



## THE BREWERS' COMPANY

### **MR PAUL RICHARD WELLS** **Master Brewer 2017-18**

Paul comes from five generations of the Wells brewing family which founded Charles Wells in Bedford in 1875. They are a fiercely independent company and have just announced plans to build a new brewery, their third, for the 21st century.

Hospitality and a love of food and drink sums up Paul's career. In the 1970's he was a bartender in the 'States, and a chef in London kitchens. After a couple of restaurant start-ups in London in the Eighties he joined the family firm to help maintain the tradition for a new generation.



Paul enjoyed the challenge of sales and marketing, building up sales all over the UK for their real ales, as well as unusual beers such as Red Stripe from Jamaica and Corona from Mexico. But his great love is pubs and the satisfaction of seeing customers enjoying a great pub experience. Nowadays Charles Wells has two hundred pubs in the UK and another twelve in France. He has taken pleasure in introducing the great British pint to the French.

Appointed a director in 1991 and Managing Director in 1998, he is now Executive Chairman of Charles Wells Ltd and another family owned company Muntons PLC. He has an Honorary Doctorate in Business Administration and is a Trustee of the Drinkaware charity.

Paul is married to Alice and they live near Cambridge in the last of a series of house restoration projects which they love. They have two children now living in London. In his spare time Paul loves travel, pottery, sailing, off-road cycling, chain-saw gardening, and has a number of old Land Rovers.