

My parents love of the countryside unwittingly drew me towards photography coupled with the death of my father and two close friends around the age of sixteen. The sense of loss must have contributed to my wanting to make records evolving from an early interest I had in butterflies and moths.

I joined the Navy in 1975. A junior seaman radar operator from the age of sixteen serving aboard HMS Blake, Galatea and Birmingham before transferring to the Fleet Air Arm's Photographic branch after training at the Joint Services School of Photography in RAF Cosford. Stationed at the Fleet Photographic Unit in Portsmouth for five years where I completed my service.

I studied documentary photography at Newport and have been based in West London since 1990. With a love for the countryside I have been visiting some of our nature reserves since lockdown, hoping to see our rarest butterflies whilst looking to photograph all of our island's fifty-nine species, several of which I collected and bred in my childhood.

- Royal Navy / Fleet Air Arm
photographer
1975-85
- Brabant Island Expedition
1981-85
- Newport College
Doc. Phot. Course
1985-87
- Purbeck' s Limestone Plateau
1976-18
- Ilay Cooper (Film)
2015-17
- 500 Marriage Celebrations
1990-18
- Genesis 59 - Butterflies of the
British Isles
2021-