

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFILE

Areas of Expertise: 40 years organising worldwide trekking and expeditions. Successful Expeditions to summit Everest and Makalu. Exclusive provider of 'Society Tours' for Royal Geographical Society with IBG for five years. Managing Director of a leading expedition company, provider of overseas adventurous school expeditions, military mountaineering and bespoke luxury travel. Former British Army Infantry Major, Instructor/Chief Instructor of British Mountain Centre in Norway. Served as Director and on Executive Board, the British Association of International Mountain Leaders. Experienced Antarctic Guide leading 6 expeditions, including ski traverse of South Georgia following Shackleton's Route. Expert in Morocco and Nepal and have led 27 expeditions to Nepal. Organised and led expeditions to Alaska, Canadian Rockies, Chile, Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador, Galapagos, Peru, Tibet, Bhutan, India, Ethiopia, Yemen, Libya, Myanmar, Kenya, Tanzania, Namibia, Botswana, Uganda, Morocco, Norway and the French Alps and Spanish Pyrenees and more... Fully conversant with worldwide adventure travel business, organisation and risk assessment and management systems.

CAREER HISTORY

Currently Managing Director, Far Frontiers Expeditions Ltd, practicing Expert Witness and active Yacht Delivery Skipper. 25 years in the adventure travel trek and expedition business, organising and leading groups of adults and young people all over the world. Previously 13 years in the British Army serving as an Infantry officer reaching the rank of Major at age 33.

ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- British Association International Mountain Leaders (BAIML) Director, Executive Board (2009-2011), UIMLA Representative (2010-2011), currently Associate Member
- RYA Yachtmaster Ocean, (commercially endorsed)
- RYA Sea Survival
- RYA SRC/VHF Radio
- GMDSS Long Range Certificate
- RYA Diesel Engine
- RYA/ISAF Offshore Safety
- CO32 Association, member
- Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS), NWSMP Instructor (Water Margin Safety)
- Army Mountaineering Association (AMA) UK Meets Coordinator (1989-1992), BAOR Secretary (1992-1993)
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- British Association of Ski Instructors (Nordic) 1993-1994
- British Association of Ski Patrollers
- Mountain Leader (Summer)
- Mountain Leader (Winter)
- Mountaineering Instructors Award (Summer Training)
- International Mountain Leader (IML)
- High Ropes Course Instructors Award
- OCR level 3, Certificate in Off-Site Safety Management
- RGS-IBG, OSSM training the trainers
- Short-list for the post of Director, Plas Y Brenin, National Mountain Centre, 1996

- Fellow, Royal Geographical Society with IBG (FRGS)
- RGS-IBG Geographical Club, member
- Alpine Club, member
- Royal Society for Asian Affairs, member
- British Yemeni Society, member
- James Caird Society, member
- Hornet Services Sailing Club, member
- Army Sailing Association, member
- Frampton on Severn Sailing Club, member
- Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Gold Assessor
- Business Growth & Development Programme (BGP 2006), Cranfield School of Management
- Parish Councillor, Bourton on the Water Parish Council (2008-2010)

RELEVANT MOUNTAINEERING AND EXPEDITION EXPERIENCE

- Organised and led British Lions to climb Mont Blanc
- Organised successful Royal Navy and Royal Marines Everest North Ridge Expedition 2003
- Organised Joint Services Makalu Expedition 2008 with three successful summits and 3 support team treks and climbs
- Organised British Services Dhaulagiri Medical Research Expedition 2016
- Organised Army Air Corps 60th anniversary Nepal Expedition 2017
- Organising Royal Air Force 100th anniversary Nepal Expedition 2018
- Organise and oversee over 50 school expeditions annually to 35 destinations worldwide. Led 26 expeditions to Nepal. Led climbs on Parchamo, Lobuche East. Led 8 expeditions on Mt Kenya, 3 Kilimanjaro, 6 Antarctica and South Georgia. Led expeditions to Patagonia, Chile, Bolivia, Peru (8), Ecuador, Galapagos, India, Tibet (8, 3 to Camp 2 North Ridge of Everest), Bhutan, Uganda, Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Morocco, Libya, Yemen, Ethiopia, Tanzania and Myanmar. Introduced first trips into Tibet and Central Asia for Abercrombie & Kent. Set up and exclusively ran 'Society Tours' for Royal Geographical Society with IBG Fellows for five years
- Extensive winter environment experience in North Wales, Scotland, Norway and the Alps (Haute Route, Tour Mont Blanc, Dent du Geant, Mont Blanc (2) while a full-time instructor and Chief Instructor in Norway. Up to 30 snow holes a year for three years while in military
- Three seasons ski instructing in the Bavarian Alps
- Mountain Rescue & Mountain First Aid, JSMTTC(W)
- Scottish Winter including: Fiacail Ridge, Tower Ridge, Observatory Ridge, Tower Gully, Dorsal Arete. Ring of Steall, Cuillin Ridge, An Teallach, Annach Eagach, Fannaichs, Lochnager
- Canadian Rockies including: Athabasca glacier, Mt Lefroy, Slate Ranges
- Nordic Ski Mountaineering BAMSE 1991, BAMSE 1992, Galdhopiggen, Glittertind
- Corsica High Level Route
- Alaska, McKinley, West Buttress Route with Royal Marines/Army Team (all six summited) 1993
- Ski Traverse of Shackleton Route on South Georgia pulling sledges 2010
- Solo/Double-handed Around Britain, anti-clockwise Sail, 3 months, Contessa 32, 2016
- Sailed across Atlantic Ocean on 60ft yacht, 2017

SUMMARY OF RELEVANT MILITARY EXPERIENCE

- Instructor and Chief Instructor, British Mountain Centre, Norway
- Officer Commanding , Exercise Snow Queen, Bavaria
- Progressive posts as a Junior infantry Officer in the British Army
- All Arms Combat Survival Instructor (Hereford)
- Jungle Survival (Belize)

- Allied Winter Warfare (Norway)
- Restraint & Arrest Techniques Instructor
- Military Parachutist
- Military mountaineering and skiing qualifications (JSRCI, JSNSEL, JSNSI, JSDSI, JSMEL (W))
- Mountain Medicine, Mountain First Aid
- Special Air Service Selection 1989
- Special Air Service Potential Officers Briefing Course 1988
- Military Progressive Qualification Scheme (degree level) 1989
- Graduate of the Junior Army Staff College 1987
- Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst 1981
- Potential Officer Course, Parachute Regiment 1980

PERSONAL DETAILS

Married, three children and two German Short Haired Pointers. Full driving licence. Passionate about travel to wilderness places, remote journeys, mule welfare, ocean sailing, motorbike touring, ornithology, road biking and Nordic skiing.