

LUNCH AT THE OLD BAILEY ON 8th JULY 2025



Past Master (2022-3) **Stuart Castledine** was delighted to be invited by Sheriff **David Chalk** (past Master Draper 2021/2) to have lunch at the Old Bailey on 8th July 2025. Other members of the Platinums Past Masters Association and 7 judges also attended.

After lunch we were briefed by Her Honour Judge **Sarah Monroe KQ** about the murder case she was presiding over in court 14. We subsequently sat in on the cross examination of one of the three teenagers who had been accused of murdering a 15 year old with a machete. It was the first time I'd ever seen live proceedings in a criminal Court, and it brought home to me how time consuming, meticulous and expensive our system of justice is.