



Hugh Thomas - Prime Warden of the Saddlers' Company

Born 1948.

Married to Mandy.

4 children - 2 (Richard and Ginny) from his first marriage and 2 (Tristan and Jonty) with Mandy. 6 grandchildren - Richard and Ginny have three each. Ginny is a Freeman of the Company.

Educated at Bryanston School and Magdalen College, Oxford. Read Politics, Philosophy and Economics.

He was made Free of the Saddlers Company in 1991, was Cloathed as a Liveryman in 1993 and joined the Court in 2010.

Hugh has ridden horses all his life (until 10 years ago), from the Pony Club through to the Olympic Games – member of the British team in Montreal 1976. Winner of a Bronze Medal in the World Three Day Event Championships 1974.

Hugh's career started in the family property investment business, where he remains non-executive Chairman. He then spent 10 years in Sports Sponsorship and Event Management before becoming Director of the Badminton Horse Trials in 1988, a position he still holds. He has been President of the British Equestrian Federation, Chairman of British Eventing, Treasurer of the British Horse Society and a Bureau Member of the International Equestrian Federation. He was Course Designer for the 1988 Olympic Games and International Technical Delegate for the 1996 Olympic Games.

In addition to the Saddlers Company Charities, Hugh's charitable involvement includes the British Eventing Charitable Foundation and a charity set up in the 18th century 'for the relief of the poor' in his village in Wiltshire. He is Treasurer of the All Saints, Leigh Parochial Church Council.