



Broad Street

The Life of a Livery Company Master



On 13th March 2014 Broad Street Ward Common Councilman Christopher Hayward was installed as the Master of The Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers, one of the City of London's one hundred and ten ancient Livery Companies.

The Pattenmakers was awarded its Royal Charter in 1670, but the Company is first recorded as a trade association for the makers

of pattens in 1379 and the trade itself dates from the 12th century or earlier. The Company's early records were believed lost in the Great Fire of London in 1666. The Company was incorporated by Royal Charter by King Charles II in 1670 and granted Livery in 1717.

Pattens were under-shoes designed to be worn outdoors and to lift the wearers and their shoes and ladies' dresses above

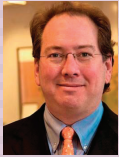
the mud and grime of early streets. With the paving of the streets, the trade died out and it is thought that the last working pattenmaker died in the 19th century. However, a pattenmaker was still listed in a trade reference in the 1920s. The trade was practised mainly around Rood Lane off Eastcheap which is where the beautiful Sir Christopher Wren church of St Margaret Pattens

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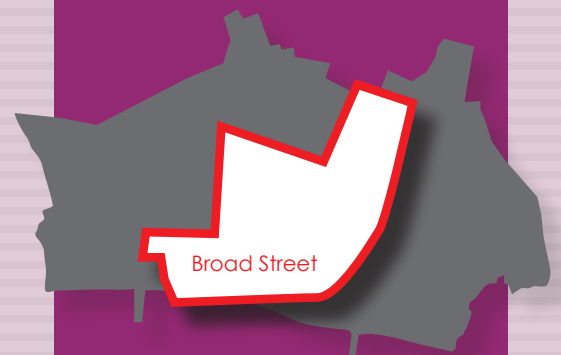
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is located named after the Company, indeed the Pattenmakers are the only City Livery Company to have a church named after them.

Today the Pattenmakers' Charitable Foundation has developed a new role in funding the design and bespoke fabrication of orthopaedic shoes, particularly for the UK's injured servicemen.

The Company continues to draw its membership from the footwear industry and from many other walks of life. The Company's main focuses of activity are charity, fellowship and participation in the life of the City of London.

As Master Pattenmaker Christopher is carrying out approximately one hundred and fifty engagements this year supporting the Civic Team and further afield as well. Livery

Masters visit each other's Companies and attend a whole range of City dinners, receptions, lectures and social functions as well as presiding over their own Court Meetings and social occasions. Christopher has organised a packed programme with at least one Pattenmaker event each month including the launch of a new programme of regional events which has seen Pattenmaker events in Devon, Yorkshire and the Lake District this year. In addition the Company has links to the Shoemakers and Tanners of Zurich and Christopher led a delegation of some thirty Pattenmakers to visit them earlier in the year.

Once in every three years the Master Pattenmaker gets to ride in the Lord Mayor's Parade and this year is that year which Christopher is particularly excited about.

Comments Christopher 'It is a huge honour to have been elected as Master of my ancient Livery Company and I am enjoying my year in office immensely. I am meeting a whole range of most interesting people although the demands of the role are huge and have to be combined with my duties as Broad Street Ward's Common Councillor.'

Alderman Michael Mainelli, Alderman for the Ward Of Broad Street commented: 'Christopher's appointment as Master Pattenmaker and John Bennett's election to the position of Chief Commoner, together with John Scott's election as Chairman of the important Markets Committee of the City Corporation shows that Broad Street Ward is punching well above its weight. Long may it continue!'