

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## Personal Information:

**Date of Birth:** 23 November 1949

**Place of Birth:** Blackpool, Lancs, UK

**Citizenship:** British

**Sex:** Male

**Marital Status:** Married, 1 child

## Employment History

**Chairman Blackpool Grand Theatre**  
November 2010 to date

**Vice Chairman Blackpool Grand Theatre**  
March 2010 to November 2010

**Non Executive Director Blackpool Grand Theatre, with special responsibility for marketing and sales**  
September 2008 to date

**On-Call Pilot Assistant Hawker-Beech Premier 1a Jet for Private Air management**  
April 2008 to Date

**Chairman**  
Jan 2008 to date  
**Focus Group – The travel trade association for the independent travel management industry.**

**Consultant****Aug 2007 – Dec 2007****Special Projects Consultant to Co Op Travel**

Engaged to implement best practice over twelve branches of the business travel division of Co Op Travel. Five projects covering reservations, telecoms, finance, IT, and electronic banking.

**Director (Managing)****St Anne's Travel Agents (Blackpool) Ltd****T/A Business Travel Plus, The Kingsgate Air Centre****July 1974 – July 2007**

Started as a two-man retail high street travel agency in 1974 which developed into a chain of 5 branches. Business Travel Plus has now evolved into one of the most respected business travel management companies, ranked 43<sup>rd</sup> in the top 100 in the country.

The company flourished over the 33 years and employed 19 staff in addition to Directors and was recognised by LAWTEC as having committed itself to Investors in People and BTP were proud to achieve this status in October 2000. The move in 2004 to Blackpool Business Park was another milestone in the company's history.

**Director Oldham Athletic Football Club****January 1991 to April 1994**

Appointed to assist the development and take opportunities from a growing loyal fan base and apply them in a number of commercial initiatives.

**Director West Lancashire Chamber of Commerce****May 1999 – December 2001****Executive Producer/Finance Director****Premier Theatre Company****1995 to date**

Formed to provide a vehicle for Ex Professional, semi Professional and the more talented amateur performer to develop their talents. First production was the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Chess The Musical, highly acclaimed by Sir Tim Rice who attended the opening performance raising significant monies for Disabled Children in Sport. Other productions followed including the visionary first outdoor production of Shakespeare in Blackpool's Stanley Park of The Merchant of Venice 2002. The first multi-ethnic production of Ragtime the Musical in 2005, and the UK premiere of Jane Eyre the Musical in 2006.

**Director of Town Centre Forum Ltd****December 1996 to November 2001****(Also Chairman 1998 to 2000)**

Blackpool Town Centre Forum Ltd was challenged with the regeneration of the town centre using both private funds and monies from the successful Blackpool SRB2 bid.

**Director Blackpool Challenge Partnership Ltd  
February 1999 to May 2007**

**(Vice Chairman November 2001 to May 2007)**

To constitute and present Blackpool's SRB6 successful bid, manage the allocation of the funds and also administer ERDF funds, and NRF funds within the community.

**Advisor to the Bank of England (North West Agency)**

**July 2001 to date**

Providing the Bank of England with economic feedback which they collect from a variety of sources to assist the Monetary Policy Committee in its deliberations.

**Focus Partnership, Main Panel Member**

**2004 to date (Vice Chairman 2006, Chairman 2007 to date)**

The Focus Partnership is the trade association for the independent travel management community within the UK. The main panel is the management team responsible to the total membership.

**Education**

King Edward VII School

Lytham St Annes

September 1958 - July 1968

'O' Level Passes - Maths, Physics, Chemistry, English Language and Geometric Drawing.

'A' Level Passes - Maths, Physics, Chemistry.

Salford University

September 1968 - July 1970

Electronics & Mathematics

**Professional Qualifications**

Private Pilot's Licence 1975 to date (with all ratings)

Member of the Institute of Travel & Tourism July 1978 to date

Licentiate of the London Academy of Dramatic Art (Acting) 1995

**Awards**

North West Business Person of the Year May 1995 and 1997

North West Company of the Year (less than 50 employees) May 1995

National Finalist Parcellforce Small Business of the Year (1-25 employees)  
1998

### Additional Voluntary Roles

Chairman of the Hospice Charity Committee for 2 years 1993 & 1994  
Pilot for the St Johns Air Wing (transport of human organs outside of daylight hours)  
Lord's Taverner (since 1996)

### Interests

Acting, Singing, Swimming, Amateur Radio, Aviation and Information Technology.