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Commodore Barry Brooks Royal Navy  
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Barry Brooks read Electrical Engineering at Imperial College, sponsored by the Royal Navy, with whom he had a successful and varied career – submarine electrical and nuclear propulsion engineer, R&D projects, Whitehall (MOD strategy, resources and long-term planning, and Cabinet Office), pan-MOD organisational change, and, unusually for an engineer, an accountancy role.

As Commodore (Royal Navy), he was an architect of improvements to the MOD's procurement and logistic support processes and organisations, including as a founding director of the then Defence Logistics Organisation.

Since 2002, he has worked for IBM, Hitachi and his own company, Wychcote Ltd, through which he provides independent director-level support for, and assurance of, complex, high-risk, high-value, engineering, procurement and change programmes in the public sector, through the Cabinet Office Infrastructure & Projects Authority.

Since 2001, his voluntary contributions to the profession include, for the IET: Benevolent Fund Local Representative, Local Network Chairman, IET Trustee, Vice and Deputy President, President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees (2013-14), and continues with membership of the IET's Transport Sector Executive and Nuclear Engineering Technical & Professional Network Committees. He is an active supporter of the IET's Horizon Bursaries scheme, the First Lego League, and other campaigns that encourage diversity and inclusivity and inspiring the next generation of engineers. He is an IET Professional Registration (CEng and IEng) and Fellowship Assessor / Interviewer.

Other ongoing voluntary activities include: Trustee of Institute of Marine Engineering Science and Technology (IMarEST); organiser of Fellowship of City & Guilds of London Institute (FCGI) annual lecture-lunch at Imperial College; member of two Bath University Industry Advisory Boards: EEE Department, and the UKRI Centre for Doctoral Training in Accountable, Responsible and Transparent AI.

Barry joined the Worshipful Company of Engineers in 2004. Elected Court Assistant in 2008, Junior Warden in 2016, Middle Warden in 2017, Senior Warden in 2018, and Master Engineer 2019 – 2020. Barry is a Trustee of the Engineers Trust.

Barry and Linda live in a village near Bradford-on-Avon and have three sons and two grandchildren.