

Peter White

Master of the Framework Knitters' Company 2017-18

Peter is a Director of a property company and a Member of the National Landlords Association.

Born in Bournemouth, he was educated at Canford School, and Kingston University. He is married to Julia, who was a Physiotherapist specialising in working with young children with special needs. They have three adult children, Michelle is a Consultant Paediatric Cardiac Anaesthetist at Great Ormond Street Hospital, Jonathan is a Partner with KPMG, and Alastair is a National Account Controller with Kelloggs UK. They have five Grandchildren.

Peter trained as a Mechanical Engineer with Smiths Industries. He transferred into their Group Publicity and became a Member of The Advertising Association and a Member of the Communication, Advertising and Marketing society.

In 1967, he joined Esso Petroleum as a sales engineer, being promoted to Industrial Area Manager and Head Office in Fuels Marketing. After a brief spell, as Sales Group Head with Border Television, he moved to Mobil Oil where he spent the rest of his career in Marketing.

During the latter part of his career he became a Director of the Mobil Trustee Company Ltd. As Manager Communications, he worked on the Mobil and Duckhams Oil brands during a joint marketing venture with BP in Europe in the 1990s. Mobil 1 was promoted predominantly in the UK through motorsport sponsorship. BBC TV's Mobil 1 Top Gear British Rally Championship was foremost but Mobil also sponsored Vauxhall, BMW, Toyota and Honda in the British Touring Car Championships, and Yamaha, Porsche and Saab elsewhere. He had the pleasure of working with many personalities, including Norman Wisdom, Barry McGuigan, Murray Walker, Sir Jackie Stewart and John Surtees over that period.

When Mobil Oil re-entered the South African market in 1998, Peter was seconded to Johannesburg to manage their Marketing Campaign. Whilst there, Peter, Julia and son Alastair joined The Wanderers Golf and Country Club. At that time it had the longest bar in the southern hemisphere.

His interests include hockey, playing for Surbiton, and Hampshire in the 1960s and '70s, and cricket for Teddington. Current hobbies include fly fishing, golf, skiing and gardening. Peter was a Member of the St Martins Church PCC, and is a Sidesman. He is a Trustee of the Epsom Parochial Charities.

He is a Life Member of The Royal Automobile Club. Other clubs include The 1964 Club, Fishing for Fun and The National Trust.

He became a Liveryman of the Framework Knitters Livery Company in 2008 and was elected to the Court in 2013. He was Chairman of the Cottage Homes and a Member of The Social Committee, Education Committee and Finance and General Purposes Committee. For several years he organised the Livery Golf Day in Leicester. He has represented the Livery at golf and swimming.