



MERCHANT TAYLORS' COMPANY

Mrs Jane Hall Master 2020-21



Jane Hall worked as an Assistant Director in the film industry on movies such as *Highlander* and Peter Ustinov's Poirot adaptation *Thirteen at Dinner*. She met her producer husband Christopher whilst working on a Diet Coke commercial with the London Symphony Orchestra. With the arrival of her two sons Freddie and Ben (both now working in the Arts) she left film and moved into the world of furniture conservation and restoration where her expertise in gilding, lacquer and decorative furniture became much sought after by antique dealers, interior designers and City institutions. One of the high points of her restoration work was being involved in the restoration of Windsor Castle after the fire. For the last ten years, following in her mother's footsteps, she has concurrently run a 1,000 acre arable farm in Hampshire, renovated and decorated farm buildings and run a successful pheasant shoot. Her major outside interest, apart from her family, fishing, theatre and opera has been the Merchant Taylor's Livery Company which she joined as an Apprentice, becoming a Liveryman in 1997. She was elected onto the Court in 2007 as the first woman since the Royal Charter of 1503.