

The Master



The Master: David John Mark Green CB QC

Many in the Company identify with either a professional horticulture or a City background. David is a barrister and a keen suburban gardener, so he falls into the latter category.

He was educated at Christ's Hospital, Horsham and St Catharine's College Cambridge, graduating with a history degree. After a spell in the civil service, he qualified as a barrister in 1979. David practised in criminal law (both defending and prosecuting) from Chambers in the Temple from 1979 until 2004. He was appointed a Recorder in 1996 and took silk in 2000.

Thereafter he served as Director of the Revenue and Customs Prosecutions Office 2004-2010, returning to the bar prior to his appointment as Director of the Serious Fraud Office (SFO) in April 2012. His extended term at the SFO ends in April 2018.

David encountered the Company through gardening. In 1997, his Chambers moved across Fleet Street from the Temple to Red Lion Court. There, he created a courtyard garden for the benefit of Chambers and its visitors. The garden won The James Miller Trophy in 1998 and The Best Courtyard Garden in 1999. The inspecting judges introduced him to the Company. He became a Liveryman in 2000 and joined the Court in 2006.

He also enjoys collecting plants (especially from cuttings), cooking, walking, fly fishing and history. He is an avid collector of items designed by Piero Fornasetti. In the garden, he prides himself on his hostas and topiary.

David is married to Kate. They have two daughters, a son, and one granddaughter.