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Anthony was born on 5th July 1953 in Burslem, Stoke-on-Trent, but happily for him his parents moved to High Wycombe when he was only 9 months old. During his life he has moved around a fair bit, living in Charlton, Orpington, Locksbottom, Pratts Bottom, South Kensington, Paris, Cannes, Warsaw and Beckenham before settling down in Ealing, West London, where he has lived with his wife Naomi for the past 14 years.

Both Anthony's parents were Second World War refugees from Poland and he is very proud of his Polish heritage, speaks the language fluently and still celebrates Polish traditions.

A product of grammar school education, in 1972 he became an Articled Clerk with Edward Moore & Sons, Chartered Accountants. On qualification as a Chartered Accountant in 1978 he moved to Price Waterhouse where he worked in both the Audit and Insolvency practices. In the early 1980s he transitioned from professional practice into Industry taking up posts as financial Controller and then financial Director in a number of companies. In July 1988 he was sent to the Paris office on a three-month secondment, eventually coming home 14 years later. In Paris he worked as the Financial Director of Amstrad International SA, a subsidiary of Amstrad plc, run by the legendary Alan Sugar, his direct boss being Claude Littner. Both are now known for their iconic roles in "The Apprentice". Anthony insists that they weren't at all like their TV personas when he worked for them and states that working for Amstrad, Alan and Claude, were the "best of times" in his professional career. In 1993, following the fall of communism in Eastern Europe, he was head-hunted to move from Amstrad (he was not "fired") to Warsaw, Poland, as Financial Director of a joint venture between LOT, Polish Airlines, and Unisys (an American IT company). He was subsequently appointed as the Executive Director of Finance and Economics of TP SA, the Polish state owned Telecoms monopoly, where he successfully refinanced and then privatised that company. Receiving the "Best Emerging Market Loan" award in 1999 for arranging a €400 million syndicated loan via Sumitomo Bank and the European Investment Bank.

In 2001 Anthony started part-time Accountancy and Finance lecturing work with BPP Professional Education and later with BPP University Business School, from 2013 he lectured exclusively at BPP Law School. In 2011 The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants presented him with the "Best Tutor" award, one student accolade stating that "Anthony's style of teaching is absolutely brutal, but effective". In 2012 BPP University presented him with the award for "The Overall Best Tutor". He retired from BPP and education in June 2016.

He owns and runs a commercial property investment company in Guernsey, originally founded by his late-Father who was also a Liveryman of The Makers of Playing Cards, and builds factories and warehouses in his spare time. He is Guernsey's self-proclaimed expert at fixing potholes, leaking gutters and eradicating Japanese Knotweed.

Anthony became a Freeman of The Worshipful Company of Makers of Playing Cards and The City of London in 1997, a Liveryman of the Company in 1998 and was elected to the Court of Assistants in 2011. He has also served the Company as a Court Steward and Secretary to the Playing Card Committee.

He used to hold a Private Pilot's Licence but a replacement heart valve and diabetes now prevents him from taking command of a plane. He is trying to teach himself to play the Clarinet again after a 46 year break.

Anthony and Naomi, a Consultant Gynaecologist who works for the NHS in West London, were married on "Guy Fawkes night" in 1999. They have a thirteen year-old daughter named Hannah.