



The Pattenmaker

NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY

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From the Master, Deputy Keith Bottomley



May seems to have been as busy as April with a wide variety of Pattenmaker events and activity.

Our 22nd Annual Footwear Dinner at Saddlers' Hall was a real highlight. With 130 guests the event was at capacity and kindly sponsored once more by SATRA Technology which is now a global brand and at the heart of durability and standards and the most respected organisation of its type in the world. I'm looking forward very much to visiting them at the invitation of CEO Freeman Michael Bodsworth on 27th June who also did a fantastic job as our guest speaker at the dinner.

Freeman Michael Bodsworth





We also welcomed the new CEO of the British Footwear Association, Richard Shetliffe in the first week of his appointment. The BFA is chaired by our very own Renter Warden Jane Wilson who is doing some great work on sustainability in the footwear industry.

It was a great pleasure to present 4 Paice Memorial De Montfort University Orthopaedic Shoe Design Award Winners, representing the past 2 years. The students are studying for their BA in Footwear Design at De Montfort University – Leicester and were accompanied by Senior Course Lecturer - Philip Stewart.

Each awardee also received a copy of Freeman Philip Taylor’s Orthopaedic Shoemaker Book. Our 2023 winners are Wunnai Tam and Hamza Cementwala with 2024 winners Chanmi Lee and James Thrun. And it was also a great pleasure to present this year’s Pattenmakers Footwear Young Manager Award Winner, Heather Robertson of Veevobarefoot, with her Freedom of our Company.

2023 Winners



Wunnai Tam



Hamza Cementwala

2024 Winners



Chanmi Lee



James Thrun

Pattenmakers' Footwear Young Manager Award Winner



Heather Robertson

Huge thanks to Court Assistant Annette Cove for being the inspiration and driving force behind the organisation, not just this year but for several years. A full report of the Dinner is in the newsletter.



I had the pleasure of meeting Prince Harry at St Paul's for the 10th anniversary of the Invictus Games and told him about our relationship with Stanford Hall and our orthopaedic shoe provision and apprenticeships. He seemed genuinely impressed and said that it was time he visited Stanford Hall again as he's not been for some while.

We are taking a table at the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre fundraising dinner in October.

DMRC is a state-of-the-art facility provides expert care and support for wounded, injured, and sick Armed Forces personnel. The centre primarily serves serving forces personnel, and some veterans experiencing issues with their prosthetics. It's a remarkable institution that aims to turn adversity into opportunity by offering world-class clinical rehabilitation services for both the armed forces and the nation. If you'd like more information, you can visit their official website <https://www.thednrc.org.uk/> or contact Past Master Jennifer Bryant Pearson who leads on our relationship with the centre.

We are proud to have raised significant funds to provide a wonderful 'Escape Café' for residents <https://www.pattenmakers.co.uk/charity/the-dmrc-cafe/>

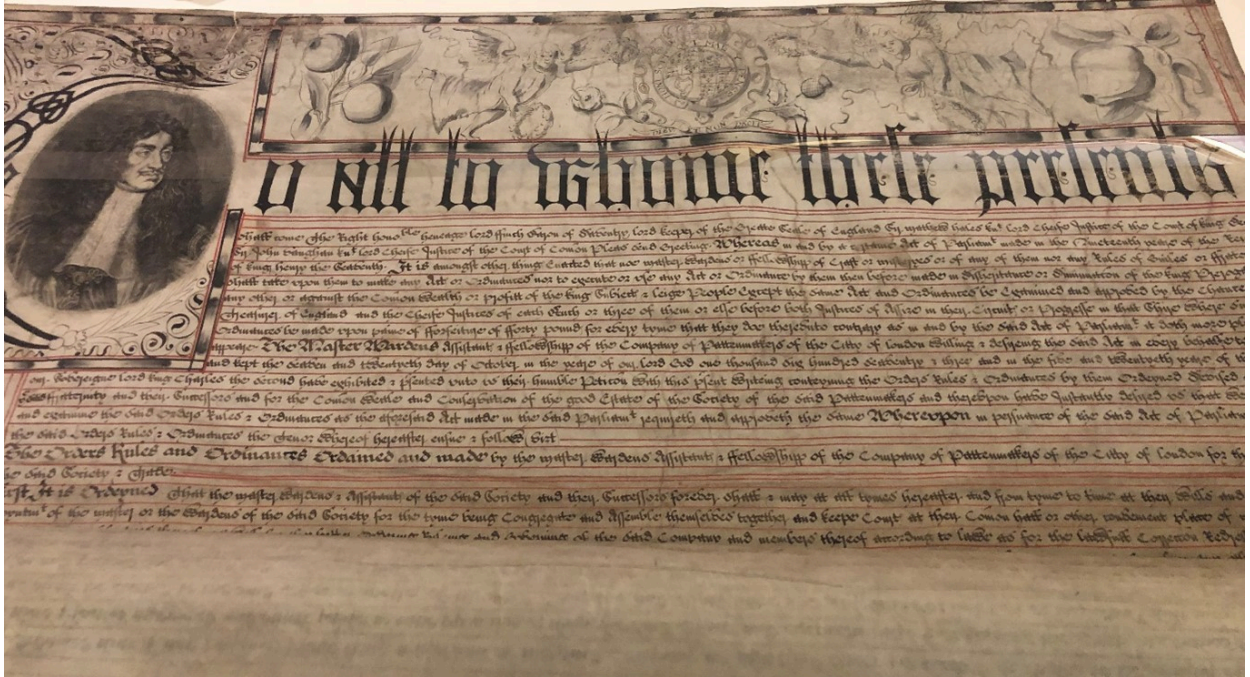
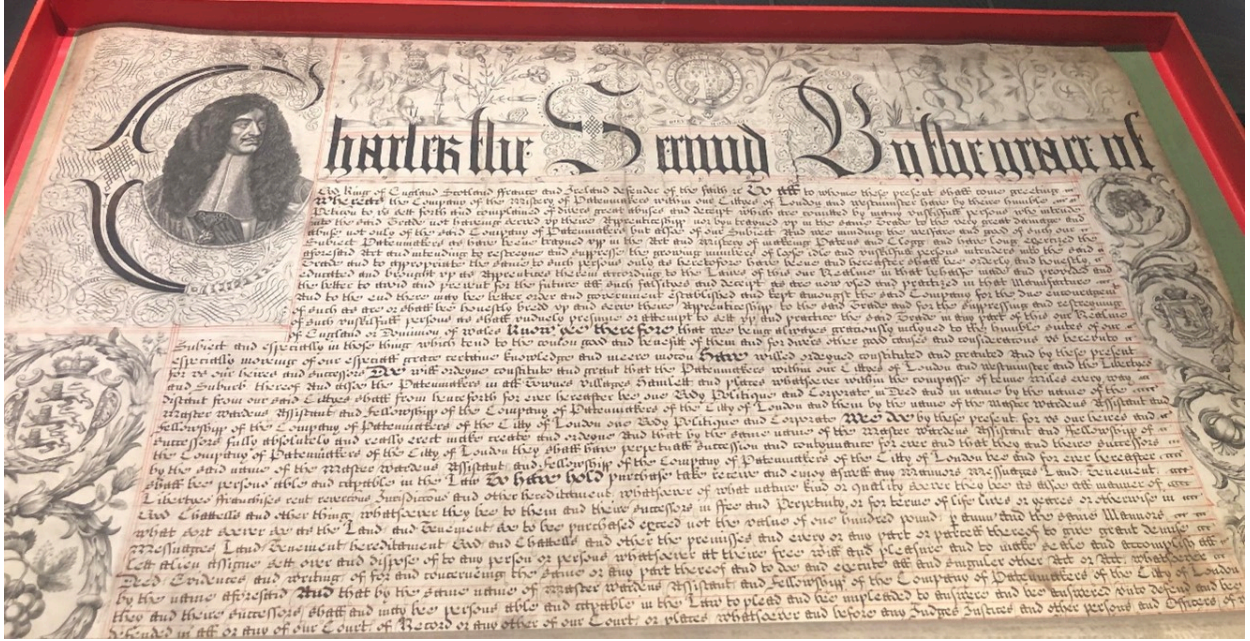
On 9th May we held our annual Ascension Day service at our Guild Church of St Margaret Pattens on Eastcheap and reception afterwards at Guildhall. Thank you, as always, to our Honorary Chaplain Rev Andrew Keep and the choir for a lovely service. We will be holding a 'Meet the Vicar' event at the church on 12 September before our Common Meal with an opportunity to see some of our company treasurers which we will be bringing out of the vault specially for the occasion. Date for your diary.



Prayers were said for Liveryman Maurice Little and Liveryman Dr Frank Chow who passed away recently. Our thoughts and prayers are very much with their families.

Kevin and I had the great pleasure of hosting the Court for the Master's weekend in the City of London 10-12th May which featured a visit to meet the Pikemen & Musketeers at the HAC, a tour of the hidden

gardens in the City, the London Centre and Horizon 22 at the top of 22 Bishopsgate. On the Saturday evening, we celebrated at a Roman themed banquet in the Roman Amphitheatre and I arranged for our Royal Charters of 1670 and 1981 and Court minute book from 1677 to be on display.





Do please book for our summer party and BBQ on 17th July at Stationers' Hall. I'm very keen that we have some lower priced events to encourage involvement by as many members of our company as possible. If this works, then we will continue to hold a summer party in July rather than a formal dinner. I have booked a strolling jazz band for the evening.

We won two Inter Livery Sporting Competitions and my congratulations to our golfing talent Christian Castle, Court Assistant Mark Jeffrey, Liveryman James Turgoose and Past Master Tim Watts and our clay shooting A team Liverymen Philip Marsh and Will Holland and Charles Owen. Full reports appear below.

It was a great pleasure to represent the Company as Master with the Consort at HM the King's garden party at Buckingham Palace.



The Master Apothecary kindly organised a drinks reception for a group of us beforehand and a tour of the RAF club.

Pictured below 17 Masters with the master and mistress Pattenmaker far right!



Finally Octavia Emanuel has provided her recommendations for books this Summer – happy reading.

Consort's Corner - Kevin Bradford

I had a fascinating day with the Mistress Girdler at Girdlers' Hall, beginning with an origami workshop. The workshop was raising funds for The Switchback Charity. This charity works with re-establishing young men back into society after being released from prison. The charity gives help and support with housing needs and work opportunities.



The Mistress Stationer invited the consorts to a tour of Stationers' Hall along with a talk from the archivist Dr Ruth Frenedo. The archive holds the first published copy of Shakespeares Sonnets from 1609.

The City Consorts Society arranged a private viewing of "40 years of Fox Silver" an exhibition held at Goldsmiths' Hall. Richard & Serena Fox were telling their story about the creative process behind one of the UK's leading silversmithing companies. Richard has been designing and making incredible trophies for Formula One over the past 40 years. Serena specialises in bespoke handmade jewellery. The amount of gold and precious gems in the exhibition was astonishing.

The exhibition is open from 10th June. Tickets are free and available directly from Goldsmiths' Livery Company.





May ended with a fascinating tour of Salters' Hall. Mistress Salter invited the consorts to a guided tour of the hall. This hall was opened in 1976 by the Duke of Kent. It is the seventh livery hall for the Salters'. Unfortunately the previous buildings were all destroyed by fire. The last one being destroyed by two incendiary bombs during the Blitz in World War Two.

We also had a science demonstration during the visit and learned that the Salters' also supports a nationwide science education programme for school pupils.

Members News

Footwear Dinner 2024 - Court Assistant Liveryman Annette Cove, Chair to the Communications Committee



Master and Wardens, Guest Speaker Freeman Michael Bodsworth Sponsors SATRA Technology, Freeman John Hooker and Hannah Coe and the Clerk

Our 22nd Annual Footwear Dinner sponsored once again by SATRA Technology, took place on the 16th May at the magnificent Saddlers Hall with an impressive attendance of 129 of which 52 were company members.

Following his success in leading the Company Teams at the Inter Livery Clay Pigeon Competition the day before Liveryman Philip Marsh a 5th generation shoemaker "Welcome the Guests" accompanied by his father Liveryman Stuart Marsh and brother Richard Marsh.

The Master's guest was Jace Tyrell, CEO of Opportunity London a unique partnership between the City of London, London Councils, the Mayor of London and a growing consortium of public and private sector industry partners committed to attracting the next £100bn of capital investment into London's low carbon real estate, energy and infrastructure.

Renter Warden Jane Wilson and Chair of the British Footwear Association was joined by newly appointed BFA CEO Richard Shetliffe. Richard has spent over 30 years in the footwear and accessories industries, holding leadership positions at iconic brands such as, Dr. Martens, Ben Sherman, Vagabond, VF Corporation the Dune Group and Havaianas. His track record of success and deep knowledge of the sector make him a perfect fit for the BFA CEO role.

Freeman Michael Bodsworth, Executive Director of SATRA Technology delivered a compelling speech on how SATRA is tackling sustainability in two ways – at an organisational level -reducing the businesses effect on the environment but also from a product/industry perspective, as this is the challenge many

SATRA members face.

Quote *"There is a need to reduce our environmental impact but not risk the livelihoods of our 250 employees worldwide or put the organisation which is important to the footwear industry at risk.*

It is an ever changing and challenging environment and sustainability will be at the forefront for many years to come, there are changes that can be made which do make a difference on both business and product levels. With the needed collaboration it would be fantastic to see the footwear industry lead the way."

The Master opened his speech by thanking Michael for his topical and thought provoking speech.

As we know the Master's theme for the year is 'Sustainability & Involvement' with three areas of strategic focus – Membership, Finance and Fundraising – all three keys to the long term sustained success of the Company. For the first time the Pattenmakers have published a Climate Action Plan which was approved by the Court we have also joined the Livery Climate Action Group which now comprises 100 Livery companies sharing insight and working together pan livery to take positive action.

The Master then recognised young talent and achievement through our Footwear Education Awards. He presented 4 Paice Memorial De Montfort University Orthopaedic Shoe Design Award Winners, representing the past 2 years. The students are studying for their BA in Footwear Design at De Montfort University – Leicester and were accompanied by Senior Course Lecturer - Philip Stewart.

Each awardee received a certificate and a copy of Freeman Philip Taylor's Orthopaedic Shoemaker Book. Unfortunately, Philip was unable to join us this evening but sent his very good wishes to our awardees as they continue their shoemaking journey.

2023

Wunnai Tam stated

"It was really exciting to be invited to the Pattenmakers evening; it was such a memorable and inspiring event! It's wonderful that the Pattenmakers have this award, which helps bring recognition to younger designers who want to work in this industry. I feel truly honored to have been part of this special occasion."

Hamza Cementwala stated

"I enjoyed attending the Pattenmakers Annual Footwear Dinner. It was a privilege to be invited and to be amongst so many experienced professionals in the footwear industry. To be able to receive an award in front of such an esteemed audience was an unforgettable experience. It was a milestone in my journey as a footwear designer and I am very thankful to the people who made it happen."

2024

Chanmi Lee stated

"I am very honoured to receive this award on such a meaningful evening. It was a truly special experience for me. From start to finish, I was deeply touched by the well-prepared event and the warm hospitality and encouragement. I want to say thank you again for inviting me to this wonderful event.'

James Thrun stated.

"Thank you it was a lively & uplifting event to experience. I found the atmosphere was warm & people welcoming and I hope that with continuing to achieve further footwear design recognition & improvement that I am able to return again."

The Master went on to present this year's Pattenmakers Footwear Young Manager Award Winner Heather Robertson of Vivobarefoot her Freedom of the Company. With 8 years in the footwear industry, Heather has recently been promoted to Category Circle Lead responsible for all Product categories and the Regeneration (Sustainability) Circle. Originally from an Ecommerce background, Heather found a deeper connection to footwear when setting up ReVivo, Vivobarefoot's refurbish and resale platform which has saved over 120k pairs to date from landfill. A big thinker, engaging and enthusiastic Heather loves the greater purpose of Vivobarefoot – the connection to nature and health and the potential for growth and innovation within the footwear industry.

Date for the 23rd Footwear Dinner Thursday 8th May 2025.

Inter Livery Golf Tournament - Liveryman James Turgoose

For the 4th successive year on 16th May the Pattenmakers teed it up at the annual inter-livery golf tournament at Walton Heath Golf Club. The Prince Arthur Cup has been contested since 1927 and for the very first time we are delighted to say that the Pattenmakers actually won!

The trophy is named after Prince Arthur of Connaught and Strathearn who was a grandson of Queen Victoria. He was admitted to the Coachmakers Livery Company in 1927 and to commemorate this the Master of the Company presented the Coachmakers with the Prince Arthur Cup



Somehow our team - made up of Christian Castle, Mark Jeffrey, James Turgoose and Tim Watts - saw off competition from 30 other teams to win the rather magnificent trophy.

Once again we played rather better golf in the afternoon than the morning - underlining that a roast lunch and glass of wine clearly helps produce better golf!

The Master has kindly made arrangements for the Cup to be stored at Guildhall for the next 12 months and if there are other golfers amongst the Pattenmakers do please reach out to me.



The 2024 Inter Livery Clay Shoot - Court Assistant Liveryman Annette Cove, Chair to the Communications Committee

The Inter Livery Clay shoot took place on the 15th and 16th May at the West London Shooting School, Liveryman Philip Marsh captained three teams this year for the first time which is brilliant achievement leading the Pattenmakers A team into first position for the 2nd year running with a score of 320.0 out of 29 competing teams

The annual Inter Livery Clay Shoot <https://www.interliveryshoot.com> is one of the highlights of the City of London charity events, which is traditionally held in second week of May. Since its inception in 1993 it has been hugely successful in raising funds for charities nominated by the winning teams and includes a donation to the Lord Mayors charity.

The Pattenmakers prize of £500 will be donated to one of our Pattenmaker charities to be decided at the next Charity Meeting.



Liveryman Philip Marsh and Liveryman Will Holland and Charles Owen.

The Pattenmakers teams did fantastically well, with our A team consisting of Liveryman Philip Marsh and Liveryman Will Holland and non Pattenmaker but keen to join Charles Owen.

Two further teams comprised of Court Assistants, Graham Perry and Rachael Scarr–Hall, Liveryman Edward Macfarlane, Wayne Young and Sophia Lee and Freeman Emma McCormick and Rhodri Phillip .

Notable individual placements with Will Holland securing 21st place and Philip Marsh securing 22nd place out of 412 entrants.

We are also growing our ladies participation and next year 2024 we would love to enter a full ladies team so anyone interested please contact Liveryman Philip Marsh (details below).

Next Year the Inter Livery Charity Clay Shoot will again be held at The West London Shooting School on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th May 2025

Entries can be made as a team or as individuals who will be made up into a team. Please contact Philip Marsh of you are interested in taking part PhilipM@mfbrands.co.uk

60th Anniversary - Liveryman Charles Edward

My parents, Past Master Robert Edwards and his wife, Barbara Edwards, celebrated their 60th/diamond wedding anniversary on 4th April 2024.

While Bob and Barbara are no longer able to travel up to London, they greatly enjoy staying in touch with their friends from the Pattenmakers and reading about the latest news in The Pattenmaker. They send their warmest regards to the Master and Company.



We had a family lunch to celebrate, and a photo from their wedding day (the wedding was held at St Stephen's, Gloucester Road, London).



Invitation from Young Pattenmaker Victoria Leijten

After the sold out run of our Guardian featured and Standing Ovation nominated production of Richard III – Messy Kind is braving the new writing sphere.

It is a bold, queer romantic drama set in Newcastle. Filled with love, heartbreak & self-acceptance, this cathartic, 60-minute show is coming right in time for Pride month. Please [see here](#) our Press Release with all the juicy bits alongside recent reviews.

We would love to have you there. Supporting emerging theatre is a great way to get to know the fringe London scene.

In Memoriam

Liveryman Dr Fank Chow



We are sorry to report the passing of Liveryman Dr Frank Chow. The funeral has taken place. His wonderful lace work was featured in [Edition 14](#)



Liveryman Maurice Little

We are also sorry to report the passing of Liveryman Maurice Little a tribute will follow in a future edition of the Newsletter.

Juerg Schindler

We have just been informed of the sad news that one of our Honorary Freemen from Zurich Guilds, Juerg Schindler passed away last autumn. Our condolences to his family.

[Octavia Emanuel's recommended Summer Reading](#)

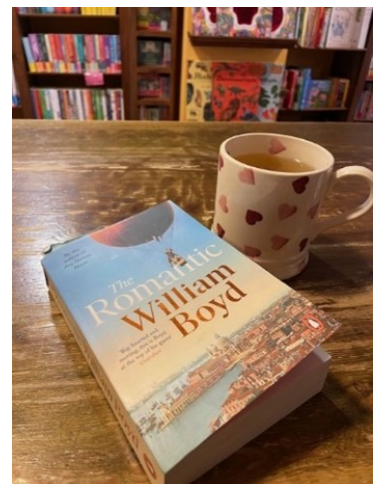


The Marriage Portrait by Maggie O'Farrell

I took *The Marriage Portrait* with me, to read during a long weekend in Florence in the Spring. We stayed in a fresco covered stone apartment, within a private museum. I love taking a book to read, set in the location where I am travelling to. This book was so sensory, portrayed with the artistic detail and emotive energy of a Renaissance painting. The paintings that are so symbolic within the story. A story that begins in the Medici palace. The palace which I was lucky enough to visit whilst there. Lucrezia, the much-overlooked daughter of Cosimo and Eleanora Medici, is sent to marry Alfonso of Ferrara, at a very young age. A beneficial partnership for both affluent, leading families. Her husband she believes, is trying to kill her. I will say no more. But what I will say, is this is a mesmerising novel, that brings to light some uncomfortable historical truths.

The Romantic by William Boyd

I adored the extraordinary journey of Cashel Greville Ross. All in the name of love. Following one's heart, rather than one's head, is a risky business. From Cork to London, to the romance and culture of Italy's Pisa and later Venice. From life on a farm in America and even further yet, to discover the source of the Nile. Putting his life in great danger in exotic, uncharted territory. An unforgettable and stunning story. Completely immersive, charismatic, and charming. A must read.





Shrines of Gaiety by Kate Atkinson.

I love books set in the Roaring Twenties and so couldn't resist this story of Soho's seemingly hedonistic, glamorous night life in 1926, and the dark world that lies beneath its glittering veneer. Kate Atkinson's writing style is quite brilliant, with an extravagant use of vocabulary and her ability to create compelling, colourful characters and a seriously atmospheric, almost Dickensian setting. The world of Nelly Cocker, her clubs, bonkers family, and connections to London's criminal underbelly make for a great backdrop to what is a story of disappearing girls. Girls with stars in their eyes, who long to dance on the stage, but instead end up dancing in seedy nightclubs, or worse still, floating lifeless in the Thames.

Darling by India Knight

Quite simply one of my favourite books ever. India Knight has written the perfect retelling of Nancy Mitford's *The Pursuit of Love*. I loved, laughed, and cried and will forever read whatever India Knight writes.



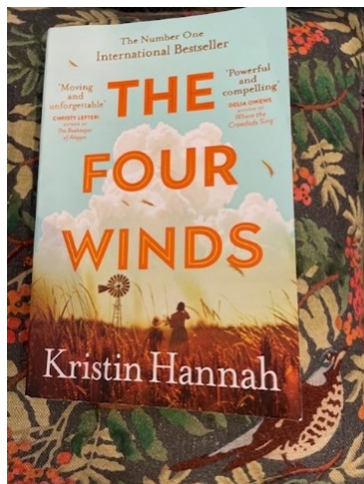
Absolutely and Forever by Rose Tremain

I absolutely adored this book. It's main character Marianne, will make you feel both amused but saddened. A story of family, friendship, first love and tragedy you will not forget. From a quaint upbringing in Berkshire, boarding school, friends with absurd double-barrelled names, horses, and holidays in Cornwall, to Chelsea in the swinging 60s and eventually life as "just a wife". Marianne's journey is not remarkable, but her mind and musings most certainly are. One of my favourite characters of late, a bit like Elinor Oliphant. Petronella, her best friend, a strong and opinionated Scot, is also seriously entertaining. A quick read but a must read. So very enjoyable.

The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

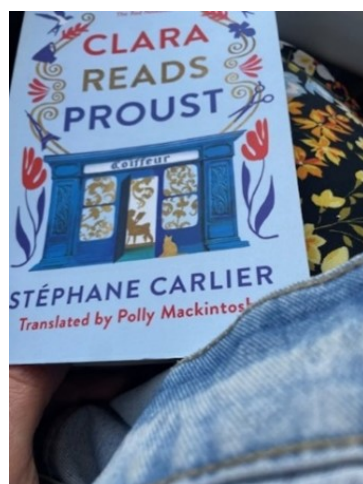
So many people have recommended the *Nightingale* to me and finally, with a French road trip ahead of me, I decided this would be one of the books to travel with. Here we follow the extraordinary life of the *Nightingale* and her sister. How their lives were torn apart by the Second World War and how it affected the French and the role women played in the war at large. Both Vianne and Isabelle save many lives, in entirely different ways and with contrasting means and beliefs. Both utterly selfless, with an incredible will and strength to survive. It took me on journey from a bookshop in Paris, to rural Northern France, over the Pyrenees to San Sebastián and the safety of Spain. We too travelled there as I read. The descriptions of San Sebastián were exactly what I saw before me. Golden elegant medieval and Basque style buildings, the beautiful curve of the Concha beach. A refuge then and a much-loved beach resort now. This book is well written and heart wrenching but also has an ending that leaves you not unhappy but fulfilled. I like closure after such an emotional journey





The Four Winds by Kristin Hannah

Kristin Hannah is an author that never fails to portray the courage and resilience of outstanding women, in particularly desperate times in the past. I'd really like to read all her books. The Depression and dustbowl in the Great Plains is something I knew nothing about. The plight of the farmers and their families surviving with next to nothing during the years of droughts and dust storms that destroyed crops and homes, killing their livelihoods, and loved ones. Some fled to California with hope of a fresh start in its fertile land, only to find themselves as outcasts. Once again struggling for survival. This is a heartbreaking but wonderful book.



Clara Reads Proust by Stephane Carlier

A short, but very fulfilling story, of how a book can be life changing.

Pattenmakers' Events

Save the date – key events to note in your diary

- 13th June - Master's Dinner Temple Bar
 - 20th June - Raising of the Pride Flag at Guildhall
 - 24th June - Election of Sheriff followed by lunch at Guildhall
 - 24th June - Armed Forces Flag Raising Ceremony at Guildhall
 - 17th July - Court Dinner at Stationers' Hall
 - 18th July - Military Musical Spectacular
 - 12th September - Meet the Vicar & Common Meal
 - 16th September - FM Dinner at Butchers' Hall
 - 20th September - Sheriff's Ball
 - 29th September - Sheep Drive
 - 30th September - Election of Lord Mayor and lunch at the Guildhall
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City of London Corporation

Escape from the Tower 2024

The annual 'Jailed & Bailed' event in aid of the British Red Cross is returning in a new format for 2024: Escape from the Tower!



Please [click here](#) for more information and to book



Inter-livery Pétanque Competition - Distillers' Company

An invitation from the Distillers' Company to enter a team in the Inter-livery Pétanque Competition. Due to the popularity of this event there is a limit to 2 teams per Company.

Please [click here](#) for more information and how to book.

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