



The Worshipful Company of Cutlers



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Born on Henlow RAF station in 1945, father being a Padre, Tim is through his mother a member of the Welch family which traces its links with Cutlers back to 1615 and joined the livery in 1970. Cutlers has a reputation as a family company: indeed, my mother had a 21st birthday party in this hall in 1934, I in 1966 and my sister in 1968.

Following a history degree at Selwyn College, Cambridge and 'VSO' (Afghanistan and Zimbabwe), a year at the LSE led to membership of the Chartered Institute for Personnel and Development and appointments in the construction industry. Transferred to executive roles in supportive housing with the St Mungo and the Carr Gomm Housing Associations where I met and married Anthea. Another career change in 1985, to Henley Management College and a daughter, Katie, prompted a move from Vauxhall to Henley-on-Thames and a son, Rupert, led to ten years supporting young rowers, from the bank!

Further appointments in the post-experience professional education field led to a return to Henley Business School (now part of Reading University) as a Research Associate and a Doctorate in Business Administration, joining the faculty in 2000. I continue to work part-time and to support the principle of combining theory & practice in education, finding the origins of the livery movement in providing and regulating apprenticeships a current day challenge.

We moved to a cottage half way up the Chiltern hills above the Henley regatta course in 2005, from where Anthea runs a Nordic walking group and we both garden, reel (Scottish Country), boat, dote on our grandchild and I sing!