Hampshire Genealogical Society

50thAnnual General Meeting – 18thJune 2024

Members Standing for Election and Re-Election as a Trustee / Executive Committee Member



Philip Brown - Trustee

Phil is a Professional Genealogist and Member of AGRA. Following a career at IBM as a Finance & Planning Manager acquiring many different businesss kills, Phil left in 2014 to become a Genealogist and turn his hobby into a second career.

Phil studied Genealogy with the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies (IHGS) gaining several qualifications up to the Diploma in Genealogy. Phil carries out numerous commissions for others to help them discover their family history and resolve brick walls.

Phil joined HGS in 2014, attending and assisting HGS groups and displays ever since, he became a Trustee in 2019. Phil likes to use his business experience, skills, and passion for Genealogy to help enhance the status of HGS at a time of great change and complexity in general society.



Terry Gilmour - Trustee

Terry is retired and former Head of Architecture and Engineering for a local council. He also served for fifteen years as a Magistrate in Southampton.

A founder member of the Hampshire Genealogical Society, he has been interested in family history since 1970. Terry has been Group Organiser of the Andover Group and is currently a member of the committee running the group.



Kay Lovell - Vice-Chair / Trustee

Kay worked in education and specialised in teaching English and Drama at Secondary School level. She was an Examiner for GCE O Level English Examinations and an Advisor and Moderator for GCSE English Examinations.

Having been inspired by family stories during her childhood, she has always held a keen interest in her relatives and forebears and, once no longer at work, was able to start researching in earnest. She has been a Member of HGS since 2012, a Trustee since 2017, Vice-Chair since 2023, is currently Organiser of both the National and International Groups, a member of the Communications Committee and administers the HGS Facebook page.

Kay was Chair, 2021-2023, of Romsey & District u3a, and co-ran their Genealogy Group for a number of years before moving away from the area. She is also a volunteer for The War Graves Photographic Project.



Jane Painter- Secretary / Trustee

Jane joined HGS in 2008, at the same time as leaving a career in the support of software solutions for international financial institutions.

She is the Group Organiser of the HGS Fareham Group, Secretary since 2023, a member of the Communications Committee, administrator of the Group information on the Society website, and is a key member in organising this year's Golden Jubilee Events.

Inspired by a chance visit to Titchfield and finding an ancestor's grave, Jane researches her own family history, friends' families, random interesting people... To her, family history is about investigating all aspects of an ancestor – where did they live? what was their occupation? what was going on in their village?

Jane is very involved with the Wickham History Society, researching local families, including those on the local war memorial, houses, and events. She also researches the Hampshire County Lunatic Asylum, looking at the history of the institution, the staff, and the patients, many of whom have tragic stories.



Fiona Ranger - Trustee

Fiona's interest in family history was sparked when as a youngster she was shown a family tree which had been constructed by an ancestor of hers from the 19th century, she was hooked – she still has a copy! Over the years her research has taken her to many counties within the United Kingdom and further afield to Australia, Canada, and parts of Europe.

Fiona is a professional genealogist and speaker and is an associate of AGRA (The Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archives). She believes that personal development is a priority and at present she is studying with the IHGS (The Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies) on their Correspondence Course and has also taken numerous courses with Pharos Tutors.

For several years Fiona ran a branch of the Berkshire Family History Society and in 2015 she relocated to her birth county of Hampshire. She joined the Hampshire Genealogy Society (HGS) and became the Portsmouth group leader for several years. Fiona is the HGS Bookstall Manager and attends in person shows throughout Hampshire and beyond. She is also the liaison/publicity officer for the society and is the administrator for the HGS 'X' account. Fiona is part of the Communications Committee and is a key member in organising this year's Golden Jubilee Events.

Fiona is a qualified RHS (Royal Horticultural Society) Horticulturist and runs her own garden design and maintenance business.



Anthony Sinclair – Chairman / Trustee

Tony retired in March 2019, having worked as a Hampshire Police Officer for thirty years, followed by nineteen years with Hampshire Children's Services.

He joined HGS in 1998 when he began researching his Family History after he had heard family members discussing French ancestors who came to England in the nineteenth century to escape the aftermath of the French Revolution.

In May 2019 he volunteered to lead the newly re-formed Winchester Group. The Group was the first in HGS to run 'Hybrid Meetings' with members meeting together sharing their meeting, via Zoom, with members joining in from wherever they may be.

Tony has experience of acting as a Trustee. During his children's early school years, he was Chairman of their Primary School PTA. At around about the same time, he began volunteering with a Charity in Southampton which provided help and support to Adults with a Disability and was their Honorary Treasurer.

Tony was elected as Chiarman of HGS in June 2023.



Ann-Marie Shearer – Trustee

Ann-Marie has always enjoyed history and read History and American Studies at university. After graduation she decided to train as a Chartered Accountant, working firstly in practice as an auditor and then in industry as the Company Accountant with a local business.

She became seriously interested in genealogy over twenty years ago and joined Hampshire Genealogical Society to benefit from the expertise available, although she has yet to find any Hampshire ancestors. Following her retirement, she volunteered to act as Treasurer for HGS. After 10 years in this role, she is stepping down in 2024.



Susan Stannard - Trustee

Sue worked as a nurse in the NHS for 28 years, both in psychiatric and general nursing. Prior to this she trained as a teacher specialising in History and English. Her interest in family history was sparked at Teacher Training College when she was lucky enough to interview some elderly relatives to assist in drawing up her first family tree.

Sue joined HGS in 2003 after her Mum's death rekindled her interest in family history. In 2021 Sue became a volunteer on the HGS help desk at Hampshire Record Office. In 2023, as HGS Publicity Coordinator, Sue led an initiative to set up Family History Support Groups in Libraries. Sue became a Trustee in June 2023 and changed her role to become HGS Office Manager. As part of this role Sue also manages the HGS online sales team.



Keith Turner – Trustee

Keith works as a Chartered Civil Engineer specialising in bridges and became interested in family history in the 1980s when his children were born.

He became a co-organiser of the HGS Fair Oak Group in 2008 and is the HGS Surname Interest Coordinator. He has been an HGS executive committee member since 2012.



Angela Winteridge - Trustee

Angela trained as a secretary and worked in the pharmaceutical industry and for fresh produce importers before joining Solent University in 2005 where she now works as a Placements Officer in the Department of Social Sciences & Nursing.

Angela started researching her family history in the mid-1980s and joined HGS in 1994. She became Co-Group Organiser for Fair Oak Group with Keith Turner in 2008 and has been a member of the Executive Committee since 2012.