

**Stephen Bath**  
Managing Director  
Skycab Ltd



## **Election Address**

Stephen Bath has had a lifetime interest in Aviation over 45 years, since getting a pilots licence aged 25, and is still current today.

He has extensive experience in operating Palmair, the companies Bournemouth based in house airline over 17 years, and special intercontinental charter flights from Bournemouth to New York, Las Vegas, the Caribbean, the Middle East, and Moscow over 25 years.

He was responsible for 44 Concorde charter flights to and from Bournemouth Airport, and got special permission to fly two Concorde Charters from a government air base near Salisbury, to New York, an airport that had never before handled civilian passengers.

Stephen retains a good understanding of the airline industry.

## **Biography**

Stephen Bath has been a travel agent and tour operator since 1977, when he joined the family business of Bath Travel Service in Bournemouth, which had 24 offices at the time. Over the next 36 years the company grew to 67 branches around the central south of England, with its own tour operator Palmair flying only from Bournemouth, and for 17 years its own single jet airline starting with a four engined BAe146 110 seat jet.

Stephen was involved in the start up of the Palmair airline in 1993, overseeing branding, charters to outside companies, and public relations. Stephen also oversaw special charter flights from Bournemouth, including 44 Concorde charters, and transatlantic flights From Bournemouth to New York and the Caribbean over 20 years. He was managing director of Bath Travel for the final 22 years until the business was sold to Hays Travel in 2013.

He then started Stephen Bath Travel which was involved in day trips from Bournemouth Airport.

Stephen was Chairman of ABTA Travel Agents Council from 1997-1999, and President of ABTA from 2000-2003. He has had a private pilots licence for 44 years, and still owns a twin engined air ambulance which flies human organs around Great Britain and Northern Ireland. This operation, Eagle European, is a registered U.K. Airline.

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