

JOINT VISIT BY WLCOW AND WORSHIPFUL LIVERY COMPANY OF DISTILLERS TO INSPECT PENDERYN DISTILLERY

On the morning of July 21, 2025, the **Penderyn Distillery** in collaboration with the **Worshipful Livery Company of Wales (WLCOW)** welcomed **The Worshipful Livery Company of Distillers** for a highly anticipated inspection of the distillery .

The event began with a warm reception by **Neil Quigley**, the Chief Operating Officer of Penderyn.

The Worshipful Company of Wales led by the Master, **Henry Gilbert**, and his consort, Lyn, were accompanied by **Senior Warden Dr. Jane Croad**, **Junior Warden Roger Harper** and **Past Masters Keith Arnold, Peter Coleman and Windsor Coles**.



At 11:30 am the inspection commenced led by the Inspecting Master, **IPM Lorne MacKillop**, of the Worshipful Company of Distillers alongside his esteemed colleagues **Past Mast Nigel Churton** and **Past Master David Raines**, assisted by their Gallant Clerk, James Bryan.

We waited with bated breath for the outcome of the inspection. It was announced, to our delight, that Penderyn Distillery had achieved excellence in all aspects of the inspection! A great cheer resounded through the valley, celebrating this remarkable achievement. A certificate was presented, and a bottle of a very special whisky was presented by the Distillers Company to both **Nigel Quigley** of Penderyn and Master **Henry Gilbert** of the Welsh Livery.



On behalf of WLCow, Master Henry presented to the Inspecting Distillers Master, Lorne, a practical gift that complemented the two newly acquired bottles of whisky – a large crystal glass with pewter crafting of Welsh icons of dragons and daffodils.

A further highlight was the excellent talk and tasting session led by **Aista Jukneviute**, the Master Blender. We were captivated by her insights into Penderyn's renowned whiskies, which showcased the craftsmanship and dedication behind each bottle. It was a spirited talk about spirits which very much left us in high spirits! We were also privileged to be among the first to taste Penderyn's new whisky, ***Serpent's Tears*** – the first single malt peated whisky crafted at their North Wales distillery – a delight for whisky enthusiasts.

In a heartfelt speech, the Master of the Worshipful Livery Company of Wales, Henry Gilbert, extended his thanks to **Neil Quigley** and **Aista Jukneviute** for their warm welcome and hospitality. He acknowledged The Worshipful Livery Company of Distillers for undertaking their inspection, humorously pointing out that although the jurisdiction extends only 31 miles outside the City of London, on this occasion, they assumed the distances were Welsh miles – much like Welsh minutes, which can stretch considerably! Windsor Coles and David Raines were also thanked for their great accomplishment in initiating and organising this fantastic event. An opportunity to celebrate fellowship, history and great Welsh success.