

# Paul Levy in brief

**Date of birth:** 26 February 1941

**Education:** University of Chicago (A.B. 1963)  
University College London (1964-65)  
Harvard University (1965- PhD 1979)  
Nuffield College, Oxford (1969-1971)

**Employment:** Teaching Fellow, Harvard (1966-68)  
Food and Wine editor, The Observer (1980-1991)  
Senior Contributor, Culture, The Wall Street Journal (1991-2015)

**Contributor:** Times Literary Supplement, (1974-); Travel + Leisure restaurant critic (1995-2014); wine writer, The Mail on Sunday (1993-2013); New York Times (1980-2012); frequent broadcaster BBC radio and television; features and obituaries Telegraph (2010-); lead obituary writer Independent (1990-); Spectator (2016-); Literary Review (2016); New York Review of Books (2017); London Review of Books (2019-)

**Blog:** *ArtsJournal.com/plainenglish*

**Hon. Posts:** *Trustee, The Strachey Trust (1972-); Literary Executor, Lytton and James Strachey and family*  
*Trustee, Jane Grigson Trust (1996-2013)*  
*Trustee, Chair, The Oxford Symposium on Food & Cookery (2003-2015);*  
*Chair Emeritus Oxford Food Symposium, (2018-).*  
*Member of Court, Oxford Brookes University (2003-2010)*

**Broadcasting:** World Service Food News Presenter, early 1980s;  
Writer and presenter Channel 4 five-part series The Feast of Christmas (1992-93)  
Captain Radio 4 Question of Taste, two seasons in 1980s; occasional TV appearances, and Channel 4 series as above.

**Memberships:** Society of Authors since late 1960s or early 1970s  
NUJ 1974-1990  
FRSL 1980  
Founder member, Guild of Food Writers, resigned (in protest) late 1980s  
Circle of Wine Writers since mid-1980s  
Critics' Circle of the United Kingdom currently the sole member elected to four sections, Music, Drama, Art and Architecture, Literature; PEN