



# The Pattenmaker

NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY

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## From the Master, Deputy Keith Bottomley



The highlight of June was undoubtedly our new 'Meet the Charities' event. We invited 3 of the charities we support through our charitable foundation to come and talk about their work.

We invited three very special people to join us, Michael Kenney from the Bow Lane Homeless project, Sarah Beddows from St Paul's Choral School and Zoe Snelgrove from I Choose Freedom which is a women's and children's refuge.

As a result of the meeting and discussions afterwards our Trade Warden Mike Watson Smith is now exploring providing unsold and warehoused women's and children's shoes to I Choose Freedom which will make a huge difference. Children often arrive at the refuge with shoes 2 or 3 sizes too small or too big for them.

The podcast is available here: [Meet the Charities Podcast](#)



We celebrated Pride by attending the City of London Corporation Pride flag raising at Guildhall and reception afterwards with Zoë Chowney and her wife Sandra Oñate Reina and Bryan Oknyansky and his wife Rebecca Tenniswood.



Next year, the Lord Mayor and City Corporation will help convene a permanent Pride in the Square Mile network. One that brings together all networks and members of the LGBTQ+ community across sectors and sizes of organisation.

I travelled to Kettering to visit SATRA Technology at the kind invitation of Michael Bodsworth, Executive Director, who was our guest speaker at our annual footwear dinner in May.



A fascinating and very educational visit learning about the vast array of testing undertaken on items ranging from footwear to mattresses, prison and school furniture, PPE, safety equipment and domestic furniture.



I also got to hold Sir Edmund Hillary's boot from his conquest of Everest which still tests satisfactorily to withstand temperatures of -60 degrees as originally designed.

SATRA is a globally recognised brand of huge reputation with some incredibly talented and enthusiastic people who I thoroughly enjoyed meeting.

I also met members of the livery from the Furniture Makers, Leathersellers and Curriers. Thank you so much Michael and your team for making the visit so memorable.

Michael and I discussed a Pattenmaker visit to SATRA which we aim to arrange for later in the year. It's well worth going.

A group of 30 visited Temple Bar for the Master's Dinner for a talk about the history of Temple Bar and its current community and education outreach and a very enjoyable dinner.

Kevin and I spent the weekend on 21/22/23 June representing the Pattenmakers at the Lord Mayor's Livery weekend in the City of London.



*With Prime Warden Basketmaker Lady Dorothy Newlands of Lauriston*



*A bit of magic at the Banquet – how did he do that.*

111 Masters and Consorts joined in for a great weekend of fun and networking culminating in a very special service of Choral Matins at St Lawrence Jewry on the Sunday morning. It's been over 50 years

since a similar service was held at the Corporation's Guild Church.

The month finished with Common Hall when 9 Pattenmakers attended to elect the new Sheriffs, Alderman Greg Jones and David Chalk who take office on 27th September. We enjoyed lunch in the Guildhall Club afterwards.

We are always keen to hear from Pattenmakers about what you have been doing so please do send news and photos to our editor Ian Balcombe or our Clerk Claire Hobson.

I encourage you to book for the Summer Party at Stationers' Hall on 17th July. It will be a relaxed and convivial informal event. Hope to see you there.

### Consort's Corner - Kevin Bradford

#### City Livery Club with HH Wendy Joseph KC

Wendy was a judge at the Old Bailey and is now, not only a celebrated best-selling author, but also Master Pewterer. Wendy was speaking at a consort's lunch about her journey to become the first female judge at the Old Bailey. She also spoke about how things have changed in the twenty first century. Now fifty percent of tribunal judges are women. At the Old Bailey, from fourteen judges, seven are men and seven are women. She went on to talk about realising her ambition to write. It was a fascinating afternoon and Wendy's new book *Rough Justice : Do we have the law we deserve?* will be published in July.



#### Afternoon Tea with Lady Mayoress

The Livery's Pictures Committee arranged afternoon tea with the Lady Mayoress. The event was a meet and greet opportunity to get to know fellow consorts before the Livery weekend. Anne Sommers Chairman of the Livery Pictures Committee spoke about the Livery Movement and how important it is to build a community not only to support the Master, but also driving the livery forward.

The Lady Mayoress gave a summary of her first six months in office highlighting meeting the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace as "Incredible".





### Mudlarking with the Water Conservators

Although I have lived in London for 26 years I had never been to the foreshore of the Thames before. This all changed when I was invited to go Mudlarking. There were 2 guides from The Thames Explorer Trust, who used their expert knowledge to decode our findings. These included tiny pieces of Tudor pottery, Victorian glass and clay pipes. The Mistress Butcher found part of the jaw of a cow. I looked, but unfortunately I didn't find any Pattens.

## Members News

### Trade Visit to Bill Bird Shoes - Ward to the Trade Mike Watson Smith

The sun shone in the Gloucestershire countryside to welcome a small group of Pattenmakers to Bill Bird's workshops. Joining Bill and the team at Bill Bird Shoes was the Upper Warden, Clerk, Trade Warden was Assistant Mark Jeffrey. Soon after arrival we were honoured to see PM Richard Paice who lives nearby.



*PM Richard Paice joined the group photo of the guests and the Bill Bird Ltd team.*



The team gave us a thorough tour of the factories. They had recently had their open day, so we benefitted from seeing the special displays of recent footwear completed. The premises were spotless, and the quality of the craft being deployed quite awe-inspiring.

See the pictures of the visitors being shown various aspects of manufacture from Bill turning a last on the Bandsaw to George hand finishing a gorgeous pair of Chelsea Boots.



An opportunity was taken to review some of the 1000 pages of teaching material and even watch an extract from the 120 hours of video that Bill and his team have created to support and deliver the Pattenmakers Certificate in Orthopaedic Footwear Manufacture. The quality of these materials (many of

which were hand drawn is hugely impressive and gave us a feel for the care and taken and the quality of the teaching delivered.



The visit was completed and the visitors adjourned to a local Farm Shop & Restaurant for a light lunch of local delicacies.

A second visit to see Bill's workshops and meet his amazing team will be organised for the Autumn. Please contact the Trade Warden if you are interested in attending.

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### Visit to Temple Bar and Dinner - Liveryman Dick Clay

Temple Bar was the principal ceremonial entrance to the City of London from the west. It was located in Fleet Street close to the junction with Chancery Lane. At the bar the Corporation of the City of London erected a barrier to regulate trade entering into the City. The structure was probably designed by Wren and spanned the roadway and was completed in 1672 and was only removed in 1878. At that time the building was in poor condition and caused a bottleneck holding back City trade.



The City of London Corporation had the building dismantled piece by piece and carefully stored. In 1880 the brewer Henry Meux bought the dismantled structure at the instigation of his wife Valerie and had it re-erected at the entrance to his house at Theobalds Park, Hertfordshire. It remained there until 2003. The City of London Court of Common Council then resolved to acquire the structure for £1. Reconstruction at a cost of £3 was paid for by the City of London, the Temple Bar Trust and several City Livery Companies.

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The building is now located to the north west of St Pauls Cathedral at the entrance to Paternoster Square. In September 2022 the Temple Bar and Paternoster Lodge were opened by our Patron the Duke of Gloucester and the Lord Mayor at the time Vincent Keaveny. It is the home of the Chartered Architects Company.

There is one room above the arch with a significant number of paintings, drawings and plans showing the building in past years together with a painting by Whistler of Valerie Susan Meux.



Paternoster Lodge is the adjoining newly built support building used for meetings, educational events dinners and social events and is available for hire.

Our host Grant Smith, Education and Outreach Officer gave us a talk on Temple Bar with particular reference to the structure and its features whilst we enjoyed a welcoming glass of wine.



We then retired to Paternoster Lodge for dinner and another talk by Grant on the building and matters associated with it including the annual ceremony of oiling the gate hinges every November. During the day there had been a visit by local children and examples of their work remained for us to see.



This was a unique event very skilfully arranged by our Master. If repeated, not to be missed.

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### Gloucestershire Cheese Rolling Event - Liveryman Professor Andrew Haynes

It never ceases to amaze the extraordinary activities that Pattenmakers get up to allegedly for fun. We all recall PM Richard Kottlers three crazy stunts a few years ago, but now another contender reaches for the mantle of Oddest Antics Amongst Pattenmakers, Professor Andrew Haynes in this case.

I am delighted to have seen him last week in one piece, even he was not expecting that – he took part in one of the three men’s races for the Coopers Hill Gloucestershire Cheese Rolling event. For those not up to scratch with the actual race and the rules, it is easier to watch the race on YouTube here: [Gloucestershire Cheese Rolling](#) and to add that the rules are “don’t injure yourself”.

Fortunately he did not injure himself and was sufficiently satisfied with his performance to put his name for next years Race. But in conversation with him regarding this, he said “I took it slowly this year, but am up for going for it next year”. The prize is apparently a Gloucestershire cheese, a worthy prize although Andrew did say he doesn’t actually like it and would be happy to swap it for a Brie.

Congratulations Andrew, (for making it in one piece). Good luck for next year!

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## Our Charitable Fund

### Tour of the Old Bailey - The Friends of St Margaret Pattens

The Friends of St Margaret Pattens have some spaces available for a tour of the Old Bailey on Tuesday 9 July at 4.30pm. A donation of £25 is suggested (pls use your name Old Bailey as the payment reference). Account number 80162957 sort code 20-19-90.

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## Pattenmakers' Events

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

17th July - Court Dinner and Summer Party at Stationers' Hall

18th July - Military Musical Spectacular  
 10th September - Meet the Vicar (Live talk and podcast recording)  
 12th September - Common Meal at Guildhall  
 16th September - FM Dinner at Butchers' Hall  
 24th September - City Giving Day  
 29th September - Sheep Drive  
 30th September - Election of Lord Mayor and lunch at the Guildhall  
 9th October - Freedom of City of London Ceremony at Guildhall  
 16th October - City Prayer Breakfast  
 17th October - October Dinner at Grocers' hall  
 30th October - Meet the Pikemen at Armoury House

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## City of London Corporation

### Guildhall State Banquet in honor of Japan's Emperor Naruhito

The Master and Senior Past Master Chris Hayward were presented to His Majesty Emperor Naruhito of Japan at the Banquet in his honour at Guildhall.



The link to the Lord Mayor's speech can be found here:

[Japan State Banquet Speech](#)

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### Election of Sheriffs

Alderman Gregory Jones KC and David Chalk have been elected as the next Sheriffs of the City of London. They will take office on Friday 27th September.

**Gregory Jones** studied law at New College, Oxford (MA) where he was elected as President of the Oxford Law Society and Treasurer of the Oxford Union. He was called to the bar by Lincoln's Inn, took an LLM (Master of Laws) at University College London, and spent time with the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg. He currently practices law at Francis Taylor Building, Temple, specialising in infrastructure,

planning, environmental, climate change, and EU related law.

**David Chalk** was educated at Chigwell School, Radley College, and Edinburgh University. He spent 20 years working in the City in research and strategy at the Henley Centre for Forecasting, marketing group WPP, and the Smithfield-based think tank, the Future Foundation. His career in marketing saw him develop financial services for older people while working at Age Concern Enterprises, after which he founded a regional care-in-the-home business aiming to keep older people living independently at home for as long as possible.

## Diary Note – Monday 30th September – Common Hall to elect the Lord Mayor

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### This City is Made for Music - Worshipful Company of Architects

On behalf of Temple Bar Trust, Jonathan Louth from the Worshipful Company of Architects, and also a musician, has recently produced two new films of 45 minutes each, to tell the story of the development of London across 2000 years in music and architecture, featuring several of the Livery halls.

The films use performances and recordings of music from various periods in London's history to the present day (including original pieces commissioned by several Livery Companies).

Please [click here](#) for more information. Anyone who registers for either film showing will receive an email link on the gallery day, so they can also watch the film again online in their own time.

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### Escape from the Tower - Red Cross



'Escape the Tower' takes place on 5th September 2024.

Participants will be welcomed to the Tower from the Yeoman Gaoler at 7pm, followed by a drinks reception at which guests will be regaled with the reasons their poor companions find themselves confined in the Tower, and a three-course dinner. The night will culminate in an escort to watch the exclusive Ceremony of the Keys, the nightly locking-up of the Tower which has taken place every evening for the past 750 years. The Ceremony will conclude at 10pm.

If you would like to put your skills to the test, please [click here](#) for more information and to book.

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### The Feltmakers' Inter Livery Real Tennis Championship 2024 - 6th November

The annual Inter Livery Real Tennis Competition is to be held at Queen's Club on Wednesday 6th November 2024.

The Competition is open to all Livery Companies and each Company may enter one or two teams of mixed doubles of which at least one member in each pair must be a member of the Livery – Liveryman or Freeman. In all there is a maximum of forty-eight players permitted.

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

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The editorial team will be having a break in August.

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