

## STEPHEN RICHARD BRITT – The Worshipful Company of Carmen

Having been educated at his local Secondary Modern in Leigh-on-Sea and then at Southend College of Technology, Stephen graduated from Thames Polytechnic (now Greenwich University) in 1981 with an honours degree in Mechanical Engineering. He embarked on a career in engineering in Chelmsford and then Derby, but after 5-years was lured into the Family warehousing & distribution business.



In 1987 Stephen and his Father Eric formed Anchor Storage Ltd at Kenton, near Debenham in Suffolk which he now runs with his wife Linda. Anchor Storage provides the full range of logistics services, primarily to importers through Felixstowe, the UK's largest port. Over the last decade or so Anchor has moved away from general warehousing and now specialises in Internet Fulfilment and 3PL (Third Party Logistics). They continue to offer the full range of Warehousing and Distribution services as well as Import Freight Forwarding.

Anchor Storage have been members of Suffolk Chamber of Commerce & Shipping for over 25-years where Stephen was an occasional contributor to the Chamber's Bank of England Panel. In July 2014 he was appointed as a Non-Executive Director of the Suffolk Chamber board and has recently stepped-down after 5-years as Chairman of their Transport & Infrastructure Group. As part of his role, Stephen was the face of the 'No Toll Tax on Suffolk' campaign which successfully had the threat of tolls lifted on the new Huntingdon-Cambridge section of the A14.

Outside of business he is a Past Presiding Fellow of Suffolk New College in Ipswich and a former Treasurer, Chairman and President of Central Suffolk & North Ipswich Conservatives where Dr Dan Poulter is the current MP. He is also a Director of The Ipswich & Suffolk Club (I&SC) in Ipswich where he diligently serves on the wine committee!



In October 1973, Stephen was apprenticed to his Father in The Worshipful Company of Carmen and was clothed as a Liveryman in 1982. In 2009 he followed in his Father's footsteps and was voted onto the Court of Assistants where he served for 4-years as Chairman of the Cart Marking panel and has been a Carmen Benevolent Fund trustee for the last 2-years. In July 2018 Stephen was elected as Master and will be installed in October. Stephen is seen pictured here with his late Father, Past Master Emeritus Eric Britt who was Master 25-years ago in 1993/94.

When not involved with work, Chamber, I&SC or Livery business Stephen particularly looks forward to family time, especially with his young Grandchildren. When time allows he also enjoys golf (Ipswich G.C., Purdis Heath), walking, occasional sailing, good food, fine wine but most of all, great company!!