



Girdlers Company

Master 2022 - 2023



Sir Thomas Crawley-Boevey Bt

Perhaps despite coming from a titled family, Tom was a London child. He grew up first in the Golden Lane Estate in the City, and then in gentrifying Islington.

Tom attended William Ellis School in Camden where he discovered a deep distrust of the second row, and had his only military experiences, which mostly involving running around Hampstead Heath carrying a .303. He then went to Liverpool University where he studied mathematics.

Tom joined the Consumers' Association, publishers of 'Which? Magazine'. 'During his time there he wrote articles on diverse topics, from car safety to paint, finally specialising in personal finance. He

discovered that he enjoyed in-depth research and discovered an interest in information presentation: both words and design.

From there Tom joined a successful graphic design company, with a track record in corporate identity design and information publishing.

Unfortunately, at 31 he was involved in a serious motor accident, which accounts both for his lasting limp, and (according to his wife) his bad moods.

The partial recovery was slow, and to stave off depression he and his wife moved temporarily to Australia. There, after a year in a wheelchair and further recovery, he worked for the Australian version of Which?, again writing about finance. With a partner, Tom then started a magazine publishing business, specialising in personal computing and photography. The business grew along with the Internet bubble - it was an exciting time to be involved with computer technology. It is with some sadness that Tom didn't recognise the investment potential of Amazon!

In 2003, with his young children in danger of having permanent Australian accents, he and his family returned to England, settling in Cambridge with a view of the river. The house is currently also the home of four Ukrainian refugees.

Tom is a keen bridge player and motorcyclist (though not at the same time). He plays indoor bowls because he seems young compared to the other players. He has a house in South Wales which always needs looking after, a wife (Lynette), and two boys who need less looking after than they did - but remain a worry!

Tom does some voluntary maths coaching, and has been working with a charity which established a school in Sierra Leone. He has recently realised just how much time is involved in being on the Court of a Livery Company. The year as Master will be something of a test of his stamina, but he is looking forward to the experience.

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