



Master Needlemaker – Anthony de Lacey FCA

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I was born in Burgess Hill, Sussex in 1949, the youngest of 6 children. My father, Dr Gerald de Lacey had been a Needlemaker, possibly because he was a surgeon and used needles. With two brothers becoming doctors and two sisters becoming nurses, I looked to another area for my career, having been educated at Downside school in Somerset and Nottingham University, where I read Economics and Agricultural Economics as a joint honours degree.

It was then my parents moved to Lisbon, Portugal and I headed to London, to train as a Chartered Accountant with Touche Ross. Other than for two and a half years spent in Spain, mostly Madrid and Barcelona with Touche, I spent my entire career within the Square Mile, mostly as a partner of Buzzacott, Chartered Accountants.

At Buzzacott I became managing partner and subsequently Chairman of the firm. I also became Chairman of the World Board of The International Group of Accounting Firms, for three years. It was while chairman of the firm that I was asked to put myself forward for election in Common Hall to become a member of the Chamberlain and Bridge Masters Audit Panel, eventually acting as chairman of the panel until I retired from Buzzacott in 2014.

For 18 years I was a governor of St Joseph's Primary School in Maida Vale.

Since retirement I have joined the Finance board of the Federation of British Artists, which runs The Mall Galleries, and as a member of the Hurlingham Club, recently joined the Finance committee of the club.

A member of the MCC, a keen skier and tennis player, joined The Needlemakers Company in 1984 and was elected to the Court in 2011.

I live in Kensington with my two sons and would love to spend more time in Portugal.