



**ANDREW JAMES FRSA HonMBHI  
MASTER OF THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF CLOCKMAKERS – 2018**



Andrew was born in Somerset in 1954 and learnt from his father, before he went to school, that skilled hands could, with simple tools, transform raw materials into useful and beautiful objects. When he was nine his elder brother showed him how it was possible to dismantle and, more surprisingly, to reassemble a watch, and thus his fascination with clockmaking began and, with his parents' support, grew.

After studying both Natural Sciences and Computer Science at Cambridge, he joined the Computing Development Department of the Central Electricity Generating Board and was soon given the task of creating software for a revolutionary new meter – the precursor of today's smart meters, but required to perform similar tasks with less than a thousandth of modern computing power. After working for both the other branches of the electricity supply industry on advanced metering projects he spent 25 years as chief scientist for a meter manufacturer – latterly Indian-owned which led to interesting visits to Rajasthan.

While never his career, horology always remained his true passion and from 2000 to 2016 he chaired his local branch – Wessex – of the British Horological Institute. He has also combined a love of calligraphy and carved lettering with a strong interest in those non-ticking timekeepers, sundials, by making examples in slate.

Classical music has been another lifelong interest. Singing bass in a considerable number of choirs has brought many friendships, and the pleasure of taking part in some memorable performances of great compositions in wonderful venues around the country and abroad. Other interests include art, keyboard music, the countryside, cooking and wine. He is an enthusiastic student of blacksmithing, engraving, silversmithing and painting in oil and watercolour but admits is he no Master of these crafts yet.

Andrew is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and an Honorary Member of the British Horological Institute.

He lives in Winchester with his wife Phyllida.