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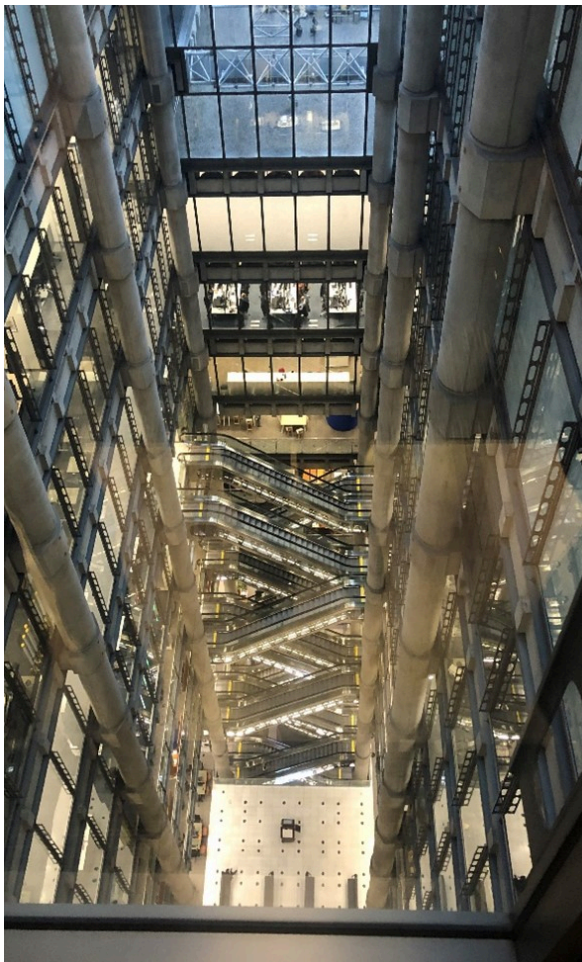
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## From the Master, Commodore Patrick Tyrrell OBE Royal Navy



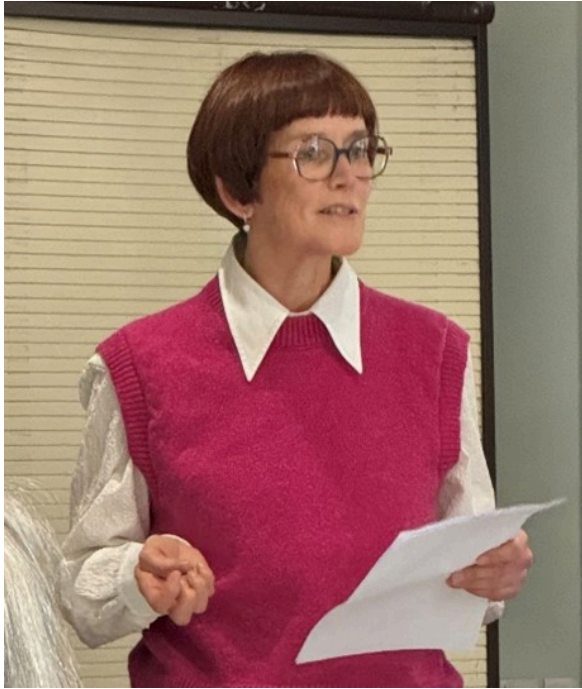
It is one of those truisms of life that time seems to speed up as we age. That is certainly the case when one is Master Pattenmaker! It seems like just yesterday that Debbie and I were preparing for our respective roles as Consort and Master. It has been a privilege and an honour to represent the Company over the past twelve months: we have done many things that we would otherwise not have enjoyed including dinner with Their Majesties the King and Queen, a Buckingham Palace garden party and riding in an open topped Landau in the Lord Mayor's Show. The history and pageantry of the City of London is fascinating and one of those unchangeables in a fast-moving world. It has been a tremendous experience.

We enjoyed a fascinating Trade visit to Lloyds of London where, surprisingly, they have an extensive exhibit on one of my great heroes, Admiral The Lord Nelson. He was, apparently, a great supporter of Lloyds of London and his Lloyds Presentation Sword is fabulous. They also had a gold combination fork/knife which had been presented to him and which is insured for over £2 million.



We also had a presentation from the Chairman of Lloyd's Bruce Carnegie – Brown in the Robert Adam Room.

We have met in incredible group of people including other Masters and Prime Wardens; Debbie held a well-received Consorts' lunch at the City Livery Club at which our own Liveryman Vanessa Podmore spoke about the need for sustainability in the footwear industry – no Imelda Marcos here!



On behalf of the Company, I signed the Military Covenant with the Royal Navy's Second Sea Lord, Vice Admiral Martin Connell. The ceremony was held at Mansion House and witnessed by the Lord Mayor and a healthy contingent of Pattenmakers.

Full copy of the signed Military Covenant can be [viewed here](#)





The Clerk and I attended a dinner at Pewterers', another at Vintners' and a lunch at Girdlers' and I am looking forward to my final Court meeting as Master and investing Keith Bottomley as our next Master. It is one of those humbling events when you realise that, after a year of being responsible for steering that great vessel, the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers, you hand over to your successor and join the ranks of 'Past Masters'!

This year has been special in another manner: after 25 years' at the helm of the Company as the Clerk, Colonel Robert Murfin TD DL has finally hung up his cap and gown to retire. He confided to me some years ago that Masters come and Masters go but the Clerk is always there to ensure our Company flourishes! We shall be dining Robert out in a suitable fashion during the summer. We wish him well.

Claire Hobson, whom many of you have already met, has been appointed as our new Clerk; she will be sworn in on 13 March and she has big footsteps to follow. We welcome her to the Pattenmakers.

Finally, I believe that the Company is in good heart; Debbie and I will treasure our time as Master and Consort for the rest of our lives – Thank You all!

## Members News

The incoming Master Pattenmaker, Deputy Keith Bottomley's year begins on Friday 15th March with the United Guilds Service at St Paul's Cathedral, a key event in the City Livery Calendar, followed by lunch at Stationers' Hall. The 2024 events programme includes several small, more intimate events including recorded chats with interesting city figures/organisations in front of a live audience, an online quiz and Master's dinner at Temple Bar, as well as the main civic and trade dinners.

**Sechselauten 12-16 April, Zurich** – the programme was released a few weeks ago and the trip is open to everyone. More details can be [found here](#).

If you wish to join the Pattenmakers tour please let us know via [clerk@pattenmakers.co.uk](mailto:clerk@pattenmakers.co.uk). Information on costs will be published soon. On Monday 18th March at 5pm, Immediate Past Master Patrick Tyrrell will host a briefing call via Zoom for everyone attending Sechselauten and anyone interested in the trip who may not have yet booked, please join call here :[Briefing call](#)

## With a passion for dance music and old cars, who is this businessman turned philanthropist?

Liveryman James Timpson was featured on Radio 4 Saturday morning recently. Well spotted Diana Fieldwick and others.

The BBC gave the following background:

Timpson - best known for its key cutting and shoe repair services - has become a household name, with over 1000 stores on town high streets and in local supermarkets. But its current CEO, James Timpson, is probably better known for his pioneering work on prison employment. After being impressed by a prisoner in 2002, and offering him a job on release, James Timpson has worked to develop employment schemes for ex-offenders and campaigns for prison reform. Now, ten percent of the Timpson workforce is made up of ex-offenders. He has recently published a new book on his unusual approach to business: 'The Happy Index: Lessons in Upside-Down Management'



## Our Charitable Fund

**The Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers' Marathon Team 2025 - Freeman Paul Bennett**



We are deep into training with only 6 weeks to go! We are the largest team with 9 of us preparing to run or walk the streets of London on the 21st April . The team includes several first time marathon runners, a few hoping for personal best's, one or 2 hoping to just finish with myself included!

All of the team are doing really well with their fund raising, and one runner has already achieved her target already. Any help from fellow Pattenmakers to raise money will be fantastic to ensure that this is one of our best years for fund raising.

Please watch out for us on the April 21st!

Many thanks to Mark Jeffery in organising this year's Marathon Team.

To Donate, please [click here](#)

## Our History

### Chestnut Crushing Clogs acquired - Court Assistant Steve Huxham

Breaking news further to the item in the last Newsletter about the mythical chestnut crushing clogs! These have now been acquired for the Company and are now hopefully en route to a collection box in Prayssac, where a friend should be able to collect them, and return them to the UK in due course. I will of course believe they are real and not mythical when I actually see them! Definitely items to go in the St Margaret Pattenmakers' cabinet if we can squeeze some space to fit them.



## City of London Corporation



**LIVERY  
COMMITTEE**

The February version of the Livery Briefing newsletter can be [found here](#), which will also shortly be available on the Livery Committee website at [www.liverycommittee.org](http://www.liverycommittee.org)



**BRIGANTES**  
CITY OF LONDON LIVERYMEN IN THE NORTH

The link to the new website is here [www.brigantes.org.uk](http://www.brigantes.org.uk)

In addition to information about Brigantes, the website contains reports and photographs of recent events, the programme of events for 2024, details of Brigantes charitable giving and guidance about how to join Brigantes, with an online application form.

Subscribing Members receive invitations to events around two weeks before wider circulation and a discount on the event price. The Subscription Year runs from 1st February.

The administrator advises that the second phase of the website development is the addition of a password protected Members Area and is well advanced. As well as details of Brigantes' committees and committee members, the Members Area will include the ability to book and pay for future events, annual subscriptions, etc, online, all of which will improve the service Members receive and help to keep down Brigantes' administrative costs.



A copy of the governance seminars which The Worshipful Company of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators are running can be [found here](#).

We know that a lot of your members are school governors and they could find these seminars most useful as could anyone thinking of taking up such a role.

## City Events

### Save the date – key events to note in your diary

16th May - Footwear Dinner  
 17th July - July summer party on HMS Wellington  
 16th September - FM Dinner  
 29th Sheep Drive – see below

The Inter-Livery Shoot is sold out – Pattenmakers have three teams entering



### 18th April - The Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch

Tickets now on sale for the Lord Mayor's Big Curry Lunch [Click here](#) for more information and to book.

Enter the Prize Draw for the only Pinchbeck WATERLOO watch ever to be made – number one in a limited edition of one [Prize Draw Entry](#).

List of items up for Silent Auction can be [found here](#).



### 22nd April - St George's Day Banquet

The Chairman Past Master Deputy Christopher Hayward invites you to attend the annual banquet to celebrate St Georges Day in the Great Hall of London's Guildhall on Monday 22nd April.

Full information can be [found here](#)



### 18th May - CLYC Inter-Livery Regatta 2024 - Individual opportunities to compete

The City Livery Yacht Club is arranging charter boats for those who wish to participate in this year's Inter-Livery Regatta (18th May) but who are unable to get a space on a livery or club boat. Each boat will be captained by a qualified skipper, which should give you a competitive chance in the racing! If you're interested in booking one of these spaces we invite you to complete this short survey, by 7th April, which will assist us in ascertaining how many charter boats are required: [Survey](#).

We look forward to seeing you out on the water in May - where you'll have a chance to compete for the Lord Mayor's Cup, this year awarded by the man himself!



### 8th June - Cask Race - Worshipful Company of Coopers

The Worshipful Company of Coopers is thrilled to extend an invitation to the third annual Cask Race, a spectacular event set in the historic Guildhall Yard, the very heart of London's Roman amphitheatre legacy.

Details on how to enter can be [found here](#).



### Longitude 13th June to 17th July - Architects' Company

Details of a new Musical about an 18th century clockmaker written by the current Master's wife and consort, Dr Karen Moloney. For more information and to buy tickets please [click here](#).



### 19th September - Annual City Livery Concert and Reception



### 20th September - Sheriffs' Ball

Alderwoman and Sheriff Dame Susan Langley DBE and Alderman and Sheriff Bronek Masojada are hosting the eighth Sheriffs' Ball at historic Guildhall on Friday 20th September 2024 in aid of The Lord Mayor's Appeal.

To book contact the Master Elect: [Keith.Bottomley@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:Keith.Bottomley@cityoflondon.gov.uk)

More details can be [found here](#)



## Sunday 29th September - Sheep Drive & Livery Fair

From The Master of The Worshipful Company of Woolmen

The Sheep Drive will be taking place again this year on Southwark Bridge and the Livery Fair will be located on Queen Street and Queen Street Place. The celebrity guest is to be announced and please keep an eye on our website for further information.

To book : [Click here](#)

Information for Applicants : [click here](#)

Flyer : [Click here](#)

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