



Michael Morrison

Michael was born in Hertford in 1948 but spent most of his childhood in north Derbyshire where his father had opened his architects' practice in 1950. He was educated at Repton, before reading Architecture at Bristol University. He married Catherine in 1973 and they moved to Norfolk when Michael joined an architects' practice, Purcell Miller and Tritton, who specialised in the repair and conservation of historic buildings. This move was intended at the time as a short stay, whilst they decided where they really wanted to live – but 47 years later they are still in the same place and living in the same 17th Century farmhouse house purchased in 1974 with a demolition order hanging over it!

Michael became a partner in the firm in 1979 and was for many years the Managing Partner and then Chairman of the business, overseeing its expansion across the UK and into Europe, Hong Kong and Australia, before retiring from the practice in 2019. His own work has been largely on museums, galleries and country houses. He has been a member of the National Trust's Architectural Panel, the Heritage Lottery Fund's Expert Panel, a Trustee of the Greenwich Foundation and he is currently a Commissioner for Historic England (formerly English Heritage).

Michael's introduction to the Carpenters' Company was through the Wood Awards, where he chaired the judging panel for several years – a most rewarding thing to do. He joined the Company in 2008 and was installed as Master in August 2020. He and Catherine have three children and five grandchildren. Michael has a keen interest in carpentry and joinery with a well set up workshop in a barn at home where he has built a couple of racing dinghies. He is also a keen gardener.