

## Sir Robin Saxby has been awarded an honorary doctorate by Edge Hill University in recognition of his contribution to business and technology.



An extraordinary leader and pioneer of innovation, the 72-year-old and his team at ARM can lay claim to have transformed how we live our lives.

Born in Derbyshire and educated at Chesterfield Grammar School (Clarke 58 - 65), Sir Robin gained a Bachelor of Engineering degree in Electronics from the University of Liverpool in 1968, fulfilling an obsession which saw him, in his early teens, running his own radio and TV repair business.

He reflected fondly on his time in the region during his speech, which ignited his love for Liverpool FC and deepened his passion for music – as well as meeting his future wife, Patricia. He said: “My uncle played left-back for Chesterfield, but I had to follow the Reds! I used to build amplifiers for rock ‘n’ roll bands, Liverpool ‘was’ music for me growing up where I did. “On 26 November 1966 I was here at Edge Hill, at a flower dance with my friend, Phil. He was nervous trying to find a girl to dance with, but it is where I first meet Patricia, whose parents were visiting friends in nearby Old Roan. I soon forgot about him, and in the end, he initially refused to drive us home. But I’m glad, as an engineer, I was able to remember her number. It is so touching that we can go back down memory lane, a lovely surprise. “It’s so amazing for me to be back here again, after so many years – perhaps one day somebody here will follow in my footsteps? “I still keep in touch with eight friends from University, despite life’s ups and downs we meet up, truly it is a place where you’ll make friends for life.”

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