



Geoff Gillo FCA CMILT FInstM

Master 2017-2018

The Worshipful Company of Butchers

Geoff was born in 1952 in the Royal Forest of Dean, the home of royal venison and now wild boar and grew up betwixt the rivers Wye and Severn, (home of the Severn Bore). He was clothed into the Livery of the Worshipful Company of Butchers in 1989 and became Master in September 2017. Geoff was elected a Fellow of the Institute of Meat in February 2018.

He qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co (now KPMG) and then moved into the logistics industry and qualified as a Chartered Member of the Institute of Logistics and Transport. He worked within the meat industry between 1984 and 1991 working for both Borthwicks and Vestey Group as the Finance Director at British Beef Company Ltd. He was Commercial Director and then Finance Director at J H Dewhurst Ltd.

Geoff then returned to the logistics world joining Tibbett & Britten Group plc in 1992 becoming European Commercial & Financial Director in 1998. In 2004 he joined John Harvey CBE in founding The Keswick Enterprises Group Ltd. Keswick Enterprises operates co-packing (customers include Mars - Celebrations Maltesers), freight forwarding & mail fulfilment businesses and Krispy Kreme in the UK and supply chain activities in Eastern Europe. He is a non-executive director of Xpediator plc.

Geoff is married to Glenise . a fellow liveryman of the ButchersqCompany - and lives in Deal in Kent. Between them they have three children and seven grandchildren. Geoff has done nothing of note . no bungee jumping; skydiving or other similar action packed adventures and prefers more sedentary activities including wine tasting (regularly); good food; watching rugby, motor sport and freemasonry (holding Grand rank).

He is a great supporter of charities with his current focus on Lifelites (a charity providing specialist entertainment, educational and assistive technology packages to over 10,000 children and young people with life-limiting, life-threatening and disabling conditions in children's hospices), the Tdap Foundation (for children up to the age of 16 with special educational needs) and the Deal Memorial Bandstand (in memory of the 11 bandsmen killed by the IRA in 1989). He is also a liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Carmen and a member of the City Livery Club.