

## **Chris Dennis**

### **President – The Armourers' Association**

I was born in Dover in 1950, the son of a soldier and spent most of my childhood moving back and forth between Germany and the UK.

I joined the Army as an apprentice armourer in 1965, based at Hadrian's Camp, Carlisle, the last of the 3 year intakes in to the Army Apprentice School system. In September 1966 the schools became colleges and the two year apprenticeships began. Completed training in August 1968 and spent the next 24 years at trade ending up as an artisan S/Sgt at RMA Sandhurst, having served in Cyprus, Libya, Germany, N. Ireland, the Falklands and of course the UK.

On leaving the Army I applied for and was accepted as the Force Armourer for West Mercia Constabulary (policing Worcestershire, Herefordshire & Shropshire). 23 years later technically retired but somehow managed to go back on a temporary contract.

I attended my first Armourers' Association Dinner in 1990. I volunteered to be secretary in 1994 and remained until 2009. Elected President in 2013.