



# The Pattenmaker

NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY

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## From the Master, Deputy Keith Bottomley



Having recovered from the Livery Halls walk we embarked on a busy rest of September and first half of October.

The Mistress Pattenmaker and I were delighted to be guests of the Worshipful Company of Basketmakers for their Mansion House banquet.

We have a very special relationship with Basketmakers as we share our wonderful Guild Church of St Margaret Pattens. Dorothy Newlands of Lauriston had just completed her year as Prime Warden which had been a fantastic year and we have thoroughly enjoyed sharing many occasions together, including the trip to Zurich in April for Sechseläuten.



We held our Common Meal, or AGM, at Guildhall after having recorded the latest Pattenmaker podcast - Meet the Vicar at St Margaret Pattens with our very own Hon Chaplain Rev Andrew Keep. To listen to the podcast, please click [here](#)



Our annual Facilities Management and Built Environment dinner was held at Butchers' Hall and was very well attended. I am grateful to our lead sponsor CBRE for making it happen with us and to Assistant David Emanuel, Liveryman Mike Packham and Monika Nawrot.

The Dinner is held to celebrate the people, projects, concepts and innovations leading the way in property and facilities management – celebrating one of the great attributes of the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers is the diversity of the membership and that we all share a common interest in developing the sectors we represent, supporting future leaders and charity.



*Guest Speaker Alex Valsecchi, Estate Manager at Albury Vineyard situated in the Surrey Hills.*



*With the speaker and Warden to the Trade Mike Watson Smith.*

We held, for the first time in many years, a Pattenmakers company freedom ceremony when Freeman Martin Ingram, Freeman Wayne Young, Freeman Michael Bodsworth, Freeman Paul Bennett, shown below left to right between the Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court and Master



*Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court, Freeman Martin Ingram, Freeman Wayne Young, Freeman Michael Bodsworth, Freeman Paul Bennett, Master*

The annual sheep drive was well attended by Pattenmakers raising funds for charity and exercising our ancient right to drive sheep over the Thames.



*Pattmakers Simon Ralph and James Brooks*

The election of the new Lord Mayor Alastair King took place at Common Hall on the 30th September



On the same day we launched my campaign for non-aldermanic Sheriff of the City of London on 30 September. Thank you to the many Pattenmakers who are supporting our bid to have another Pattenmaker Sheriff, of which there have only been 8 in our history.



You can sign up to support here if you haven't done so already. Hugely grateful for all the wonderful support. <https://keithbottomley.city/>

Our October Court Dinner at Grocers' Hall was a great success when we clothed our newest Liveryman - Michael Bodsworth at the Court meeting.

Laura Miller, Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court who conducts freedom ceremonies regaled us with stories of the history of Pattens and recognised our long standing provision of orthopedic shoes. Pictures to follow in the next edition.

A group of 10 Pattenmakers attended the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre fundraising dinner at Prestwold Hall in Leicestershire - myself, PM Jennifer Bryant Pearson, Asst Chris Stears, Asst Graham Perry, Liveryman Lesley Exley and our consorts.

I also attended Sheriff Elects Alderman Gregory Jones KC and David Chalk's Shrieval Chain and Badge presentations, the Educators dinner at Vintners' Hall, the Chartered Master Mariner Annual Awards, the admission of the new Sheriffs at Guildhall, Young Furniture Makers' Exhibition at Furniture Makers' Hall, the Horners' Mansion House Banquet and Firefighters' St Florian's dinner with the Mistress Pattenmaker, the ancient Quit Rents ceremony where the new Sheriffs receive their Royal Warrants.

With our learned Clerk and I also attended the Farmers' Masters and Clerks lunch, Leather Livery Lunch at Leathersellers' Hall, the Curriers' mid-summer dinner at Tallow Chandlers' Hall, Furniture Makers' dinner and the Wheelwrights' Michaelmas Dinner at Merchant Taylor's' Hall.

### Consort's Corner - Kevin Bradford

One of the highlights of the first 6 months as Mistress Pattenmaker was having a private lunch with the Lady Mayoress. Not only was it a wonderful occasion to actually speak with the Lady Mayoress and hear about her incredible year, but also to see areas of Mansion House not open to the general public.



We were invited into the Lord Mayors private dining room for lunch. Then visited the Plate room to see the priceless treasures of Mansion House. Some of the pieces were incredible gifts from visitors to Mansion House and the City, others are grand pieces made from gold and precious gemstones that survived the Great Fire of London. One of the oldest pieces was the Collar of SS's bequeathed to the City of London Corporation in 1545 by Sir John Aleyn, Lord Mayor, 1525 & 1535.



Events on the horizon include lunch at Tallow Chandlers hall and afternoon tea with the new Lady Mayoress.

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## Members' News

### Court Meeting

At the Court meeting held on 17th October, the Court gave the Master its full support for this Shrieval campaign.

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**The Prince Arthur Cup** was presented to the Pattenmakers as our team won the Inter Livery Golf Tournament, as previously reported. It was on display at the Grocers' Hall Banquet.



Two members of the Team – Past Master Tim Watts and Liveryman James Turgoose were on present to describe each and every hole. The Pattenmakers' shield will be affixed to the plinth.



## Our Charitable Fund



Following on from the Fund raising Dinner, the Master received a letter of thanks which can be viewed [here](#)

## City of London School for Girls

Report from student can be [read here](#)

## Pattenmakers' Event

Master & Clerks' Luncheon on Tuesday 12th November at Armourers' Hall



Open to all Liverymen. Book [online here](#) or contact the Clerk for assistance. Cost £115 per person

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**MANSION HOUSE BANQUET Thursday 30th January 2025 Booking now available**



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

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**Key events to note in your diary**

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
<b>OCTOBER</b>			
Friday	11/10/2024	DMRC Dinner	Details to follow
Wednesday	16/10/2024	City Prayer Breakfast	Guildhall
Thursday	17/10/2024	October Dinner & Court meeting	Grocers' Hall
Wednesday	30/10/2024	Meet the Pikemen - <b>POSTPONED</b>	Armoury House
<b>NOVEMBER</b>			
Saturday	09/11/2024	Lord Mayor's Show	Lunch at Apothecaries' Hall
Tuesday	12/11/2024	Masters & Clerks Luncheon	Armourers' Hall
<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 & Stewards' dinner	Guildhall
Thursday	30/01/2025	Annual Banquet	Mansion House

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### Livery Committee

Please [click here](#) for the October version of the Livery Briefing newsletter, which will also shortly be available on the Livery Committee website at [www.liverycommittee.org](http://www.liverycommittee.org)

### Lord Mayor's Parade – Saturday 9th November – Apothecaries' Hall



Please find attached our flyer which gives more detail for the day. And here is the link for booking in tickets: [Lord Mayor's parade flyer](#)

- Adult tickets are £60.29 (this includes the Eventbrite booking fee)
- Tickets for under 14's are £36.46 (this included the Eventbrite booking fee)
- Our doors will be open from 10am and will close at 5pm



## Brigantes 2024 Winter Gathering and Concert

The 2024 Brigantes Winter Gathering will take place on Friday 13th December in the City of Sheffield – in the magnificent Cutlers Hall for our Reception and Supper

For more information, please [click here](#) for Flyer and [here](#) for booking form should you wish to book.

Also [attached here](#) is a copy of their latest Newsletter.

### Dates for your 2025 diaries:

Brigantes Golf Day - Royal Liverpool Golf Club, Hoylake - Wednesday 30 April 2025

Brigantes Breakfast – The Spa Pavilion, Scarborough, North Yorkshire - Thursday 24th July 2025

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### Letter to the Livery from the Lord Mayor The Treloar's Gala Dinner

To read the letter in full, please [click here](#) For more information on Teloar's 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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