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**EDUCATION:**

<b>Hymers College, Hull:</b>	A's: Maths, Phys, Chem in 1973; and Law in 2001
<b>Cambridge University:</b>	Fitzwilliam (Computing (pt 2) & Engineering Science (pt 1))
<b>Open University:</b>	<b>1996</b> (Psychology)
<b>ACCA:</b>	<b>2002</b> (Diploma in Financial Management (DipFM))

## Current commercial positions

**2017-date** Investor and board observer, **Audio Analytic** – intelligent sound detection  
**2016-date** Investor and board observer, **Dogtooth** – strawberry picking robot  
**2015-date** Investor and chair, **Converge.io** – B2B Internet of Things within construction  
**2014-date** Investment Committee, **Angel Co-fund** – £100m government money co-invested with angels  
**2013-date** Investor and director, **Vantage Power** – retrofittable hybrid double decker bus engines  
**2013-date** Investor and chair, **James and James** – multi-channel eCommerce fulfilment  
**2012-date** Investor and advisor, **Syndicate Room** – crowd equity funding platform  
**2011-date** Investor and director, **Arachnys** – instant worldwide due diligence  
**2011-date** Investment Director, **Martlet** – Marshall of Cambridge, Corporate Angel Investing  
**2010-date** Investor and chair, **Plumis** – innovative fire suppression systems  
**1998-date** Principal, **Starfish** – project, sales, marketing and technical consultancy in NFP, IT and healthcare market sectors.  
**1984-date** Founder and Director, **Camdata** Limited. Developer and manufacturer of rugged fixed and hand-held peripherals, computers and interfaces. 54,000+ products shipped. Brands: Microscribe, RFIDCAM, MeLock, ZedCam and Transtech

## Current voluntary and charitable positions

Chair of board, **Cambridge Angels** – group of investors/mentors  
Chair, **Cambentrepreneurs** – Cambridge University entrepreneurship society for current and alumni/alumnae  
Board member, **World Business Angels Investment Forum**  
Director, **United Kingdom Business Angels Association** - UK Angel Investor of the Year 2014/15  
Fellow in Entrepreneurship of the **Judge Business School, Cambridge University**  
Advisory board member, **Spark Inside**, social enterprise helping prevent young offenders re-offend  
Chair of Supporters and member of steering committee, **IdeaSpace**, Cambridge

## Previous commercial positions

**2012-2016** Investor and board observer, **Cambridge CMOS Sensors** – good exit to ams plc  
**2010-2014** Director, **Eluceda, e-Go aeroplanes, Captive Media** - investments  
**2010-2011** Mentor, **Understanding Finance for Business** program  
**2007-2009** Founder and shareholder, **Ept Computing Limited** – sold at a 15x multiple on investment  
**2006-2008** Sales & marketing director, **Equival** – ambulatory physiology monitoring products  
**2005-2008** Partner, **Starbridge** – home and garden improvements in/around Cambridge  
**2002-2006** Partner, **Parkside Associates** – property development joint venture  
**2000-2012** Founder and Owner, **Starfish Developments Limited** – Five 3-storey town houses. Renovations including Grade 2\* listed cottage. £1.6M refurbishment - the Cambridgeshire Advice Hub.  
**1981-1984** Founder, Technical and International Marketing Manager of **Gercom GmbH** (Bavaria)  
**1980-1981** Software Development Manager of **Ulbrich Automation GmbH** (Bavaria)  
**1977-1980** Consultant within the Industry Group of **Logica plc**  
**1973-1974** Retail dogsbody, **Dick Smith Electronics Ltd**, Sydney, Australia

## Previous charitable positions

Chair of Trustee Board, **Cambridge Centre for Sixth-form Studies (CCSS)** – Independent sixth-form college (2010-2015)  
Council Member, **Cambridge Computer Laboratory Ring** – a Computer Scientist graduate society (2002-2014)  
Chair/Trustee, **Focus12** – East Anglian drug/alcohol rehabilitation service (2006-2011)  
Development committee, **Future Business Centre**, Social Enterprise/cleantech incubator, Cambridge (2010-2013)  
Volunteer, **British Red Cross** – strategic consultancy for the main board (2009-2010)  
Director, **Cam Contract Bridge Centre** (2008-2013)  
Director and Treasurer, **Bedford and District Citizens Advice Bureau** (2008-2010)  
Co-Chair, **Area Committee of Central England of Citizens Advice (CAB)** (2008-2009)  
Chair, **East Region Committee of Citizens Advice (CAB)** (2006-2008)  
Chair (previously Treasurer), **South Kesteven Citizens Advice Bureaux** (1999-2006)  
Director and Trustee, **Cambridge and District Citizens Advice Bureau** (operations, IT and property committees) (2004-2008)  
Vice Chair, **Stamford YMCA** (2000-2004)

## INTERESTS:

Duplicate bridge; real tennis/squash/badminton/racket ball; skiing; fell-walking (climbed Kilimanjaro, Mount Kinabalu and Galdhøpiggen, the highest peaks in Africa, SE Asia and Northern Europe, 192 mile English Coast to Coast); SCUBA diving; Speak German. Freeman of the City of London. There is greater detail at [www.petercowley.org](http://www.petercowley.org)