



### **Captain Colin Cox FRAeS Immediate Past Master**

Born in 1953 under the approach path of Heathrow Airport, Captain Cox was destined to be an airline pilot. His early years saw him brought up in Northern Rhodesia, now Zambia, where his father was working in an area known as the Copperbelt.

Upon returning to England with the family, he went to school at Isleworth Grammar School and subsequently gained a scholarship with British Airways at the College of Air Training in Hamble, Hampshire.

After his graduation in 1976, and subsequent to the onset of the first oil crisis, British Airways put a moratorium on recruitment for, what turned out to be, 11 years. Having had his career path *diverted*, Colin took to flying instruction and soon found himself with a position with the Royal Jordanian Air Academy in Amman, Jordan, teaching *ab initio* students for the Jordanian national airline, Alia.

Returning to England, flying jobs were at a premium but he eventually managed to secure a position as a First Officer with Monarch Airlines, initially based at Luton Airport. The introduction of the Boeing 757, which had blind landing capability, necessitated a move south to the Gatwick area where Colin has maintained a property ever since in the town of Oxted, Surrey.

In 1984 the lure of the east took him out to join Cathay Pacific Airways, headquartered in Hong Kong, where he became a First Officer on the Boeing 747, gaining his command four years later. Subsequent rapid advancement saw him promoted to Training Captain and then examiner of airmen on that particular aircraft. He ended his career as a Check Captain on the latest model Boeing 777.

Married to Denise, his wife of thirty-seven years, and with two grown-up children, Daniel (30) and Olivia (23), Colin has been a member of the Honourable Company since 1985 and served as Master in 2018-19.