



## *The Worshipful Company of Glass Sellers*

**Master 2017/18**



**JOHN POULTEN LL.B., M.C.I .Arb. Master 2017/18**

John was installed as Master on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 having been clothed in the Livery in 2007.

Educated at Brentwood School, Essex, John went to King's College, London and studied Law. After graduating in 1966 he went to Guildford College of Law and qualified as Solicitor in 1969. He practised for nearly 40 years specialising in commercial and residential development, retiring in 2008.

His father established the family firm of John Poulten Limited in 1952 as manufacturers of scientific and industrial glassware. John became Chairman in 1995 and led the company into a merger with Walter Graf & Co. a similar business in Wertheim Germany at the turn of the Millennium – thus forming Poulten & Graf Holding GmbH with its two subsidiary companies both here in the UK and in Germany. Poulten & Graf is the only Anglo-German company operating in this field. John is Joint Chairman with his business partner Hans Graf.

Whilst researching his family history John has been able to establish that there has been at least one glass maker in the family going back to the middle of the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

John has also spent many years advising sporting and other voluntary organisations – serving as Chairman of several. He is a Life Member of the Royal Society of St. George (City of London Branch) and is also a member of the City Livery Club.

He lives near Frinton on Sea with Sylvia, his partner of over 30 years. She in turn has her own business interests and also advises the several family companies that she and John have between them. They each have two sons and numerous grandchildren who take up most of what little spare time they have left.