

COTSWOLD CANALS TRUST

41st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 8th October 2016

CANDIDATES STANDING FOR ELECTION TO THE TRUST COUNCIL OF MANAGEMENT

Candidates Retiring by Rotation in accordance with Article 42 of the Articles of Association and seeking re-election.

John Allan

I am a Chartered Mechanical Engineer. I started my career with Ford in R&D and moved to the oil industry, working for Mobil, BP and Castrol in Europe and the US in product development, business development, marketing, strategy and planning. I retired from BP in 2011 after 27 years. I currently work part time consulting for a number of oil industry clients.

I have a keen interest in industrial and environmental heritage, and am a long time member of well-known local and national trusts. I have always enjoyed the recreational aspects of canals, having navigated the Four Counties Ring and cycled the Kennet & Avon but have never been actively involved. Outside work, I have held committee roles in the local branch of the IMechE, of which I am a Fellow, and roles in village clubs and societies.

I first became involved with CCT following a presentation on the Cotswold Canals at an IMechE meeting in 2012 at which I saw the opportunity to contribute to a major local project that absolutely fitted with my interests. Since that time, I have worked with the team on the Eastern side on the high level planning for restoration, and on the phase 1B bid development team. I have been a member of Trust Council for 3 years.

I am married, with two grown up sons. My wife and I are both keen walkers across the Cotswolds and are looking forward to walking the Thames & Severn Way along the restored canal

Robin Payne

Originally from Sussex we moved to Gloucestershire in 1978. I joined the Stroudwater, Thames and Severn Canal Trust soon after arrival. I attended my first work party at Blunder Lock one week after joining.

In 1983 with an accountant we formed our own company offering computer services. I was delighted when the National Waterways Museum became a customer, due to my boating experience they offered to train me as a skipper for their trip boats and museum tugs, this resulted in my becoming qualified as a Boatmaster.

I then joined Gloucester Council as IT Project Manager, becoming a Prince 2 Practitioner. On leaving it was noted that I had delivered all projects on time and to budget.

I am now semi-retired having previously worked for a multinational telecommunications company. I was their Project Governance Officer for Northern Europe. We standardised on the Project Management Institute as a professional body and I am qualified as a Project Management Professional (PMP).

For the trust I now chair the Dredging Working Group and work most weekends physically dredging, and am project managing the initial project for replacing the 3 railway bridges in the Stroud valley.

It is my belief that the restoration now requires clear identification and prioritisation of all projects and detailed program management, due to the size of the restoration, parallel work has become inevitable. As resources are limited close control to maximise cost benefits is essential.

Jack Telling

After graduating with a degree in economics and politics I spent three years with a firm of building contractors as Assistant Company Secretary. For the next 34 years I taught in Essex schools and for 17 of these as Headmaster of two large comprehensives.

On retirement in 1997 I moved to King's Stanley, Gloucestershire, which is close to the Stroudwater Navigation, and quickly became involved as a volunteer with the Cotswold Canals Trust. I was elected Treasurer in 2000 and held the post until March 2012. Since then I have held the post of Company Secretary.

The role of Company Secretary involves responsibility for the governance of the Trust i.e ensuring that the Trust's procedures and decisions comply with its Governing Document (the Memorandum & Articles of Association) and with Company and Charity law. My other Trust activities include drafting the Annual Report, insurance matters, promoting lotteries, fundraising and arranging for the despatch of bulk mailings. I am also a Director of the Trust's wholly owned subsidiary Cotswold Canals Trust (Trading) Ltd.

Since retirement my wife and I have owned a narrowboat which is now moored at Saul Marina. We look forward to the day when we can cruise from Saul to Inglesham along the Stroudwater Navigation and Thames & Severn Canal!

Co-opted Candidates seeking election in accordance with Article 38 of the Articles of Association.

Lois Francis

I grew up in Dorset but moved to Gloucestershire in 1981 with my family and now live near Nailsworth where I enjoy exploring the canal system and its history.

I was a teacher and advisory teacher for twenty- three years in Gloucestershire, with thirteen of those years spent as a head teacher in the Forest of Dean.

I retired in 2008 and joined The Junction Heritage Project coordinated by Iris Capps. Using HLF funding, we put together the Cotswold Canals Heritage website and engaged local schools in understanding the cultural heritage of local waterways.

When the Phase1A project emerged, I was asked by Dave Marshall to help promote the project in schools in Stroud. I have led walks, given talks and generally planned with schools under the guise of Cotswold Canals Knowledge (CCK), with Paul Weller and Jon Pontefract.

I continue to work with schools on Phase 1A with CCK, but have also become a researcher with Stroudwater Navigation Archive Charity cataloguing and conserving an extensive archive which informs work with schools and talks to community groups.

I wish to join Trust Council to help ensure that the Phase 1B bid is successful because the Stroudwater Navigation, from Saul to the Ocean, opens up new areas for the public, whether they boat, walk, or cycle.

In such stressful times people need to have free access to open country and green spaces and that is my sole motivation for volunteering with Cotswold Canal Trust and with Canal and River Trust.

Candidates who have been Proposed by a Member of the Trust in accordance with Article 45 of the Articles of Association

There have been no proposals.