



## **42nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

### **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**

##### **Steve Pickover**

With an extensive background in Construction Procurement, Budgeting and Cost Control, I am an experienced Boater and am qualified to skipper the CCT Trip Boats.

I have been running Work Parties between Bonds Mill and Chalford for many years, and bring my interests in Wildlife, the Environment and Industrial Archaeology to my role as a Trust Councillor.

##### **Jim White**

I was elected to Trust Council as Engineering Director in October 2011. I have served as Vice Chair for 3 years and was elected Chair in November 2015.

I was admitted and, maintain my registration, as a Chartered Mechanical Engineer in 1971 and was elected a Member of the Royal Aeronautical Society in 1979.

Having retired early from a career in aerospace and defence engineering, I became a CCT volunteer in 1999, working on maintenance under Des Pinnock. After a year, I was asked to join the Willow Trust and became a licensed volunteer passenger boat skipper for 8 years on the G&S canal, and learnt to appreciate the enormous value of canals in the lives of those with disabilities. My work with the Trust started with the design and procurement of 'heritage' paddle gear and progressed to design and manufacture of jack posts, and commemorative benches and developed the standard landing stage design working with SDC, now being installed. I am currently leading the design for mechanising lock balance beams for space limited installations where the beams are shortened, making them very difficult to operate manually.

So what of my passions? Briefly they are industrial archaeology, especially transport and the industrial history of Stroud, plus relaxation and engagement with the countryside, landscape and landform, which I achieve through walking. I also want to bring the freedom of the waterways to those with all forms of disability and get canal craft into, and beyond, Stroud. I enjoy engaging with all our volunteers as we work together to make my last passion a reality.

I am currently Chair of Trustees and Engineering Director

**Co-opted Candidates Seeking Election**  
**In accordance with Article 38 of the Articles of Association**

**Bob Ambury**

I am married with 2 grown up children. I was educated at Hucclecote Secondary Modern School and on leaving in 1964 became a commercial vehicle apprentice with Taylors of Gloucester and continued my education at Gloucester College. Subsequently I attended the Ford Motor Company training school and trained as a commercial vehicle consultant.

In 1986 I started employment at Dowty Rotol in Staverton, as an aircraft repair fitter/inspector and trained at Hartpury College as a Risk Assessor and Company Auditor. At Dowty I became a Senior Shop Steward, Health & Safety Rep. and was promoted to Company Signatory.

I became interested in building construction and attended evening classes at Gloucester College and subsequently completed several projects of my own. Since retiring in 2014 I became a CCT volunteer and have trained as a Tug Boat Skipper and Excavator, Dumper and Tractor operator.

I have held a number of managerial roles since joining CCT. I was Team Leader at Ham Mill where I looked after general construction and on the reorganisation of Western Depot I became Construction Manager and have managed the Gate House renovation at Bond's Mill and the Newtown spill weir reconstruction. I am currently managing the Gough Orchard Water Feed project and have taken on the project management of the Ham Mill landslip and culvert.

I was co-opted on to Trust Council in October 2016 and am very much enjoying the challenges of Trust Council and Construction Manager which I look forward to for many years to come.

**Shelley Anderson**

Shelley Anderson – Environmental Scientist

BSc (Environmental Studies), GradDip Environmental Quality

PIEMA (Practitioner Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment)

Shelley is an Environmental Scientist and Practitioner who has spent her working life in environmental consulting in Australia but is currently living in Stroud. Shelley's consulting experience covers a range of market segments and she has a good understanding of the challenges facing the water and wastewater, power, airports and food and beverage industries.

Shelley has key competencies in environmental risk assessment and development of management plans to add value to infrastructure projects and assist with meeting environmental policies and obligations. Her project work has included options and multi-criteria analysis, environmental impacts of water and wastewater discharges, environmental basis of design and hazard and risk assessment for environmental impact assessment.

Since accepting the role of Director Environment on the CCT Council, Shelley has coordinated and compiled a draft Environmental Statement for Stroudwater Navigation Connected (Phase 1), prepared an Invasive Non Native Species Management Plan, assessed the suitability of dredging spoil for disposal or use in accordance with waste exemptions, provided environmental support for a licence application and is Theme Lead for the upcoming Heritage Lottery Fund submission for Natural Environment Benefits. Shelley has also recently accepted the role of Company Secretary and is a volunteer for the Woodland Trust (website data compliance).

## **Peter Best**

Peter Best is a semi-retired business owner specialising in engineering component distribution. Although he sold his UK business some 5 years ago, Peter still has business interests in the USA and China. Educated at the University of London where he graduated with an honours degree in Geology and Geography, he went immediately into the world of Sales and Marketing before moving on to business ownership.

From an early age Peter has had a passion for Industrial Heritage and in particular, steam. His earliest childhood memories were trainspotting and this passion developed into railway photography before the end of commercial steam in 1968. This interest in steam was rekindled in 1984, when he purchased a 10 ton steam roller, quickly followed by a 1910 traction engine that he still owns.

Railways were also a particular interest and he purchased and restored two full sized locomotives which operated on the North Yorkshire Moors Railway. Peter became a Director of the trading arm of the NYMR in 1996 and became its Chairman two years later, as well as passing out as a fireman. Peter stepped down from the NYMR when he moved with his partner, Anthea, to Gloucestershire but still owns 2 different steam locomotives that are being restored to full use in 2018. Peter is also interested in real ale, progressive music and Forest Green Rovers!

## **Chris Lambert**

My career, which included IT, finance & communications, began as a Post Office Student Apprentice. Subsequently I studied Electronics Engineering at Southampton University and later worked on specs and test systems for the new all-electronic System X exchange systems. I then became IT manager of BT's first call centre before moving to be IT Director of the UK's first telephone stockbroker, Sharelink, where I led a team that designed, built and ran the UK's biggest public share dealing systems for major privatisations. As a director I participated in management buyout, stock market flotation and a takeover by a major US stockbroker.

I then moved into IT Consultancy with Logica for 15 years which involved IT systems advice & development for banks, insurance brokers, and fund managers etc. Finally, before retirement, I moved to a large retail financial services firm, Hargreaves Lansdown, in Bristol for 2+ years as Head of Group Systems.

After retirement I became the Treasurer and IT person for the charity and trading company that manages the Chantry Centre & Lister Hall in Dursley and also led the requirements and architectural design process for a Section 106 grant from the developers of the ex-Lister's factory site.

Since joining CCT Trustees in November 2016 I have rationalised the budget-tracking system, created an Intranet & off-site backup system, assisted with Connect & Membership systems upgrades and helped prepare the end of year accounts. I also enjoy a share in a narrowboat which I hope one day will visit the Cotswold Canals!

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

**None**