



## The Worshipful Company of Pewterers



### MASTER ~ MR RICHARD PARSONS

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Richard has been a jeweller and silversmith for over 50 years and is a Fellow of the Gemmological Association. He was Managing Director of his Bond Street family firm, Tessiers Ltd., until 1992. Since then he has continued to have a wonderfully interesting life, as an independent goldsmith, making important commissions in precious metal, often set with gemstones and advising both private clients and institutions. He writes and lectures in his discipline.

He is currently chairman of the National Association of Jewellers Educational Trust, which particularly helps young jewellers, as a lender of last resort, to educationally advance their careers.

Married to Unni, who comes from the West Coast Norwegian town of Bergen, where they have a mountainside home in the City Centre and spend as much time as possible. They enjoy mountain walking, fly-fishing and skiing, having competed in several ski marathons for charity. In early October they will be taking a party of Pewterers on a Norwegian fjord adventure, where the group will be visiting some unusual destinations, off the tourist track.

His time with the Pewterers' Company has been deeply involved with the Company's premier competition, Pewter Live. This Competition supports the education of both students designing and working in pewter, and professional designers who are challenged to make wonderful objects in the metal. His main charity for the year will be supporting the local Whitechapel Mission both financially and to encourage fellow Pewterers to be involved in the Mission's challenges.

In the past, as a junior, Richard played golf for his county, shot for Great Britain, was for many years a Special Constable with the Honourable Artillery Company, policing from City Road, ran a shoot, sailed the Atlantic and has recently cultivated a vegetable garden that has lost Waitrose a customer. He is also a Freeman of the Goldsmiths Company.

Having been married for well over 45 years, Richard and Unni have four children, their eldest daughter, Emma, being a Liveryman of the Company. They also have one very young grandson and a hospital visiting dog called Bertie (who finds cross-country skiing very agreeable).