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Joseph (Joe) Horsley Immediate Past Governor 2024-25

Joe joined the family sugar confectioner, MA Craven & Son which had been trading in York for 180 years after reading Law at Queen's College, Oxford.

After three years in export sales, he left to establish a chocolate manufacturing business, York Dragee in Pocklington. Initially manufacturing niche specialities, Joe claims to have invented the chocolate coffee bean. The company then moved into producing food components for multinational companies. After the Company's sale to Kerry Foods in 2001, he started again with Horsley, Hick and Flower in Sherburn in Elmet which produced private label chocolates for major supermarkets.

Joe is now retired. He is married to Clare and has two grown up children. He loves biking, tennis, croquet and travel.