

CHRISTOPHER LONG MCIJ



PROFILE

- **Journalist, Editor and Foreign Correspondent.**
- 1972- A career as a writer, researcher, newsgatherer, editor of newspapers and books, war correspondent, broadcaster and founding editor of magazines.
- 1990- Researcher and curator of the largest archive concerning the identities and histories of around 20,000 members of the Greek Chiot & Phanariot Community and their diaspora.
- 2001- An interpreter and translator for French lawyers, businesses, web sites, museums, local authorities and associations.
- 2003- A lecturer and guide: specialising in Anglo-Norman history; vernacular architecture in the Bocage-Virois; WWII Whales & Bailey Bridges, Operation Bluecoat, Normandy 1944...
- 2025- For full list of past and current activities, see the [Diary...](#)

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Founding president of
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Member of
[La Société des Antiquaires de
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Member of the Strategic
Partnership Board, West
Norwood Cemetery, London



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2000- TODAY

- **Judge:** for the **Young Journalist of The Year** awards (CJo), London)
- **Member:** of the **West Norwood Cemetery** Partnership Board (Lambeth Council, London) in capacity of specialist historian of the Chiot & Phanariot Diaspora.
- **Translator:** (FR-EN) of web sites, books, historical texts, technical texts, visitor information panels, museum catalogues, film subtitles, leaflets and publicity material. (*Clients include: Les Chemins du Mont-Saint-Michel; Thalès; Le Scriptorial, Avranches; Pays d'Art et d'Histoire du Cotentin; Département de la Manche, Centre des Monuments Nationaux, Culture; Tourisme en Bocage Virois; Ville d'Avranches; l'Oréal; Vetcell; Société des Antiquaires de Normandie; Cercle de Galilée, Faurecia; Alu Composites; 'Le Mont-Saint-Michel Sous l'Occupation'...*)
- **Interpreter:** (FR-EN) for lawyers & doctors: Condé-sur-Noireau, Thury-Harcourt, Vire, Flers.
- **Lecturer & Contributor:** **Le Patois Normand en Angleterre?** (*Barbacane/Equinox, Avranches, 2002*) – **Greek Migrations: Phanariot, Chiot & Other Families** (*Anglo-Hellenic Society, London 2005*) – **A Tale of Two Castles – St Michael's Mount and Mont-Saint-Michel** (*Footloose TV 2008*) – **Mont et Merveille** (*Archives de la Manche, 2009*) – **La Vire Canalisée** (*Tessay-sur-Vire, 2010*) – **Le Paysan Anglais?** (*Le Bois Jugan, Saint-Lô, 2011*) – **Le Bosquet Vernacular Structures** (*Les Amis des Musées de St Lô, 2011*) – **The Coming of the Cow** (*ACE Manche, 2014*) – **Operation Bluecoat** (*70th D-Day Anniversary, La Ferrière-Harang, 2014*) – **Mirror Images Mont-Saint-Michel and St Michael's Mount** (*ACE, Coutances, 2015*) – **Corvée(s) & Partage(s)** (*Rencontres du Patrimoine, C.A.U.E., Saint-Lô, 2018*) – **Battlefield Tour: Operation Bluecoat** (*for descendants of veterans, 2019*) – **Anglo-Norman Hall Houses - d'hier à aujourd'hui** (C5th-C16th) (*Courseulles-sur-Mer 2024*) – **Building a Timber Framed Hall House – Process & Result** (*Courseulles-sur-Mer 2024*).
- **Journalism since 2000:** Contributing to: *La Manche Libre, La Voix le Bocage and Ouest-France*, French radio and TV.
- **Conservation:** Saved a 27-tonne **WWII British Bailey Bridge** from destruction, preserved and presented since 2008 beside the River Vire in Pont-Farcy in the heart of the battlefields of Normandy (1944). Saved a 28-tonne **WWII Whale**, a section of floating roadway from the Arromanches Mulberry-B artificial harbour, Normandy, given to the Imperial War Museum (Duxford) in 2016.

1991-1999

Foreign correspondent and war reporter in the Balkan wars of ex-Yugoslavia. Covered the entire conflict from front lines in Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia, Serbia and Kosovo for British newspapers, radio and television (e.g. *The Evening Standard, The Observer, the BBC Radio News, BBC World Service, ITN, Sky News, Channel 4, Reuters's Radio News, London News Radio, SABC, Globus Zagreb...*)

1993: Investigative reporter for *The Observer*.

1987-1990

1987: **Founding editor** of the award winning **World Magazine** (subsequently bought by the BBC).

1990: **Founding editor** of **The Music Magazine** (subsequently bought by the BBC).

1978-

Journalist, editor, columnist, leader writer, feature writer and **broadcaster** in **London** and a **news reporter** for **Print, Radio** and **Television** from **Bangalore, France, Zagreb, Moscow, Sarajevo, Mostar, Skopje** (the **Balkans** generally) and a writer/contributor for provincial publications in **Normandy** : (*London Newspaper Group, Kensington News & Post, Chelsea News, Westminster & Pimlico News, Fulham Chronicle, The Evening Standard, LBC, London Portrait Magazine, London Hotel Magazine, The Big Issue, The Daily Express, Ritz Magazine, Select Magazine, Selfridges Magazine, Time & Tide, Wired Magazine, MacFormat Magazine, Osmija [Belgrade], Nezavisimaya Gazeta [Moscow], Nova Matica [Zagreb], Music Magazine, Mayfair Times, Kensington & Chelsea Times, Journal of Cloj, The Independent, The Daily Telegraph, BBC Radio 4, BBC Radio News, BBC World Service, Capital Radio, IRN, KPFK Los Angeles, LBC, LNR, Plains FM New Zealand, Radio Croatia, Reuters Radio News, RTL/NSL Bonn, SABC, Tendance Ouest, Vire FM, France Bleu, B-Sky News, BBC TV News, Channel 4 TV & ITN News, France 1 TV, France 3 TV, London Weekend TV, NHK Japan, La Manche Libre, Ouest-France, La Voix le Bocage.*)

1972-1977

Copywriter, researcher and **account manager** for London advertising agencies. **Invented** and developed a patented roof tile clip with Redland Tiles. Director of an **audio-visual** production company. Authors' researcher.

HIGHER EDUCATION

- Read Tort, Crime, Contract and Land Law for the English Bar (unfinished) at the **Hon. Society of the Inner Temple**, London (1967-1972).
- Spent a year (1969-70) in South Africa working for a quarrying company in Namaqualand and Cape Town, and studying **marketing management** at Lever Brothers (Unilever) in Durban, SA.

EDUCATION

- Laverock PNEU School, Oxted, Surrey (1953-57)
- The Hill School, Westerham, Kent, UK. (1957-62)
- St Edmund's School, Canterbury, Kent, UK (1962-67) (+ military Officers' Training Corps)
- The Hon. Society of The Inner Temple, London, UK (1967-69 + 1971-72)

SKILLS

- **News gathering and current affairs:** Highly experienced in reporting, commissioning, information processing, editing and presentation for print, radio and the web. Experience as a writer and producer for TV documentary production.
- **Advanced IT skills:** HTML, CSS3, and web site management; Adobe and Affinity Serif image, design and publishing suites; databases and data management; and general office applications.
- **Languages: English** (native) and **French** (fluent). Professional FR-EN translator / interpreter.
- **Insolite:** Excellent practical knowledge of most basic **building trades** necessary for constructing (2017-2022), with his own hands, an oak-framed house in the form of a 3-bay mediaeval hall – itself an extension to a surviving C16th Norman 'hall house': *design, planning, site preparation, masonry, carpentry, roofing, slating, electrical and plumbing installation, ceramic tiling, glazing, underfloor heating, insulation, decorating and finishing*. A pioneer in the modern use of lime, clay and other sustainable natural materials.
- Holder of internationally recognised **Cloj Press Accreditation**.
- Valid current **British Passport, French Driving Licence** and **British First Aid Certificate**.