



The Clothworkers' Company

MICHAEL JARVIS

497TH MASTER OF THE CLOTHWORKERS' COMPANY

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Michael Jarvis joined the Freedom by Redemption in 1973, his mother having become well known at Clothworkers' Hall as a result of her 20 years of service as a Governor of the Mary Datchelor Girls' School, Camberwell with which the Company was closely connected.

He was educated at Westminster School, where he was a Queen's Scholar and latterly Captain of the School, going on to spend a memorable year in 1969/70 as a volunteer teacher at Waterford Kamhlaba (now one of the United World Colleges) – a pioneering multiracial school located provocatively, at the height of apartheid, 10 miles from the border with South Africa - close to Mbabane, the capital of Swaziland. He has since spent 40 years as Treasurer of UK fundraising charity, Waterford School Trust.

Michael trained with chartered accountants Dixon, Wilson, Tubbs & Gillett (Sir Harold Gillett had been Lord Mayor in 1958) - later Dixon Wilson, where he became a partner in 1983, practising as an expert witness. He remains as a consultant to the firm. For 17 years, he was an Editor of "Facts & Figures : Tables for the Calculation of Damages" (published annually by Sweet & Maxwell since 1996).

To his own surprise, as an articled clerk, he discovered the nature of the financial misconduct of former minister John Stonehouse who then faked his own death on a beach in Florida, was later discovered in Australia, tried at the Old Bailey and duly found guilty.

During the 1980s, Michael served on the Barnet Family Practitioner (NHS) Committee and joined the Investigation Committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants (the body which considers complaints against members).

More recently, Michael spent 5 years in a part-time role as Finance Director of the Rambert School. He is a supporter of the Chickenshed Theatre in North London and has a keen interest in organ music.

He is married to Sheila and has two stepsons and two grandchildren.

Between 2011 and 2016, Michael served as Chairman of The Clothworkers' Foundation, a period during which grants exceeded £25 million.