

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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D.O.B 02/01/1950 (2<sup>nd</sup> January 1950)

Children Four, resident UK

Nationality: English. UK passport holder

Current business: Proprietor of Newsmedianews, news portal  
([www.newsmedianews.com](http://www.newsmedianews.com))

Driver's Licence: Full UK / International

Availability: Available for freelance/contract work. Can be available for staff employment depending on terms offered and provision of relocation package if required

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## **EDUCATION**

1961—1966 Grammar school education to O and A level standard at Wellington, Shropshire, England.

1966—1969 Science and social studies at Haybridge Technical College, Telford, England.

1973—1975 London School of Economics

1982—1986 Trainee reporter from at senior level - qualified to NCTJ<sup>1</sup> standard.

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## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (OUTLINE)

### **1966-1968**

Employed by GKN Sankey (UK) as apprentice works safety engineer and trained at GKN's own industrial training centre and day release at technical college.

### **1968-1976**

Varied positions across wide employment spectrum including: building; roadwork; labouring; taxi-driving (London); deliveries; factory work; legal proof-reader; management training; veterinary hospital work; production supervisor; commissioned research, charitable work, reporting (see [page 5](#) for full employment experience).

### **1976-1985**

Self-employed as freelance journalist.

### **1985-1990**

Senior Reporter with *Yellow Advertiser Publications*—(first of the major UK news organisations to switch to full direct input). Reporting patches included north and east London, Essex, including Southend, Colchester, Chelmsford, Basildon, Castle Point, Thurrock, and environs.

### **1990-1995**

Chief Reporter with Southern Newspapers, based at Winchester, Hampshire, England. Editorial responsibility for planning and content of news content covering Winchester and Eastleigh and surrounding urban & rural areas, villages and towns of south and mid-Hampshire. Responsible for supervision and on the job training to NCTJ exam level of junior reporting staff assigned to my office and for on-going training of senior staff. Also responsible for implementing staff development agenda.

Responsible for commissioning agency reporting, photography by staff and freelance photographers. Given responsibility by editor-in-chief and managing director of Southern Newspapers to establish new weekly newspaper in Alresford, Hampshire.

Responsible for establishing, developing, nurturing and maintaining good relations with the business and social communities.

### **1995-1996**

Employed in the USA as public relations adviser (fund-raising department) with New Boston Communications, one of the leading professional fund raising companies in the USA. Also employed in many other areas of work in the USA over the year.

**1996-1998** — On journalistic/business sabbatical. Resident in Limerick

**1998-99**

Employed by Limerick Adult Learner Support/Vocational education committee as adult literacy tutor. Included working with under-privileged youngsters.

**1999-2000**

Drafted and tutored a Limerick college introduction course to basic news reporting for voluntary students in association with FAS Ireland, the Irish national training and employment authority.

**1998-to date**

Re-established own news service *Newsmedianews*. Webmaster/editor for Newsmedianews on line services at [www.newsmedianews.com](http://www.newsmedianews.com)

**TRAINING/SKILLS**

Fully qualified to NCTJ standards a chief reporter/news editor/sub. Fully conversant with Dreamweaver and Photoshop and all Microsoft Office applications, plus a considerable range of other applications. Familiar with Java, PHP and MySQL.

Experienced in audio visual work including live video production.

Skilled in the configuration and use of many of the commodities and practices used by industry today, computer applications and ergonomics of the workplace. As manager of *WinNews* I developed the skills of commitment and order necessary to operating a small business.

**Previous own Business:**

Began freelance journalism in combination with television, film, stage and radio script writing in 1971. Continued in freelance journalism until present day. Underwent professional script writing training.

In 1987 established own news wire supply agency, *WinNews*, providing news by Newslink, a journalists' wire service, to all UK national media outlets (print and broadcast) and to the international circuit. Over the following years to 1995 continued to independently manage and operate *WinNews* until taking a journalistic sabbatical. Public relations formed an element of the work as chief reporter/news editor.

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## **OTHER INFORMATION**

Passtime likes

Horse riding, badminton, snooker, fell walking, camping in the rough, cycling, travelling, music, driving

Bosnia

In 1995 I organised and co-ordinated a civilian and business collection of humanitarian aid donations in the UK and participated in a resulting civilian convoy into central Bosnia to deliver the materials and also organise and hold several large children's Christmas parties for war-orphaned children. The largest involved 300 youngsters aged from infant to late teens.

The project gained the active backing of the UK government of the time and UNPROFOR and while our crew were in Bosnia we were assisted by Col. Mike Smith, deputy commander of the UK/UN forces in the former Yugoslavia. The mission proved an overall success.

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## PAST EMPLOYMENT LIST:

Army medic  
Bar back  
Builder's mate  
Builder/handymanCarpenter  
Charity Worker (UK, USA, Bosnia)  
Chef  
Chief Reporter (8 years, UK)  
Delivery driver (UK)  
Dumper truck driver  
Editor (12 years)  
Factory hand  
Father of Chapel (NUJ Branch officer)  
Feature film scriptwriter (Channel 4)  
Fundraiser (Boston, USA)  
Gardener  
Ghostwriter  
Home Father  
Hospital attendant  
Instructor (journalism, yoga)  
Kitchen assistant  
Labourer  
Legal document proof reader (Lincoln's Inn, London)  
Limousine driver/chauffeur (Based Boston, USA)

Truck driver (non artic)  
Machine operator (miller/lathe)  
Mechanic (auto)  
Minibus driver (London)  
Painter Decorator  
Radio drama scriptwriter (freelance)  
Removals worker  
Staff Reporter (10 years)  
Researcher  
Roads worker  
Sheet Metalworker  
Sitcom scriptwriter (ITV)  
Steelworks materials/production supervisor  
Taxi Driver (London)  
Tractor driver  
Trainee industrial electrician  
Trainee works safety engineer (GKN)  
Tutor (journalism, reading, writing)  
TV scriptwriter (Spitting Image and other & freelance)  
Waiter  
Welder  
Webmaster  
Writer

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## **Career Mission**

To use knowledge and experience, skills and training in a positive and beneficial manner in whatever duties I undertake.