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## PROFILE

- **Journalist, Editor and Foreign Correspondent.**
- 1972- A career as a writer, researcher, newsgatherer, editor of newspapers and books, war correspondent, broadcaster and founding editor of magazines.
- 1990- Researcher and curator of the largest archive concerning the identities and histories of around 20,000 members of the Greek Chiot & Phanariot Community and their diaspora. (Most published freely online).
- 2001- An interpreter and translator for French lawyers, businesses, web sites, museums, local authorities and associations.
- 2003- A lecturer and guide: specialising in Anglo-Norman history; vernacular architecture in the Bocage-Virois; WWII Whales & Bailey Bridges, Operation Bluecoat, Normandy 1944...
- 2025- For full list of past and current activities, see the [Diary...](#)

## 2000- TODAY

### Translator & Interpreter

**Translator** (FR-EN) of web sites, books, historical texts, technical texts, visitor information panels, museum catalogues, film subtitles, leaflets and publicity material. (*Clients include: Les Chemins du Mont-Saint-Michel; Thalès; Le Scriptorial, Avranches; Pays d'Art et d'Histoire du Cotentin; Département de la Manche, Centre des Monuments Nationaux, Culture; Tourisme en Bocage Virois; Ville d'Avranches; l'Oréal; Vetcell; Société des Antiquaires de Normandie; Cercle de Galilée, Faurecia; Alu Composites; 'Le Mont-Saint-Michel Sous l'Occupation'...*)

**Interpreter** (FR-EN-FR) for lawyers & doctors: Condé-sur-Noireau, Thury-Harcourt, Vire, Flers.

### Lecturer & Contributor

- **Le Patois Normand en Angleterre?** (*Barbacane/Equinox, Avranches, 2002*)
- **Greek Migrations: Phanariot, Chiot & Other Families** (*Anglo-Hellenic Society, London 2005*)
- **A Tale of Two Castles – St Michael's Mount and Mont-Saint-Michel** (*Footloose TV 2008*)
- **Mont et Merveille** (*Archives de la Manche, 2009*)
- **La Vire Canalisée** (*Tessy-sur-Vire, 2010*)
- **Le Paysan Anglais?** (*Le Bois Jugan, Saint-Lô, 2011*)
- **Le Bosquet Vernacular Structures** (*Les Amis des Musées de St Lô, 2011*)
- **The Coming of the Cow** (*ACE Manche, 2014*)
- **Operation Bluecoat** (*70th D-Day Anniversary, La Ferrière-Harang, 2014*)
- **Mirror Images Mont-Saint-Michel and St Michael's Mount** (*ACE, Coutances, 2015*)
- **Corvée(s) & Partage(s)** (*Rencontres du Patrimoine, C.A.U.E., Saint-Lô, 2018*)
- **Battlefield Tour: Operation Bluecoat** (*for descendants of veterans, 2019*)
- **Anglo-Norman Hall Houses - d'hier à aujourd'hui** (C5th-C16th) (*Courseulles-sur-Mer 2024*)
- **Building a Timber Framed Hall House – Process & Result** (*Courseulles-sur-Mer 2024*)

### Journalism since 2000

Contributing to: *La Manche Libre, La Voix le Bocage and Ouest-France*, French radio and TV.

### Conservation

- Saved a 27-tonne **WWII British Bailey Bridge** from destruction, preserved and presented since 2008 beside the River Vire in Pont-Farcy in the heart of the battlefields of Normandy (1944).
- Saved a 28-tonne **WWII Whale**, a section of floating roadway from the Arromanches Mulberry-B artificial harbour, Normandy, given to the Imperial War Museum (Duxford) in 2016.

## 1991-1999

**Foreign correspondent and war reporter in the Balkan wars of ex-Yugoslavia.** Covered the entire conflict from front lines in Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia, Serbia and Kosovo for British newspapers, radio and television (e.g. *The Evening Standard*, *The Observer*, *the BBC Radio News*, *BBC World Service*, *ITN*, *Sky News*, *Channel 4*, *Reuters's Radio News*, *London News Radio*, *SABC*, *Globus Zagreb...*)

1993: Investigative reporter for *The Observer*.

## 1987-1990

1987: **Founding editor** of the award winning *World Magazine* (subsequently bought by the BBC).

1990: **Founding editor** of *The Music Magazine* (subsequently bought by the BBC).

## 1978-

**Journalist, editor, columnist, leader writer, feature writer and broadcaster in London** and a **news reporter for Print, Radio and Television** from **Bangalore, France, Zagreb, Moscow, Sarajevo, Mostar, Skopje** (the **Balkans** generally) and a writer/contributor for provincial publications in **Normandy** : (*London Newspaper Group*, *Kensington News & Post*, *Chelsea News*, *Westminster & Pimlico News*, *Fulham Chronicle*, *The Evening Standard*, *LBC*, *London Portrait Magazine*, *London Hotel Magazine*, *The Big Issue*, *The Daily Express*, *Ritz Magazine*, *Select Magazine*, *Selfridges Magazine*, *Time & Tide*, *Wired Magazine*, *MacFormat Magazine*, *Osmija [Belgrade]*, *Nezavisimaya Gazeta [Moscow]*, *Nova Matica [Zagreb]*, *Music Magazine*, *Mayfair Times*, *Kensington & Chelsea Times*, *Journal of Clo*), *The Independent*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *BBC Radio 4*, *BBC Radio News*, *BBC World Service*, *Capital Radio*, *IRN*, *KPFK Los Angeles*, *LBC*, *LNR*, *Plains FM New Zealand*, *Radio Croatia*, *Reuters Radio News*, *RTL/NSL Bonn*, *SABC*, *Tendance Ouest*, *Vire FM*, *France Bleu*, *B-Sky News*, *BBC TV News*, *Channel 4 TV & ITN News*, *France 1 TV*, *France 3 TV*, *London Weekend TV*, *NHK Japan*, *La Manche Libre*, *Ouest-France*, *La Voix le Bocage*.)

## 1972-1977

**Copywriter, researcher and account manager** for London advertising agencies. **Invented** and developed a patented roof tile clip with Redland Tiles. Director of an **audio-visual** production company. Authors' researcher.

## HIGHER EDUCATION

- Read Tort, Crime, Contract and Land Law for the English Bar (unfinished) at the **Hon. Society of the Inner Temple**, London (1967-1972).
- Spent a year (1969-70) in South Africa working for a quarrying company in Namaqualand and Cape Town, and studying **marketing management** at Lever Brothers (Unilever) in Durban, SA.

## EDUCATION

- Laverock PNEU School, Oxted, Surrey (1953-57)
- The Hill School, Westerham, Kent, UK. (1957-62)
- St Edmund's School, Canterbury, Kent, UK (1962-67) (+ military Officers' Training Corps)
- The Hon. Society of The Inner Temple, London, UK (1967-69 + 1971-72)

## SKILLS

- **News gathering and current affairs:** Highly experienced in reporting, commissioning, information processing, editing and presentation for print, radio and the web. Experience as a writer and producer for TV documentary production.
- **Advanced IT skills:** HTML, CSS3, and web site management; Adobe and Affinity Serif image, design and publishing suites; databases and data management; and general office applications.
- **Languages: English** (native) and **French** (fluent). Professional FR-EN translator / interpreter.
- **Insolite:** Excellent practical knowledge of most basic **building trades** necessary for constructing (2017-2022), with his own hands, an oak-framed house in the form of a 3-bay mediaeval hall – itself an extension to a surviving C16th Norman 'hall house': *design, planning, site preparation, masonry, carpentry, roofing, slating, electrical and plumbing installation, ceramic tiling, glazing, underfloor heating, insulation, decorating and finishing*. A pioneer in the modern use of lime, clay and other sustainable natural materials.
- Holder of internationally recognised **CloJ Press Accreditation**.
- Valid current **Passport, Driving Licence** and **First Aid Certificate**.