

John Skarratt – Biography

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John Skarratt was born in the North West of England and upon leaving High School, he joined Balfour Beatty in the export sales department and studied electrical and electronics and marketing.

John then moved to London in 1985 to join BT as one of the first wave of new managers to join BT post privatisation. He has worked mainly in the City of London for the past 31 years.

In 1989 John then joined a consumer body the Telecommunications Users Association, as the Director of Research with additional responsibility for media relations. During the 1990's he regularly appeared on TV and Radio.

In 1995 John was offered a job with Telia the Swedish telephone company's UK operation, eventually becoming the Marketing and Customer Service Director. He travelled to Sweden extensively and speaks some Swedish and Danish. .

In 1999 John returned to BT as a Global Account Director looking after some of BT's key Global customers. After several successful years in that position, John studied for a Post Graduate degree course in Cyber Security. He is now responsible for Cyber security for a Global BT customer based in Basel Switzerland and divides his time between BT, his home in Surrey and his offices in London and Basel.

Having worked in the City of London for 31 years John was intrigued to discover that the Skarratt Family originated around 1700 within the City of London. The Skarratt Family were Parishioners of St Giles Cripplegate and St Bartholomew the Great. One part of the family were apprentice Clock Makers to the Worshipful Company of Clockmakers and became the official Clock Makers to Great Western Trains.

John is a member of the Cripplegate, Cordwainer and Cheap Ward Clubs and the United Wards Club.

John is married and lives in Thames Ditton, Surrey. His interests include travel, international affairs, the history of the City of London and Tennis.