

## **CV FOR PATRICK MARSLAND-ROBERTS TD**

### **MASTER, THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CARMEN. (Installed 18 October 2017)**

On leaving Whitgift, I joined the Bank of London and South America leaving after one year to start work in the family business of freight forwarding, becoming a Director at the age of 26.

Simultaneously, I joined the Honourable Artillery Company as a Territorial Army soldier and was commissioned four years later. I served one further year before pressure of work resulted in me transferring to CVHQ Royal Corps of Transport which required a reduced military commitment.

I had been playing rugby since leaving School, first for the Old Whitgiftians, then Esher, then the Old Paulines before skippering the HAC Regimental side for 19 years.

Having reached the rank of Major, I reverted back to Lieutenant some years later to command a platoon in the HAC Home Service Force for five years, before resuming my previous rank and returning to the Royal Logistics Corp where I was in a small unit of liaison officers to the American Forces giving me numerous visits to Washington.

During these 19 years, I had left the family firm, formed a company called Port to Port which specialised in the movement of arms and ammunition, and had just sold this Company and begun working for the organisation that had purchased Port to Port when I was called up for the first Iraqi war, serving in a bunker in Mildenhall where my experience in the movement of items that went bang in the night was put to excellent use.

At this stage I had already joined the ranks of the Company of Pikemen and Musketeers, the Ceremonial Bodyguards to the Lord Mayor London, and with whom I am still serving after 31 years.

After five years I was made redundant from the Company who purchased Port to Port, and having lived in London since leaving School, found myself commuting out every day to Reading where I joined the previous Managing Director of the Company I had just left and with whom I worked for a further 25 years, joining a new company in January of this year following the collapse of the company with whom I had been working.

Impatient with the little free time I had outside working hours, and with two young sons at boarding school, I joined St. John Ambulance, where I rose to have 19 Divisions under me and with whom I am still very involved.

I was elected to the Court of the Honourable Artillery Company, of which some years ago I became Vice President for 2 years and on which I am still serving after 28 years, joining the Worshipful Company of Carmen in 1996 and being elected to their Court in 2006.

Having been Secretary for Territorial Army Rugby for some twenty years whilst serving as a Territorial, I still found time to support the Old Whitgiftians in many areas, especially sport, joining and supporting such organisations as the Pilgrims Ham Polo Club and numerous others but for this year and next, our Worshipful Company will have my full attention above everything else.