



Stuart Peter James Thompson
Master
The Worshipful Company of Butchers

Stuart was born in 1957 and educated at Haileybury College followed by a BA Honours in Business Studies from the now University of Hertfordshire. He was clothed into the Livery of The Worshipful Company of Butchers in 1988 and becomes Master in September 2016.

A year at Spiller's Foods Market Research as part of his degree was followed by travelling extensively in Europe and America to study poultry farming and processing methods before running a division of the family firm. Since 1982 he has been running the business, now based in Smithfield Market, with a thriving market shop as well as a national distribution business supplying the key UK food service companies. He is the fourth generation of his family in the meat industry – his great grandfather was a butcher in Richmond in 1904. In 1999 he was awarded the French Ordre Merite Agricole (Order of Agricultural Merit) for his contribution to the French poultry industry.

Stuart is married to Linda, a jeweller and silversmith, secretary of Salehurst PCC and Vice Chairman of the Queen Mother's Clothing Guild and they live in Etchingam in East Sussex. They have four children; William is an Underwriter in Lloyds; Lucy is a Group Account Director at Freemavens, Olivia is studying for a degree in Equine Sports Therapy and Rehabilitation at Greenwich and Charlotte is reading History and Visual Culture at Exeter University.

He was a Common Councillor within the City of London for a short period and supports various charities including The National Brain Appeal, QMCG, Rwanda Aid and the Church. He lists shooting, classic cars, wine, gardening, opera and medieval history amongst his interests.