

DAVID PAGET THOMSON
1931 to 2022

Past Master Thomson joined the Company in 1965 and became Master in 1980. He subsequently succeeded Richard Dick-Larkam as Father of the Company.

National Service was completed in the Navy mainly in Malta commanding a motor torpedo boat. In 1956 he joined Lazard Brothers, Merchant Bankers and was a director from 1965 till 1986. For two years in 1971 to 1973 he was seconded to HM Diplomatic Service as Counsellor Economic in Bonn.

In 1959 Patience and he were married, subsequently producing two sons and two daughters. Both his father and grandfather were Nobel Prize winners and Masters of their Cambridge colleges.

David was an extraordinarily kind but humble man with a keen and mischievous sense of humour. He used his knowledge of finance and banking for the benefit of the Company, regularly helping to ensure that the Company's finances were on the "straight and narrow".

David and Patience moved to Little Stoke in Oxfordshire in 1976 where they had a large house and garden on the river. They grew vegetables, kept ponies and chickens, fished in the Thames and had a slipper stern launch moored at the bottom of the garden. They gave lots of parties.

Eventually, in 2008 they moved to a house with a lovely garden in Wallingford where in 2012 they so kindly held a champagne reception in the garden for the Court and their ladies. This was so typical of the generosity of a lovely couple, both of whom gave so much to the Company.

David had dementia for at least 12 years before moving into a care home in Wallingford. Patience died also in a home a few years ago.