

Richard Parsons, Chairman of Pewter Live, reports

Pewter Live 2014 will have a number of changes. If you come to visit us on the public day, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, between 1000-1200 hrs, or 1500 to 1700 hrs, you will find that the entrance is through a marquee, to the side of Pewterers' Hall, in Oat Lane. This will allow for more space in the recently refurbished Hall.

There will also be more to see, with an Open Competition entry in excess of 30 exhibits and a full student entry. There will also be more information stands and a full shop with 12

prominent pewtermakers selling their pewter directly to the public. This is a chance to talk to the people who make things; also, to arrange a special commission or make a purchase from their displays.

The Competition will be opened by the Lord Mayor at a Civic Reception and the prizes will be presented by the eminent designer, John Makepeace OBE, at the invitation-only prize-giving. He founded the Parnham House Trust and a school for Craftsmen in Wood; one of his students being Viscount Lindley who presented our prizes at Pewter Live three years ago.

A visit to [http://www.pewterers.org.uk/pewter\\_live/pewterlive2014.html](http://www.pewterers.org.uk/pewter_live/pewterlive2014.html) will give you full information about the Competition and we look forward to welcoming all our visitors to Pewter Live 2014.



## The ABPC Commercial Prize

The ABPC Council has raised from its members a prize fund for a new 'commercial prize' which, with the approval of the Worshipful Company of Pewterers, it will award each year at the Worshipful Company's *Pewter Live* Competition, starting this year.

Richard Abdy, ABPC Chairman, said: "*The Worshipful Company of Pewterers' Pewter Live competition has done wonders in encouraging innovative design using pewter. But it has always been our aim to get a commercial angle to the competition and we are delighted to announce the creation of an "ABPC commercial prize" to be awarded to the Pewter Live entry with, in our judges' opinion, the greatest commercial potential.*"

The prize will, initially, be worth £250.