

# KEY REASONS for JOINING THE PEWTER SOCIETY

INFORMATION and possible SAVINGS and SAFETY when BUYING PEWTER

In today's busy times Societies and Interest Groups struggle to attract members. Today does however bring us the huge advantage of improved communications by the internet through our PCs or through portable devices such as iPads, Blackberrys, etc.

Membership of the Pewter Society is the **KEY** to "the members area" of our website and the Pewter Society **data base**. Back only a few years the, remarkable and still collectable, 1929 book "Old Pewter Its Makers and Marks by H H Cotterell" was the only reference for Pewter Collectors to some 9000 marks. In recent years the Pewter Society has found a vast amount more information which was not known in 1929 and now has some information and many new marks concerning some 14000 pewterers. Fake marks unknown in 1929 have also been identified.

So the Pewter Collector looking into Antique Shops, fairs, auction sales, etc now has a far better opportunity to check if that interesting pewter piece is likely right! Also to better understand its age and origin within the UK.

The modest Pewter Society membership annual fees could easily be recovered on one purchase! Not only the database but also the Pewter Society website is a constantly developing source of information for Pewter Collectors. Twice each year members also receive the Journal of the Pewter Society in which there are many and varied articles about antique Pewter, Makers, marks, types and styles of pewter over the ages. The Newsletter also twice a year offers insights into Society activities and some lighter articles for collectors.

The Journals and Newsletters are perhaps worth at least half of your membership subs! Let alone the untold **SAVINGS** you could make when buying with up to date information to hand!

Many members may never attend a Pewter Society meeting and whilst this is understood due to distance, remoteness, overseas residence, or a simple wish not to join group meetings, the meetings themselves are a real opportunity to see Pewter you might otherwise never see, and to listen to those with very specific experience, and to meet those whose collecting is similar to your own.

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**Associate membership – single or joint £30**

**Full membership (single) £35**

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