



# The Pattenmaker

NEWS FROM AROUND THE LIVERY



Issue 100

Friday 15th November 2024

From the Master, Deputy Keith Bottomley



Welcome to the 100th edition of The Pattenmaker.

A significant milestone and the number 100 pays tribute to the weekly editions that we maintained throughout the pandemic lock downs under the inspiring leadership of Past Master Bryant-Pearson and the very hard work of our editor Court Assistant Ian Balcombe ably supported by Assistant Clerk Jane Foreman and our learned Gallant Clerk, Robert Murfin.

As Past Masters have experienced, it was a very moving and proud moment to plant a cross of remembrance on behalf of the Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers at St Paul's Cathedral on 4th November.

This annual event opens Remembrance Week and is attended by over 300 people and all Livery Master, Prime Wardens and the Upper Bailiff.



It is an opportunity for the City and Livery to remember the Fallen in much the same way that the Nation does at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday. Having been organised by Royal British Legion for many years, it is now organised by a volunteer team under the aegis of the Livery Committee.

The big civic weekend went off extremely well from Friday 8th to Sunday 10th November. Many congratulations to Alderman Alastair King on becoming the 696th Lord Mayor of London, swearing his oath of office at the silent ceremony on Friday 8th November.

The weather was dry for the Lord Mayor's Show. I rode in the show with the Pageantmaster Dominic Reid. It was a unique perspective on this largest unrehearsed parade in the world and the BBC's oldest continuing outside live broadcast.



I was delighted also to attend Livery dinners at the Broderers, Goldsmiths, Fishmongers and Masons and the installation of new Masters at the Fuellers and Glovers.

The Senior Past Master, Chris Hayward, and I attended the service of Remembrance on Sunday 10th November at St Paul's Cathedral on and afterwards the wreath laying at the Royal Exchange in the City.



Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress

**Consort's Corner - Kevin Bradford**

The Lady Mayoress and Consorts were invited for Lunch at Tallow Chandlers' Hall. There were a number of new Masters installed in July, so I took this opportunity to make new connections with the new consorts attending the lunch. It was also a wonderful surprise to see the hall features a stained glass window celebrating the Pattenmakers.



The Master and I were invited to Mansion House for a very special event "At Home with the Lady Mayoress". It was the last event for Elisabeth Mainelli to share with the Livery Companies some of the moments from her incredible year. The event was a huge success and it felt like most of the livery Masters & Consorts were in attendance.



On the horizon I look forward to meeting the new Lady Mayoress and a Festive Lunch at Watermans' Hall.

## From the Editor Court Assistant Ian Balcombe



My sincere thanks to all those who have contributed and help produce 100 Newsletters and to our readers.

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## Members' News

### October Court and Dinner

Michael Bodsworth clothed as a Liveryman at the Court Meeting prior to the Dinner and with his wife Jodie.

Michael's acceptance Speech can be found [here](#)





*Ms Laura Miller, Clerk to the Chamberlain's Court was the Guest of Honour and Speaker*



*FM Award Winner Anthony Atkinson received the Freedom of the Company*



*Assistant Clerk Jane Foreman received the Master Award in recognition for her unstinting work on the Newsletter and in support to the Clerk with events.*

All the photographs from the Dinner are available [here](#).

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### **Master & Clerks' Luncheon at Armourers' Hall**

Two years ago, the Pattenmakers began to support 'I Choose Freedom' a charity that provides refuge and a path to freedom for survivors of domestic abuse. They have three refuges that house women and children.

Shockingly, one woman is killed by a current or former partner every five days on average, with more than 105,000 children living in homes where there is a high-risk of domestic abuse.

Three women also take their own lives each week, unable to see a way out.

The Charity was featured in the ITV Documentary – Her Majesty behind closed doors, when HM The Queen spoke about her mission to break the cycle of domestic abuse – the link to view [is here](#)

The Master said that it was a pleasure to present Zoë Snelgrove, Head of Services at I Choose Freedom with a donation from our charitable foundation of £10,000 at our Masters' and Clerks' lunch for their child mental health support programme helping children to deal with the trauma of fleeing domestic violence. The sum was bequeathed to us by the estate of the late David Morris who was a member of the company.



*Zoë with the Master*



*and with the Upper Warden*

For more information about what the charity does and how the Pattenmakers support I Choose Freedom and our other good causes, listen to the Meet the Charity podcast episode here: [Meet the Charities](#)



*Guests gather*



*Zoë presented with cheque and a Pattenmaker Scarf*

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## **Lord Mayor's Parade**

The Pattenmakers were well represented at the Lord Mayor's show and flew the flag



*Warden to the Trade David Watson Smith, The Clerk, The Beadle and Lurcher Mimi, Liveryman Phillip Rutledge, Upper Warden David Miller and Liveryman Michael Illingworth.*

The show also included Timpson's Shoes and our Military Affiliate 101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment



## Pattenmakers' Events

**Pattenmaker Carol Service 12th December** - [Book Here](#)

The Festive Dinner at Watermans' Hall is now fully booked but there is a waiting list. To join the list please contact the Clerk ([clerk@pattenmalers.co.uk](mailto:clerk@pattenmalers.co.uk))

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



Our guest of Honour will be The Right Honourable Lord Timpson DL OBE Minister of State for Prisons, Probation and Reducing Reoffending

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

**Key events to note in your diary**

DAY	DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
<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 Watermen's Hall
<b>JANUARY</b>			
Thursday	09/01/2025	Court followed by Court & Stewards' reception	Guildhall
Thursday	30/01/2025	Annual Banquet	Mansion House
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			
Thursday	13/02/2025	Trade Outing	Northampton Shoe museum
<b>MARCH</b>			
Wednesday	13/03/2025	Dinner and Court	Tallow Chandlers' Hall

**City of London Corporation**



**From the Clerk to the Framework Knitters**

Please read [here](#) an update on our 'Knit for the Community' Initiative which, with the generous support of so many from across the Livery, recently created our 2000th blanket!

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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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