



43rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 27th October 2018

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

Alan Jones

Vice-Chair and Western Division Construction Manager

65 years old, I am married with 3 children and just retired from hydraulic engineering. I have lived in Stroud 36 years. I have been involved in practical work my whole life, from digging footings at age 5 with my father, building/fitting out house extensions, workshop/garage and since 1976 spent many years finding, overhauling and advising on plant and equipment to make canal restoration easier. I embrace working with metal, wood and, designing and building new ideas, often from scrap material. I have a keen interest in older machinery, trucks and cars.

The Trust, to meet its objectives, is changing attitudes and embracing new ways to raise funds, motivate, enthuse and keep far more volunteers and think 'outside the box' and with more commercial drive and acumen. I have been impressed with volunteers' results on the canal over the past few years, which has made my efforts as a volunteer over the past 41 years very worthwhile.

I shall rely on my experience (good and bad) within the Trust's affairs and within my previous time in industry to help improve the way it carries out its planning and overall business. I also believe that every person holding a recognised role within the Trust's affairs should be accountable and respected in the face of the members. From respect and genuine, regular effort, come real results.

As many volunteers are retired and our biggest restoration challenge will be rising east out of Chalford (poor logistics), I believe we need far more floating, mechanised craft and I am working to help provide this.

John Newton

Vice-Chair and Operations Director

After graduating I worked for 2 UK process plant companies supplying major equipment to a range of industries, then 4 years in GCC Environmental Health before joining 2 major UK PLC companies where I became a Director with project management and operational multi-£million responsibilities, before setting up my own consultancy offering business support.

I have been interested in canals for many years and owned a narrowboat. On moving to Gloucestershire some 8 years ago my wife and I joined CCT, and I offered to negotiate with the utilities involved with the 1B bid, then was invited to join Trust Council where I

currently am, responsible for operations and particularly the project management process to ensure we achieve safe, legal, fit for purpose and cost-efficient solutions to the numerous restoration activities.

I am particularly keen to promote good communications plus efficient and enjoyable teamworking within our dedicated and committed volunteers.

Lois Francis

Education and Communities Director

Lois is a retired headteacher of thirteen years, but has had an extensive career throughout primary education, both with Gloucestershire and with National bodies, such as the National Curriculum Council and the Association of Science Education.

Since retiring, she has been an educational volunteer with the Stroudwater restoration project, where she set up and still runs the Cotswold Canals Knowledge programme. She is also a member of the Canal & River Trust, Waterways Partnership for South Wales and Severn. She has written education plans for both organizations, as well as guiding walks with children and young people.

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

Leonie Asquith

Leonie is a volunteer, a trained facilitator with a BSc in Chemistry and an MBA. She has practical experience of most areas of business management and works across boundaries. An early safety assessor, she moved to university administration, project management and internal consultancy.

Her experience in Strategic Partnerships (Yorkshire Electricity Group) has brought a unique perspective to Fundraising. She is passionate about involving members, the wider community and business, in ways which give them tangible benefits when supporting the Trust. Leonie is inspired by the remarkable, positive changes the canal restoration has already brought and is looking forward to seeing the whole revitalised canal - by boat!

Laurence Bryant MSc CEng FIET MAPM

A chartered electrical engineer and certificated project manager Laurence has worked within logistic support and procurement departments within the UK Ministry of Defence and in the defence industry. Having managed or been involved in several the UK's guided weapon programmes during the 1990s he became Deputy Team Leader of the Ground Based Air Defence programme in 2002.

In 2004 he took over the leadership of the Flight Simulation and Synthetic Trainers team within the Defence Procurement Agency and was later appointed Team Leader for the UK's Military Flying Training Programme. In 2009 Laurence moved to become Deputy to Director Combat Air and take responsibility for the development of a Defence Fixed Wing Industrial Strategy working closely with the French Government. He is a Gateway Team Leader for reviews of high risk government procurements and has led reviews including: Health Transformation, Olympics Security, Common Agricultural Policy, ANPR and New Zealand's Pilot Training programme.

Laurence took up the role of Director Weapons in May 2012 with responsibility for all military guided weapon systems, general munitions and test and evaluation services. He was Head of Profession for the engineering specialism covering weapons, ordnance, munitions and explosives. Laurence left the Civil Service in April 2015 and is now Director of Lapley Enterprises Ltd offering consultancy support in the field of major project and programme leadership. He has also qualified as a small boat surveyor.

Laurence is a passionate sailor with his own boat in the Exe estuary, tries to play the piano and is a member of the Dursley Male Voice Choir. He lives in Gloucestershire with his wife and has two sons. Laurence is nominated as a Director and Trustee of the Cotswold Canals Trust.

Matthew Lee

I am a Chartered Accountant having spent almost 40 years in public practice. I was educated at Bristol Cathedral School and entered a training contract with a small accountancy practice in Bristol after I left school. On qualification I moved to what is now PWC and after a few years as an auditor I moved into management consultancy advising in the electricity market.

In 1990 I left to join Bishop Fleming, a leading regional accountancy practice where I was Managing Partner for 18 years before retiring earlier this year. I now have a number of non-executive positions with a selection of my former clients.

I have been an enthusiastic canal user since childhood and have watched with enormous interest the progress that has been made to date on the restoration. I am undergoing training to skipper our Trip Boats and have been impressed with the enthusiasm I have seen from all the volunteers I have met as part of that process. I am married with two adult children and live in Uley with an ever-growing collection of animals. Aside from canals I am an enthusiastic walker, gardener and classic car owner.

Reg Gregory

I am a qualified electrician and spent my working life in the industry. For the last 22 years of work I ran my own company, specialising in fire protection and fire detection.

I have been a CCT member for the last seven years and became a volunteer during the Ham Mill Lock restoration. I then joined the Western Depot team and have been the Western Depot manager for nearly two years. I am also on the board of Stroud Valley Canal Company.

Reg enjoys working with the dedicated and committed group of volunteers at the Western Depot and beyond in the restoration of 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