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I was born and brought up in the Essex countryside, when the landscape was dominated by huge elm trees, alas now long gone. My father was a dentist and a very keen amateur sportsman, so I was introduced to rugby, cricket, golf, skiing, swimming and sailing at a young age. I have kept up with the skiing and golf and added scuba diving along the way.

My parents led a very social life and I was surrounded by doctors, dentists and surgeons in my early years, which probably influenced my career pathway. After prep school in Essex, I went to Malvern College in Worcestershire, where in addition to cricket and swimming I enjoyed racquets and fives. I then went up to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, in 1967 to read Medicine. My three years at Cambridge were some of the happiest times. I enjoyed the pre-clinical academic studies, but I also skied in the University team and won my oar in the May Bumps, rowing in the College Eight. My clinical studies were completed at Guy's Hospital, and after gaining my MRCP exam in 1976, due to inspiring teaching I decided to pursue a career in the speciality of Dermatology. I have loved this subject from start to finish and have lived through a golden era of new developments and advances based on clinical and scientific research.

I was appointed Consultant Dermatologist to Ipswich Hospital in 1982 and remained there in clinical practice until 2010, thereafter continuing in private practice until 2018.

I met Christine, a tapestry designer, in 1975 and we married in 1979, when I gained two wonderful stepchildren, John and Kate. Edward was born in 1981 and he is now happily married with three children, living in Rome. John is a very successful art dealer in London with two children and Kate is a highly skilled interior decorator with two children as well.

In my spare time I have been a keen member of the International Dendrology Society and the Royal Forestry Society, organisations which have allowed us to visit many wonderful estates in various countries to inspect their woodland. I have a general love of gardening, but I developed an interest in historical medicinal plants when living near Chelsea Physic Garden in the seventies. I was appointed by the Royal College of Physicians as their representative on the Management Board of Chelsea Physic Garden in 1996, a post I held for 20 years until recent retirement. I now look after a smaller Physic garden behind Barber Surgeons' Hall, which keeps me busy in between committee meetings!

With Edward based in Rome, we decided to buy an olive farm in Tuscany a few years ago and have become ardent enthusiasts in all aspects of olive oil production, which will no doubt consume more of our time in retirement. Dogs have always played a major part in my life, and Bertie, a 12-year-old Parson Jack Russell, ensures that no day is complete without a long walk.

I was clothed with the Livery of the Barbers' Company in 2007 and was elected to the Court in 2011.