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### *Masters Column*

Welcome to our new Needlemakers Newsletter and a very Happy Easter to you all! I do hope you and your families are keeping well in these extraordinary times.

Liverymen have requested more regular communications so the Newsletter will be issued at least quarterly going forward. In order to make this possible the new format is this email, which is a summary of the articles which are available to read on our website: there

is a link to the relevant page for each one. During the current 'lockdown' we aim to publish more regularly: monthly is the plan.

As we had to cancel our Common Hall on April 1st (I was warned about the date) we have endeavoured to bring you a flavour of the Agenda over the next few Newsletters.

I thought it would be good to start with a song performed by a Weaver, Tony Saunders, with thanks to Alderman Dr Sir Andrew Parmley for setting the words to the music of Sir Arthur Sullivan (The Major General's Song from The Pirates of Penzance). Sadly they did not see fit to mention the BEST Livery Company!

This link [https://youtu.be/CMOR7\\_Hi12U](https://youtu.be/CMOR7_Hi12U) takes you to its performance and the words are on our website at this link .....

### The Origin of Livery lyrics



#### ***Our New Affiliation - HMS Trent***

HMS Trent is one of five new second-generation patrol ships being built by the Royal Navy. They conduct operations from fishery protection, to anti-smuggling

#### ***RSN - Jessica Vale's Report***

Jessica says 'during this time of complete uncertainty, I am finding great comfort in my work, allowing it to be my structure and purpose. My final major is... a shirt layered under an original

border patrols, counter-terrorism and counter-piracy.

[View HMS Trent from Lt Cdr James Wallington-Smith](#)

WWII uniform ... inspired by the Evacuation from Dunkirk'.

[View Jessica Vale's progress](#)



### ***NEW Needle Museum video***

We have produced another video about the running and maintenance of the water wheel to pass on key skills from retiring Millwright, Patrick Chester.

[View Needle Museum Waterwheel video](#)

### ***RSN and Covid 19***

Liv Susan Kay-Williams, Chief Executive at RSN has sent us a report about how the school is working during closedown.

[View RSN in the Covid 19 environment](#)

***Did you know?***

- Our first woman Liveryman was clothed in 1982 – the late Veronica Mary Stokes, who was proposed by our Senior Past Master Derek Foster. Veronica was our Honorary Archivist from 1982 until 2006 when she became Archivist Emeritus until her death.

- A new publication about Women in the City includes information about women associated with our Company (P25-26). [https://www.celebratingcitywomen.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/CityWomen\\_Recognition\\_Final\\_LowRes-1.pdf](https://www.celebratingcitywomen.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/CityWomen_Recognition_Final_LowRes-1.pdf)



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