



THE MASTER BREWER 2023-2024

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Being a brewing family, you might expect the Master Brewer 2023-2024 to be a **Cobbold**. Well, he's not, but he is on the family tree. Those of you who remember our Cobbweb of March 2020 will recall **James Staughton OBE DL (1959) #1358** retiring as CEO of Cornwall's famous family brewery in St. Austell. In addition to growing a most successful business through challenging economic conditions James' enterprise won two awards and he was appointed OBE and became a Deputy Lieutenant.

Now, having been delayed by Covid, he has been appointed **Master Brewer** and as such heads up the **Worshipful Company of Brewers**, more generally known as the Brewers' **Company**, one of 110 Livery Companies that have grown up as an integral and influential component of the City of London. The Brewers Company operates via a Master and Wardens through a Court and Members established in the 13th century.

Apart from the many functions he attends in his capacity as Master, James is a champion of the **Cornish Ambassador Scheme**, chair of the **Cornwall Place Board** and a trustee of the **Children's Sailing Trust**. Busy, busy!