

MICHAEL HARRISON SWAN

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Born in 1953, Michael was educated at Haileybury and London University where he graduated with a degree in Economics, later gaining an MBA from Henley Business School.

His father, Peter, was Master in 1986. Michael became a Liveryman by patrimony in 1982 and has served as a member on both the Company's Charity and Finance Committees (chairing the latter between 2014 and 2016).

Michael commenced working for John Harvey & Sons in Bristol but later moved to Australia, spending four years experiencing a number of different jobs around the country. He travelled extensively during this period; particularly India, Africa and the United States, as well as working on a kibbutz in Israel.

Michael's career began by working for a publishing company before joining the drinks industry with Grand Metropolitan, later moving on to Seagram. He worked initially in London before being sent overseas to Mexico for three years and Miami for a further two. On returning to London he moved into the international education sector and, finally, for a subsidiary of Bank of America.

His interests include sailing, squash-playing and skiing and, occasionally, fly fishing. He is also a qualified diver.

Michael is a member of The Oriental Club and The Royal Automobile Club, as well as being a Fellow of The Royal Society of Arts.

He currently lives in west London with his wife Polly, a barrister. They have two daughters, both Freemen of the Company, and a son.