



# The Worshipful Company of Basketmakers

**Christopher Hipkins  
Prime Warden 2018-19**



Christopher Hipkins, (known as Chris), was born in London in 1950 and has lived most of his life either in London or Kent. He was educated at Maidstone Grammar School until joining Pinchin Denny - a firm of Stockjobbers on the London Stock Exchange, as a trainee in 1969. He worked his way up to individual Membership of the Exchange in 1978 and partner of the firm in 1983. In 1986 during 'Big Bang' Pinchin Denny was acquired by Morgan Grenfell where Chris became a Director of their international equity trading subsidiary. In 1988 Chris moved with his team to Credit Lyonnais and started a 16 year relationship with French Banks - initially Credit Lyonnais and subsequently BNPParibas where he was Global Head of Cash Equity Trading, travelling extensively, and splitting his working life between Paris and London. He became a Fellow of the Chartered Institute for Securities and Investment in 2005. Chris is currently a Non-Executive Director of Asian stockbroker CLSA(UK).

Chris enjoys his small 15<sup>th</sup> century Chateau in Périgord South West France where he is a walnut farmer in his spare time. He loves travelling and visiting historic buildings.

His father had joined the Livery of the Basketmakers in 1946 enabling Chris to join the Company by Patrimony in 1971 on attaining his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. His father was Prime Warden of the Company in 1975. Chris has 2 children by his first marriage - Jeremy and Susannah who are both members of the Company, and 3 grandchildren. He has spent over 30 years with his current partner Mike and they were married in 2006. Mike is also a Liveryman of the Basketmakers' Company.

Chris is a Trustee of the Basketmakers Charity and looked after the relationship with the Letzi Guild in Zurich for 6 years. He is a member of the Coleman Street Ward Club and the City Livery Club.