and so it seems that the fabled chestnut crushing clogs will remain items beyond our reach and mythical objects only until the next opportunity!!




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## City Events

### The Treloar's Enabling Education



#### Gala Dinner hosted by the Lord Mayor at Mansion House

Taking place on Tuesday 30th April 2024, this spectacular black-tie event, will see guests enjoying a champagne reception on arrival, a delicious three course meal and entertainment!

Click [here](#) to find out more and book

**A Date for your Diaries:** For the first time, the Lady Mayoress will be hosting a fundraising event supporting Treloars. This will be a "Tea" on 26th June also at Mansion House, more information and how to book will be released early February.

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#### Save the Date for Inter-Livery Rifle Shooting Day: 7th June

Please feel free to pass this on to any of your members to whom it may be of interest. Any questions should be directed to Colin Sach: [Colin.sach@sachco.com](mailto:Colin.sach@sachco.com)

For more information please click [here](#)



January 2024 Newsletter for Brigantes, the City of London Liverymen in the North link [here](#).

This edition includes a report on the Brigantes AGM, Winter Gathering, Dinner and Cathedral Christmas Concert held in Carlisle last month, and details of Brigantes events for 2024.

The annual northern lunch, will be held in St Georges Hall, Liverpool on Thursday 20 June. Invitations will be circulated in March. We expect about 350 Liverymen and guests attending. St Georges Hall is immediately opposite Liverpool Lime Street Station, with excellent rail services from London and other centres.

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All contributions are welcome – please send to the Editor Ian Balcombe [ianbalc@gmail.com](mailto:ianbalc@gmail.com)

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