

Nigel W Brown OBE

Date of Birth: 01 October 1945
Status: Married, 1972
Location: Left London and moved to Cambridge

Education History

School	Date	Details
Warwick School	1957 – 1964	Head boy
St. Andrew's University	1964 – 1968	M.A. (Hons) Medieval History
Territorial Army	1965	Commissioned into 3 rd Battalion 'The Black Watch'
Anglia Polytechnic University (now Anglia Ruskin University)	2004	Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy

Employment and Association History

Company	Date	Details
Akroyd & Smithers (Members of the London Stock Exchange)	1968 – 1970	Trainee Blue Button
J.D.Ward & Co (Insurance Brokers)	1970 – 1974	Director
N.W.Brown Group Ltd (Investment Managers and Other Financial Services Provider)	1974 – 2007	Founder and Chairman (Retired February 2007)
IQ Capital Partners LLP (Venture Capital Group)	2007 – Current	Partner and Chairman (Management Buy-out from NWB Group, 2007)
Great Eastern Investment Forum (Leading Business Angel Network)	Current	Founder
Thorman Hunt Ltd (Wine shippers)	Current	Non-executive Chairman
Greater Cambridge Partnership (sub-regional economic partnership between public, private and voluntary sectors with 25-mile radius remit around Cambridge)	Current	Chairman
University of Cambridge Audit Committee	Current	Chairman
University of Cambridge Council	Current	External member

Membership and Association History

Hughes Hall College, Cambridge	Current	City Fellow
University of Cambridge Council (The governing body)	Current	
Hazard Chase Ltd (Classical music agency)	Retired 2000	Founder and Chairman
Red Kite Racing	Current	Proprietor. Runners up in 2001 of UK motorcycle endurance championship, 750cc class winners in same year. Race team "on ice".....!
The Stradivari Trust	2003	Established own registered charity to "promote and support the science and art of music and other art forms".
Nigel W Brown Music Prize	2003 – Current	Started in 2003 with winners being chosen by the Cambridge University Music Faculty. Support still provided.
Cambridge Arts Theatre	1998 – 2007	Chairman. (Inherited as a "financial basket case" but systematically put back on its feet which is where it remains - hopefully!!)

Sponsorship and Funding History

Endellion Quartet	Funding/Sponsorship provided for the complete Beethoven quartet cycle recording on Warner label.
Cambridge Wordfest	Sponsorship provided since its inception.
Royal Academy of Music	To secure the purchase of the Viotti Stradivari violin
Cambridge University Real Tennis Club	Continued support.
In 1986, pioneered the syndicated ownership of (mainly) Italian 18 th century stringed instruments.	To enable at least some of the top young musicians in the UK to have the long-term use and the opportunity to buy into them. Beneficiaries include - there are 24 schemes in total - Nigel Kennedy, Steven Isserlis, Natalie Clein, Lawrence Power, Matthew Trusler and Jennifer Pike.
ArtShare	Devised by myself. A concept to encourage charities to build endowments by seeking gifts of shares rather than cash so that they might become less dependent on State funding and therefore more sustainable. This initiative resulted in the extension of the GiftAid tax relief to the giving of shares.

Trusteeships

Cambridge Union Society

Cambridge Wordfest

Family Mediation Service

Cambridge Preservation Society

Press Relief

Mendelssohn on Mull Festival

Becket Smith Collection

The Great Fen Project

Clubs

The Caledonian Club

The Garrick

Several Real Tennis clubs

Interests

Music (violin)

Real Tennis

Photography

Motorcycling

Cycling

Theatre

Bird and other Nature Watching

Transport, especially Railways

(long-term supporter of 6024 Society which preserves in mainline working order an ex-Great Western King Class loco)

Other

Given individual Queen's Award for Enterprise Support in July 2007

OBE New Year's Honours List January 2008

Future

High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire for 2010/2011

Website Links

Hughes Hall College, Cambridge	www.hughes.cam.ac.uk
University of Cambridge Council	
Hazard Chase Ltd	www.hazardchase.co.uk
Red Kite Racing	www.red-kite.co.uk
The Stradivari Trust	www.stradivaritrust.org
Nigel W Brown Music Prize	
Cambridge Arts Theatre	www.cambridgeartstheatre.com
Endellion Quartet	www.endellionquartet.com
Cambridge Wordfest	www.cambridgewordfest.co.uk
Royal Academy of Music	www.ram.ac.uk
Cambridge University Real Tennis Club	www.curtc.net
ArtShare	
Cambridge Union Society	www.cambridge-union.org
Family Mediation Service	www.afccnet.org
Cambridge Preservation Society	www.cpswandlebury.org
Press Relief	www.pressrelief.org
Mendelssohn on Mull Festival	www.mullfest.org.uk
Becket Smith Collection	www.becketcollection.org
The Great Fen Project	www.greatfen.org.uk