



The Pattenmaker

NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY



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From the Master, Deputy Keith Bottomley



Being admitted as Master Pattenmaker on 13th March was a most humbling experience. Kevin and I were so very touched by the reception we received.

And so, the year began with the new team in place - congratulations to our new Wardens - David Miller, Jane Wilson and Mike Watson Smith and to Chris Stears on being admitted as a Court Assistant having served excellently as Trade Warden for the last two years.



We have published our new Company film and the speeches from the evening are also available to watch online here: [company video](#)

My first few days in office were particularly busy with the annual banquet for Masters, Prime Wardens and the Upper Bailiff at Mansion House on the 14th and United Guilds Service at St Paul's on 15th when we had a group of 16 Pattenmakers join the service and lunch afterwards.

We hosted a reception for our wonderful Marathon Runners at Guildhall on 18th March. 6 of our 9 runners joined us for more pre-race prep and pep talks.



Pictured with the Master, left to right: Elyse Emanuel, William Easterfield, Sharon Reason, David Jeffrey, Ian Scarr-Hall and Paul Bennett

Please support them by sponsoring in aid of our charitable foundation. We will be writing to everyone with details of how best to do that. The race is on Sunday 21st April **WATCH THIS SPACE**

It was a great pleasure to join our very special friends the Cordwainers for their Livery dinner on 21st March at Saddlers' Hall with Claire our newly admitted Clerk. It was our first outing as Master and Clerk.

Judith Millidge is the first female Master Cordwainer in the 750 years of the company's history. I've very much enjoyed getting to know Judith and spent more time with her at a lunch I hosted for 8 livery group chairs at Guildhall on 27th March. Judith represented the Leather Liveries - we were also joined by the Wood, Textile, Food, Financial Services, Construction, Cask Groups and the Master of the Young Freemen.

The Immediate Past Master and I joined the Master Mariners for lunch on 25th March and discussed their exciting plans to build a new ship as their livery hall and maritime education centre hopefully to be moored in the City at Swan Lane pier.

I'm looking forward very much to spending quality time with the footwear industry in April attending the British Footwear Association 125th Anniversary dinner and Sustainability conference in Birmingham and a day visit to Northampton with Mike Watson Smith on St George's Day to Church, Jeffrey West and Dr Martens.

Before that a group of Pattenmakers will travel to Zurich for Sechselaeuten between 12th -16th April led by the Immediate Past Master and myself. More on that special visit next month.

It is great to have our new membership system finally live. It will bring great benefits in making it very easy to book for events. A huge thank you to David Emanuel in particular for getting this live. Others played a significant role in selecting the system and designing it for our use. I'm grateful to them all.

Serving as your Master is my number one priority this year. In between Company activity this month I was pleased to meet Sir Keir Starmer for discussions and Gilles Roth, Luxembourg Minister for Finance, as part of our ongoing financial services dialogue in my role as Deputy Policy Chairman at the City of London Corporation. Edit this to insert text.



Sir Keir Starmer and Master, Deputy Keith Bottomley



Gilles Roth, Luxembourg Minister and Master, Deputy Keith Bottomley

We have a number of upcoming events and I hope that there is something that you will want to attend. Involvement is a big theme for this year along with sustainability.

If there's something that you would like to see us doing or if you have any other ideas or feedback, please call me on 07930 364499 or email master@pattenmakers.co.uk.

From the Consort to the Master, Kevin Bradford

A very warm welcome to a brand new addition to the newsletter, just a few words from me to let you know what I have been up to as I settle into my new role as Mistress Pattenmaker.

It was so wonderful to see so many members of the company and their guests at Keith's installation. It was made extra special as we were able to invite family and friends to the function. They were able to experience and achieve a fuller understanding of our very special livery and what it means to be a Pattenmaker. Everyone had a wonderful time.



In preparation for my new role I have joined a very friendly group of people called the City Consorts. A society that seeks to nurture, prepare and support future consorts during their year in office. Along with our very own publication of "Out Of The Mud". I have been reading "An Introduction To The City Of London" by Jenifer Andersen. A book that goes through the history of the City, the Wards, Livery Companies and the various events that happen around the city.

During the next twelve months, I am hoping to be the best support to the Master. At various events I attend, I will be promoting the Pattenmakers. I will also be learning much more about the other livery

companies and the city in general

Members News

At the Court Meeting held on the 13th March Claire Hobson took the oath as the New Clerk and was robed.



New Liverymen Astrid Vikstrom, Robert McCarthy and Jane McCauley were admitted. In addition, there were five Freeman admitted, Andrew Morris, Jamal Burns, Lewis Stock, Martin Ingram and Jonathan Cawdron.



Astrid Vikstrom, Robert McCarthy and Jane McCauley



At the Banquet which followed Liveryman Sophia Lee, Chair of the Young Pattenmakers introduced the Guests.



The Toast to the Pattenmakers was given by Lord Deben



The Master responded to the Toast to the Pattenmakers.

All the speeches are available to be watched online [here](#)

The Daily Telegraph announcement

Court & Social



Court Circular

Today's birthdays

Forthcoming marriage

Luncheon

Luncheon

Livery companies

Week in Westminster

Bridge news

Livery companies

Pattenmakers' Company

The Pattenmakers' Company has admitted the following Officers for the ensuing year: Master, Deputy Keith Bottomley; Upper Warden, Mr David Miller; Renter Warden, Ms Jane Wilson; Trade Warden, Mr Mike Watson Smith.

Week in Westminster

Thursday, March 14

Commons: Oral questions: Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Attorney General. Business statement: Business Questions to the Leader of the House. Estimates Day: Supplementary Estimate 2023-24: Department for Education (Subject for debate: the spending

Our Charitable Fund

University of London Air Squadron - Liveryman Jamie Ingham Clark, Chairman Military Affiliations Committee

Below is a picture from the University of London Air Squadron Annual Dinner where I presented the Pattenmaker Prize to Acting Pilot Officer Dr Em Lloyd. With us is the Guest of Honour that night Air Marshall Clair Walton CB, who was a member of ULAS many years ago and is now the first female in the RAF to gain 3 star rank and is the head of Medical Defence Services for all 3 armed services. She gave an inspirational speech about never knowing where you may end up and particularly for women understand there is nothing they cannot be a part of.



It was an honour to be there representing the Pattenmakers and good to see one of our military affiliates in such good form as there were adjudged the best University Air Squadron in the country for the second year running.

I was accompanied by Assistant Graham Perry who is more familiar than I with all matters RAF!



Our History

Pattenmakers' Podcasts

The Master has produced the first Podcast on the History of the Company with Court Assistant Steve Huxham [click here](#) to listen



HRH The Duke of Gloucester

The Master received a letter of congratulation from our Patron which is [here](#)

His Royal Highness posed the question as to what the succession number of the Master was. Intrigued to know what number Master he would be, the Master dropped the list into excel and looked at the line count and discovered that there had been 298 Masters since 1670 when he had assumed that there would be over 350?

Court Assistant Steve Huxham delved in to the List and came up with the following explanation and definitive number.

I suspect the answer to the discrepancy in figures between actual and expected is down to the number of “different” Masters over time. If you look back at the spreadsheet you’ll see there were a lot of times when a Master did two years not one, but they are on one line only. There is an extreme example on L3 where Frances Grincell did the period 1675 – 1679. Then again, take the period described from L86 – L100 and you’ll see it was more common than not to have a Master do two years. I did a rough total up of the lot and that seems to cover the discrepancy between the two figures.

If you want to take the “different Masters” theme beyond the spreadsheet, you then have Masters who “came back for more” but not in consecutive years. Look at L160 to L169 for a great example of when the French family – Beal and David pretty much had the Company to themselves!

If you want to put a number on it for yourself, I’d be inclined to just stick to the calendar years of Office – there is still a new Master each year, even if it is the same one as the previous or other years (ignore the 5 I think who died in office over our history as that just complicates things.)

That makes it number 354 I think?

He then thought it might also be fun for you to see how many Members we have had in our history with the same surname as the Master.

He writes - Initially I found two from the transcribed Membership list (assuming there aren’t any much more recent ones not appearing there?) However, when I looked to try and cross-reference, the plot thickens! Let me explain – our records have two Bottomley surnames:

Henry Bottomley “younger”: Admitted 16 Oct 1793, Victualler, Admitted by Purchase, Address: Maiden Head (I imagine that is the name of the pub), Ram Alley, Fleet Street.

His admission document can be viewed [here](#)

I did then find the Admission Paper for this chap, which is attached, but as you will see, the spelling there is definitely Bothomly. Otherwise definitely our man, as it is the Pattenmakers, and the writing on it, which is helpful if it is ever present, says he is a Victualler. It is a fact the people of that time did often play a bit fast and loose with surname spellings, so it could well be that the transcription we did is accurate too. Despite that reference to “younger” I can’t see that his father was in the Company.

Joseph Bottomley: Admitted 1 Sept 1818, Admitted by Patrimony, Address: 8 Beech Street, Barbican

Admission documents can be viewed here:

[Joseph Bottomley Admission Paper 1818](#)
[Joseph Bottomley older admission document](#)

This is interesting – Patrimony implies his father was in the Company, but it wouldn’t appear to be Henry above, and we have no other transcribed entry, just this one. However, there would seem to have been two Josephs in the Pattenmakers! Please also see attached the two Admission papers – one also from 1793, and the one from the ledger of 1818. If you look at the “older” Joseph and the extra writing, you will see that he was a Composition Fan Light maker. If you look at the writing at the side, he was the son of James Bottomley of Holborn, a Coal Merchant – I think the last word is a shortened form of deceased.

Then we go to the Joseph of 1818, where as you can see, the details have been hand written on our Oath. This in itself is a fascinating discovery as I don’t know of whether we have any old copies previously found from this time, with our badge of the day. The writing clearly shows he was the son of the other Joseph, who was deceased by this time.

One final thing on Joseph the son amused me. If you look at the “Testimony given by” on the left, the first character reference is a Citizen & Carpenter, but the second is a Citizen & Pattenmaker. Note the name – John Hayward. Which proves the Bottomleys and the Haywards have been connected in City institutions since at least the 19th Century!

More seriously, John Hayward’s Admission Paper, viewed [here](#) you can immediately see what the professional connection was with Joseph the father – John was also a Fan Light Manufacturer. He is listed as such on our records too.

Pattenmakers' Events

Ascension Day Service at St Margaret Pattens Church Thursday 9th May 6.30pm

Followed by a reception hosted by the Master at Guildhall 7.30pm - please book your place for the reception online (no cost to members)

Annual Footwear Dinner Thursday 16th May at Stationers' Hall 6.30pm - tickets are selling well for this event so book soon if you don't want to miss out. Flyer can be [found here](#) and booking is available online.

SAVE THE DATE

Friday 12th April - Young Pattenmakers Online Quiz time TBC - Liveryman Zöe Chowney will host this online for individuals and teams. All welcome to join (not just for YPs!). Full details will be released soon.

June Events

Wednesday 5th June - Meet the Charities, Guildhall

Thursday 13th June - Master's Dinner, Temple Bar

Thursday 20th June - Early evening Pride Flag raising at Guildhall

Monday 24th June - Election of Sheriffs & Lunch, Guildhall

Thursday 27th June - YP Network Event

City of London Corporation

Proud to attend the annual United Guilds' Service with 15 fellow Pattenmakers on Friday. The service is held two Fridays before Good Friday at St Paul's Cathedral and each Livery company is allocated 22 seats.

The service is attended by the Bishop of London and the Lord Mayor and was first held in February 1943 as a coordinated response to the challenges faced by the City of London following the Blitz of 1940-41.

It was also a reminder of the religious origins of the Guilds. The first service to be conducted was held on Lady Day – 25th March 1943 - the first day of the year by the old calendar.

The King was petitioned to attend, along with Masters and Prime Wardens in their robes with such of their livery as 'may be able'. The King did not attend; but the Lord Mayor and the Aldermen did. The Dean, The Very Reverend Andrew Tremlett, gave the sermon, a copy of which [is here](#).

The Lord Mayor (Sir Samuel Joseph, father of Sir Keith Joseph) hosted an 'austerity luncheon' after the service for the Masters and Prime Wardens. The Lord Mayor hoped that the service would be held annually as an opportunity for the Livery to 'approach God with one voice of united prayer'. His hope has been fulfilled!



Pictured left to right with Past Master Dr Helen Auty, Court Assistant Dr Chris Stears and Past Master Tim Watts.

City Events

Sheriffs' Ball Friday 20th September 6.30pm - Join the Master at the Pattenmakers' table for an evening celebrating the best of London and Britain. Tickets include a reception, dinner and dancing and cost £250 per person. Proceeds go to the Lord Mayor's charity. The event flyer can be viewed [here](#).

The City Giving Day - Tuesday 24th September

The Master and Clerk attended the launch.

Details of the Company's activities will be in a future newsletter.



Sunday 29th September Sheep Drive, Southwark Bridge

Please keep an eye on our website for further information.

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