

# The Pewter Society Medal Awards

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of July this year, past-master Charles Hull was presented the prestigious Pewter Society medal.

This presentation was performed by the current President of the Pewter Society, Mr Tony Chapman, at a special meeting held at the Victoria and Albert Museum. Charles is only the fourth person to have been awarded the medal.



Picture courtesy Mrs Trish Hayward

In the introduction to this presentation it was stated:

*“As well as having an interest in modern pewter Charles has maintained for many decades an interest in old pewter and the Pewter Society. He was Curator of the Company’s collection and Chairman of the Curator’s committee for over thirty years, only retiring from the chair in 2006. In this period he strove to maintain, expand and protect the Company’s magnificent collection. It is acknowledged by all that this collection is one of the finest in the UK and many think it is the finest. He was also responsible for the Company’s archives and for the appointment of the late Ron Homer as Company Archivist, an appointment that was very fruitful for both the Company and the Society.”*

The three previous recipients of this medal have been:

The late Dr R.F.Homer, for many years the Company Archivist  
The late Mr B.Dubbe, the father of Dutch pewter collecting  
Mr John Davis of Colonial Williamsburg in the USA.

We would like to put on record our congratulations to Charles Hull on receiving this award.

[The Hull family has an exceptionally long connection with the Company, being first mentioned in the records in 1451. The first Hull Master was in 1650 and subsequently there have been a further 12 Hull Masters. Charles himself was Master in 1992.

He has had a long interest in working with pewter and over the years has developed a vacuum casting machine which enable accurate and detailed copies of pewter and silver pieces to be made.

The medal has been developed from a small medal Ron Homer and Charles Hull cast for a visiting group of members of the American Pewter Collectors' Club in the 1970s. Ed]



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