



Worshipful Company of Farmers



### **PHILIP WYNN, FRagS, MASTER 2016-17**

Philip joined the Farmers' Company in 1994 and the Court in 2000. He has subsequently chaired the Finance Committee and more recently been a Director of the Farmers and Fletchers Hall Ltd, thus being instrumental in the commercial launch of the newly refurbished Hall.

He was educated in London, Durham University and the Royal College of Agriculture at Cirencester before embarking upon his farming career. Via a number of management roles he moved to Lincolnshire in 1982 to manage Sir Henry Nevile's Estate. Henry Nevile was Master of the Farmers' Company in 1991-92. From this base in Lincolnshire Philip developed a national farm management and consultancy business which ultimately became part of the Savills plc Group. Following the sale of the business he assumed the role of Head of Agribusiness for the Group for a number of years before leaving to develop his own business once more.

He now manages and advises on a diverse portfolio of farming and food businesses covering in excess of 60,000 acres. His roles include:

- Managing Director of Aubourn Farming Ltd – a farming and contracting business covering 6,000 acres in Lincolnshire.
- Executive Chairman of Humber Grain – a demutualised co-operative marketing grain and oilseeds in Lincolnshire and Yorkshire.
- Non-Executive Director of Beeswax Dyson Farms Ltd – the 32,000 acre farming business of Sir James Dyson.
- Non-Executive Director of Fold Hill Foods – a family owned dry pet food business supplying the multiples, discounters and pet speciality markets.
- Executive Chairman of the Green Pea Company – a co-operative of 240 farmers supplying Birds Eye's UK peas (Recently retired.)
- Trustee of five Lincolnshire Estates.

He has been recognised for his contribution to UK Agriculture, being made an Honorary Fellow of De Montfort University in 2000 and a Fellow of the Royal Agricultural Societies in 2005. Outside his commercial farming commitments, Philip is Director of Mentoring for the Henry Plumb Foundation which supports young entrepreneurs with mentors and startup grants.

He is married to Liz, who not only provides administrative support for his business but also runs her own Complementary Health Clinic in Lincoln. Having rowed since the age of 13, Philip enjoyed a successful rowing career competing around the UK and Europe. However, in more recent years, unable to commit to the team training schedules due to work demands, he has taken up running.