



# The Pattenmaker

NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY

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## From the Master, Deputy Keith Bottomley



I hope that you have enjoyed summer and a break. Welcome back if you have been away.

July and August have been busy with August more than usual as Senior Past Master Chris Hayward and I participated in a business and sport programme at the Olympics and Paralympics representing the City Corporation. The City Corporation published a report with UK Sport and PWC recently which estimated the soft power value of sport in driving international trade to be £4bn to the UK economy over the next 10 years. So business and sport working together drives economic growth.

Chris and I met with the new Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, Lisa Nandy, at the British Embassy. Lisa Nandy emphasised a focus for the new Government on access to sport and physical activity for all and the importance of grass roots sport as well as the mass participation events and elite sport focus. All topics dear to my heart.





In July we held our Court meeting and approved another 6 new members of our Company taking new members for the year to date to 11. We have Pattenmaker City Freedom events planned in the autumn so that Pattenmakers can receive their freedom of the City of London together which is something that I am especially keen to do making the experience even more special with drinks afterwards in Guildhall.

After the July Court we held a very successful summer BBQ at Stationers' Hall with a great jazz band and a good time was had by all.



*Further pictures are available in the Members' section of the website*

With Claire, our learned Clerk, I represented our Company at the Leathersellers and Painter Stainers dinners and also attended the Actuaries dinner with Kevin and the Sheriff's & Recorders Fund AGM at the Old Bailey.

We held meetings on the 5-year plan which is being developed to give the Company a medium-term strategy and set of objectives for membership, finance and fundraising. The draft plan will be reviewed by

the Court on 17th October.

'Meet the Pikemen & Musketeers' is planned for Wednesday 30th October which will be a fascinating tour and talk at Armoury House (the home of the Honourable Artillery Company) with buffet and wines for just £48, and an opportunity to try on armour and hold pikes! For more information please [click here](#)

We have some great events coming up and plenty of opportunity to get involved so I look forward to seeing you at something.

### Consort's Corner - Kevin Bradford

Before the August recess I represented the Pattenmakers at my very first visit to Plaisterers' Hall. Master Plasterers' Consort, Wendy Mitchell held an incredible event at their hall. The guest speaker was Major Robert Quain TD Pikeman from the Honourable Artillery Company. As Robert spoke it brought back very fond memories from our Masters weekend, when we had so much fun during the visit to the HAC back in May. A visit to Armoury Hall to meet the Pikemen and Musketeers is highly recommended and I'm delighted to see members have the opportunity to do so on the 30th October.

Wendy then spoke about how important the city had been throughout her career. She was first invited to Mansion House in 1964 and she still has the invite. She also taught ballet to the then Lady Diana and shared a hand written thank you letter signed from Diana Spencer. Also on display was a beautiful handmade ballet Tutu and ballet pointe shoes worn by Darcey Bussell.

It was a wonderful event and I am now looking forward to future Livery events throughout the Autumn.



*With Major Robert Quain TD  
Pikeman*



*With Master Plasterers'  
Consort, Wendy Mitchell*



*Pointe shoes worn by Darcey  
Bussell*

**Our Patron His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO** celebrated his 80th birthday on 26 August. The Master sent loyal greetings and very best wishes on behalf of the Company.



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## Members News

### Barefoot Walk Challenge - Freeman Stuart Paver

Freeman Stuart Paver is an ambassador of the charity Lepra ([www.lepra.org.uk](http://www.lepra.org.uk)), a cause close to his heart. Lepra helps people affected by Leprosy and Lymphatic filariasis access custom-made orthopaedic sandals, mainly across the Indian Sub-Continent. In 2015, Pavers funded Lepra's first mobile shoe van

which travels across the Indian state of Bihar delivering the much-needed custom-made sandals to affected people in their villages. On Friday the 6th of September, Lepra and Pavers took part in a barefoot walk challenge to raise money for Lepra.



Shown in the picture outside Pavers in York left to right Steve Ovenden (Executive Assistant to Stuart Paver) , York Pavers Store manager Bev, Stuart Paver, and Matt Lovelock - Corporate Partnerships Manager Lepra

### Appointment of new Chief Steward

Court Assistant Ian Balcombe has been appointed as Chief Steward to work with the Beadle and Clerk to ensure each of our livery events run smoothly and a good time is had by all.

A new team of Stewards has been recruited and there will be a feature on Stewards in future editions of the newsletter.



### Thames Seagrass Project - Court Assistant Ian Balcombe

**Lord Mayor's Sustainability & Biodiversity Conference**

SEPTEMBER 25TH 2024  
9:30 - 12:30

AT MANSION HOUSE  
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AN INVITATION FROM  
The Lord Mayor of London, Alderman Professor **Michael Mainelli**

Whilst I was President of the Rotary Club of London the incoming Lord Mayor Michael Mainelli having heard of Rotary's work at COP, asked if Rotary could get involved in the restoration of Seagrass in the Thames. As Past President I have continued this work and I am delighted that during the Lord Mayor's year we will be having a Conference at Mansion House on the 25th September at which he will be speaking.

The link for more information and tickets for this event can be found here: [Sustainability & Biodiversity conference](#)

In discussions with the Zoological Society of London, I commented on the shoes worn by to plant Seagrass – to which they replied you mean our Pattens. I nearly fell off the Chair and explained the Livery connection.

The Clerk in the meantime received video links for mud pattens which allow the wearers to 'run on mud' instead on sinking knee-deep.

[Using Mud Pattens](#)

[How to run on Mud](#)



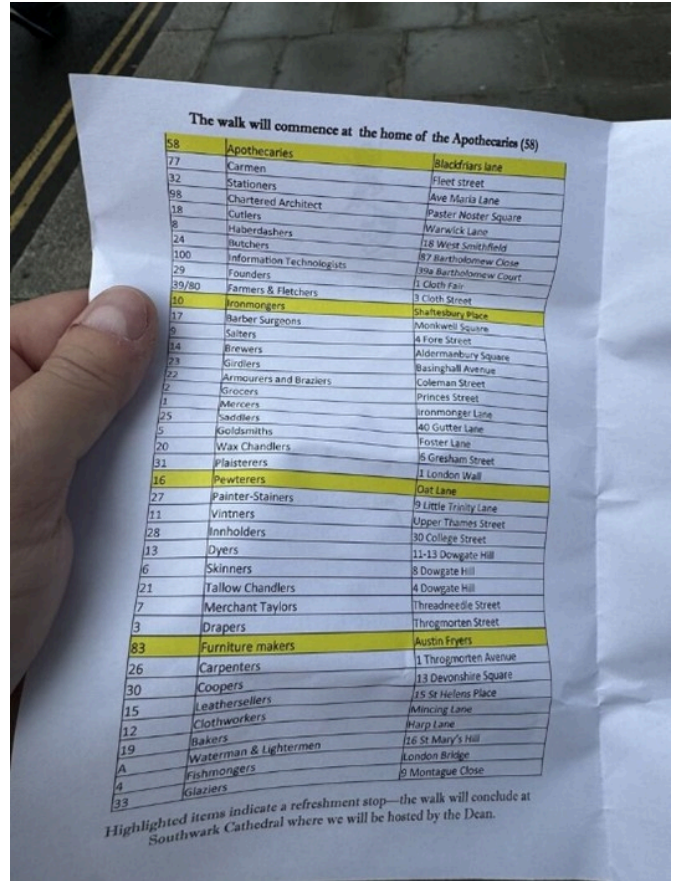
Perhaps in restoring seagrass we can also revive Pattens.

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## Our Charitable Fund

### 2024 Halls Walk

We visited 40 halls in total and walked over 8.5 miles in full Livery regalia - pictured here with Pattenmaker Upper Warden David Miller outside Leathersellers Hall. A magnificent job by [The Worshipful Company of Environmental Cleaners](#) who organised the entire day. Thanks to the generosity of Pattenmakers, we raised over £3,200 for the Pattenmakers Company Charitable Foundation.



**Bespoke Orthopedic Shoes - Liveryman Bill Bird**

I saw Hari Buda Magar to fit him with his new shoes for when he gets his MBE from the King in December. This is for climbing four or the 14 8,000 metre high mountains in the world with two just below the hip prostheses! He was in the Gurkha Regiment and lost both limbs whilst serving in Afghanistan.





This is entirely funded by the staff at Bill Bird Shoes. The Pattenmakers supported him for footwear about eight years ago. We thought he needed a new pair to meet the King although his first pair still look good even though the soles are nearly worn through. We are repairing them for him as well, profiled to his new prostheses.

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### The Friends of St Margaret Pattens

**Open House** - Saturday 21st September: The Church will be open to be viewed from 10am. Tell all your friends.

**Free Concert** – Thursday 15th October

Young Artists from Guildhall School of Music and Drama will be performing in St Margaret Pattens as part of the City Festival and Music and Invention providing free concerts in the City.

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




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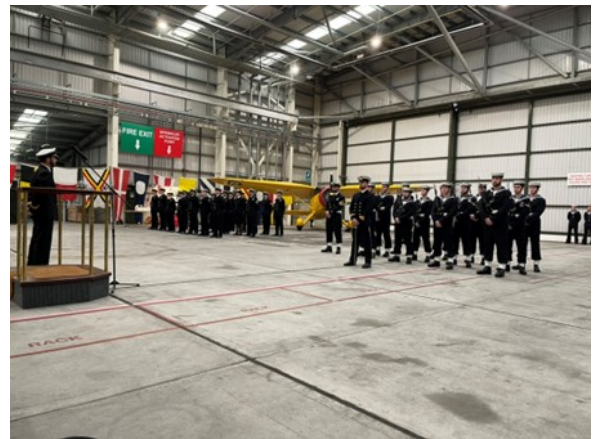
### 824 NAS Wings Parade - Immediate Past Master, Commodore Patrick Tyrrell OBE Royal Navy

Debbie and I had the great honour of being invited to the Summer 'Wings Parade' for our affiliate Naval Air Squadron. This is a very important date in their calendar when the men and women of the squadron who have successfully completed upwards of three years' training finally graduate and receive their 'Wings'. Once awarded, they will be stitched onto their uniforms to be worn with great pride throughout their careers. Unfortunately, the Cornish summer meant that the ceremony was held inside one of the large hangars instead of outside. Parents, friends and relatives of the young graduates were treated to static displays and music from the RNAS Culdrose Band.

The awards were presented by Commodore Stuart Finn Royal Navy, Deputy Director Naval Aviation and Commodore Fleet Air Arm who is, incidentally, a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers.

The Squadron trains pilots for the Merlin helicopters, observers and aircrewmen to be deployed into the Fleet for future service. The Pattenmakers have been affiliated with the Squadron for the past 5 years and we enjoyed a visit to RNAS Culdrose, the home of the Squadron last year.

The occasion was also an opportunity of meeting the new Commanding Officer, Commander Alex Kelley Royal Navy who relieved Commander Chris Jones whom many of you will recall. As you will see from Commander Kelley's biography, which can be [read here](#), she is an impressive lady! She has agreed to attend one of our next Livery Dinners when I hope many of you will have an opportunity of meeting her.



**Senior City and Music Giving Manager Development St Paul's Cathedral - Sarah Beddows**

It is my great pleasure to [attach here](#) a report on our Choristers for the 2023-24 academic year, this gives an overview of the key Chorister highlights and news of Taryn's progress. We are most grateful for the Pattenmakers' Company's continued support, which makes so many of these achievements possible.





## Meet the Charities Podcast - I Choose Freedom

Link to the Podcast can be [found here](#)

Please [see here](#) link for Summer Newsletter from Zoe Snelgrove.

## Our History

### Court Assistant Steve Huxham

An old print of St Margaret Pattens that I don't think we've seen before, was auctioned at Forum Auctions on 13th December 2023, the description was follows:

"London.- Shepherd (Thomas Hosmer, 1793-1864) St James's Clerkenwell; St Margaret Pattens, Rood Land, two works on one sheet, pencil and brown wash on wove paper, both views signed, with double ruled ink borders, each image approx. 105 x 68 mm (4 1/4 x 2 5/8 in), the sheet 125 x 160 mm (4 7/8 x 6 1/4 in), some surface dirt and light browning, unframed, 1830; together with the original engravings after the drawings unframed, 1831 (2)

Illustrated:

Both views engraved and published in Jones & Co.'s 'London and its environs in the 19th Century: illustrated views from original drawings', 1831."

Hammer price achieved was £160.



The Master also noticed this article from Living London History.

<https://livinglondonhistory.com/the-church-named-after-a-shoe-st-margaret-pattens/>

The Clerk then got in to contact with the author Jack Chesher and wrote to congratulate him on the well-researched article and to say that we were “grateful for the attention you have brought to the ancient skill of patten making as well as this Wren church”.

## Pattenmakers' Events

### Key events to note in your diary

| DAY              | DATE       | EVENT  | LOCATION                           |
|------------------|------------|--|------------------------------------|
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b> |            |  |                                    |
| Monday           | 16/09/2024 | FM Dinner  | Butchers' Hall                     |
| Tuesday          | 24/09/2024 | City Giving Day                                    |                                    |
| Sunday           | 29/09/2024 | Sheep Drive  | Southwark Bridge                   |
| Monday           | 30/09/2024 | Election of Lord Mayor                             | Common Hall - Guildhall            |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>   |            |  |                                    |
| Wednesday        | 09/10/2024 | Freedom of City of London ceremony 12pm            | Guildhall                          |
| Wednesday        | 16/10/2024 | City Prayer Breakfast                              | Guildhall                          |
| Thursday         | 17/10/2024 | <a href="#">October Dinner &amp; Court meeting</a> | Grocers' Hall                      |
| Wednesday        | 30/10/2024 | <a href="#">Meet the Pikemen</a>                   | Armoury House                      |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>  |            |  |                                    |
| Saturday         | 09/11/2024 | Lord Mayor's Show                                  | Lunch at TBC                       |
| Tuesday          | 12/11/2024 | <a href="#">M&amp;C Luncheon</a>                   | Armourers' Hall                    |
| Friday           | 15/11/2024 | YP Dinner  | TBC                                |
| Thursday         | 29/11/2024 | YP Whisky tasting                                  | TBC                                |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>  |            |  |                                    |
| Thursday         | 12/12/2024 | Freedom of City of London ceremony 3.30pm          | Guildhall                          |
| Thursday         | 12/12/2024 | Carol Service followed by dinner                   | St Margaret Pattens and dinner TBC |
| <b>JANUARY</b>   |            |  |                                    |
| Thursday         | 09/01/2025 | Court followed by Court & Stewards' dinner         | Guildhall                          |
| Wednesday        | 22/01/2025 | Meet the...TBC                                     | Guildhall                          |
| Thursday         | 30/01/2025 | Annual Banquet                                     | Mansion House                      |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b>  |            |  |                                    |
| Thursday         | 13/02/2025 | Trade Outing                                       | Northampton Shoe museum            |
| Thursday         | 20/02/2025 | F&GPC  | Guildhall                          |
| Thursday         | 20/02/2025 | Meet the...  | Guildhall                          |
| <b>MARCH</b>     |            |  |                                    |
| Wednesday        | 13/03/2025 | Dinner and Court                                   | Tallow Chandlers' Hall             |

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## From the Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund

In what continues to be a busy year for the Fund, please visit our website ([sr-fund.org/blog](http://sr-fund.org/blog)) for an update on our latest news.

In particular, I would like to highlight the upcoming fundraising event on behalf of the Fund, with Alderman Sheriff and Fund President, Bronek Masojada, and his "Sheriff's Posse" embarking on a 3-day 195 mile bike ride from 12 - 14 September 2024 from the City of London to the National Justice Museum in Nottingham. To make a donation please go to [Just Giving Old Bailey](#).

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## From the Equality of Arms Campaign and its supporters

livery regarding our efforts to encourage and support sensible reform to heraldic convention to achieve equality of the sexes. As you know, heraldic convention and practice, as governed by the College of Arms, does not treat men and women as equals before and under the law.

The City of London, its Livery Companies and liverymen represent possibly the largest and most active stakeholder group for the continuity of heraldry in the United Kingdom. The College of Arms has been located in the City since its foundation, and continues to play a vital role in the City's civic and livery traditions. We want the College of Arms and heraldry to thrive, and believe that discrimination in heraldic convention puts both institutions at risk, it also runs counter to the livery's diversity charter.

With that in mind we share the [attached here](#), an update from the Equality of Arms campaign team which we encourage you to share widely among the membership of your respective companies and guilds without restriction.

The campaign team recognise this is a serious issue and will raise many questions. We have endeavoured to anticipate them in this update. However, should you have any questions about this matter, please contact us through this email address [equalityofarms@virginmedia.com](mailto:equalityofarms@virginmedia.com)



Join us for our Equinox Dinner at the historic Grocers Hall on the evening of 23rd September. The event promises to be a memorable celebration as we gather to mark the turning of the seasons, In addition to our Chairman updating you on PLT's progress we are delighted that Prof Phil Stevenson from the Royal Botanic Garden Kew will join us as our guest speaker.

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

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## 55th Annual City Prayer Breakfast - Haberdashers' Hall

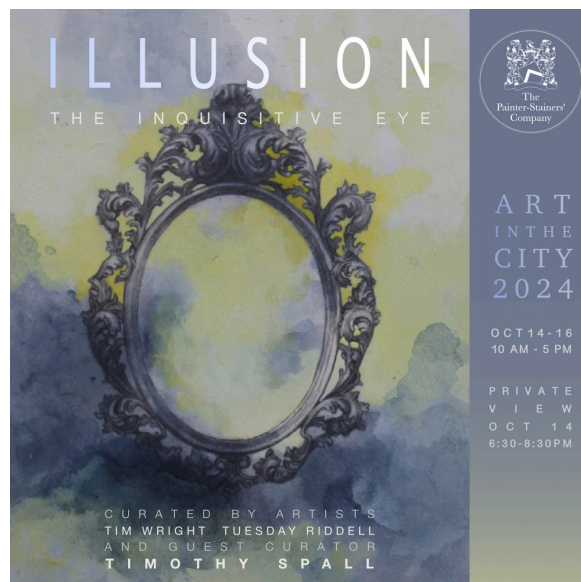
This year will be the 55th Annual City Prayer Breakfast. It will also be taking place during National Week of Prayer.

We would like to invite you to join this year's breakfast on Wednesday 16th October. If you would like to attend and for more information, please [click here](#)

## Art in the City 2024 - Painter-Stainers' Company

Our forthcoming exhibition, 'Illusion - the Inquisitive Eye' will be held at the magnificent Painters' Hall in the City of London

For more information please [click here](#)



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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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