

**DISCOVERING OLD WELSH HOUSES GROUP TRUSTEES
MINI BIOGRAPHIES / CVs. * = updated Spring 2022.**

At the October 2014 Governance committee meeting it was agreed that we needed a trustees' skills audit. It was agreed to ask each trustee to provide a mini biography of pertinent skills & experience, plus areas of interest for possible future involvement. These were sometimes required when making grant applications to indicate that we have a well-rounded team of trustees.

Please could you complete & update your own mini CV & return it to MD by 6th March 2022. Thank you.

***Wally Barr**, BSc (London), MA (Manchester), PhD (Manchester), RMN, CQSW.

Co-secretary for Flintshire Branch

Before retiring at the end of 2011 Wally had worked for 15 years in the Health and Community Care Research Unit at the University of Liverpool. His main area of research was mental health, a field in which he had previously gained experience and training as both a mental health nurse and social worker. He has published research papers in both academic and professional journals, and has contributed chapters to academic texts as well as editing a book on mental health service configuration. Retirement has allowed Wally the opportunity to further his interests in buildings research and conservation. He & his wife, Margaret, are joint secretaries for the Flintshire branch.

***Rosemary Brotherton**

Treasurer, Appointed June 2021

I worked for Liverpool Special Needs Service for 15yrs prior to my retirement in 2006. From 1993 onwards, my role had two parts, one part: individual teaching of children of all ages, second part: involved assessing children of all ages for IT equipment, which involved controlling a budget for purchasing equipment to loan to these children. During my teaching career, I spent 5 years as an Advisory Teacher for Primary Mathematics. I moved permanently to North Wales in 2012 and have been a member of DOWH for about 7 years. I was a member of Llandudno Area U3A and led 3 walking groups for 7 years. Information about the locality was often included in my walks. I am a member of Aberconwy Historical Society, Friends of GAT and a Crown Green Bowling Club. For many years I was a member of National Association for Remedial Education (NARE) and was Treasurer for the National Conference in August 1975 and a special conference in January 1978. In 1992 NARE amalgamated with other similar organisations to become National Association for Special Educational Needs (NASEN). In the middle 1990s I was Assistant Treasurer for NASEN and a member of NASEN's Finance & General Purposes Committee.

***Eleanor Carpenter**

Appointed 2017

I have an MA in Historic Environment Conservation and studied apotropaic markings for my dissertation. I continue to collate information on these as I become aware of them. I am a member (supporter category) of the Institute of Historic Building Conservation (IHBC), as well as being a chartered member of the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI). I am currently a senior planner and heritage consultant in private practice, based in North Wales. Before going into private practice, I spent more than twenty years in local government in planning policy, and latterly also as a conservation officer. I have experience of working on complex listed building projects and a wealth of experience in planning policy. I have a long standing interest

in history and historic buildings, and studied archaeology for a year as part of my Geography degree. In my spare time, I am renovating a 19th century cottage, and enjoy running, photography, motorcycling and researching family history. I recently found out that members of one arm of the family were involved in smuggling and transported to Australia for sheep stealing in the early 19th Century! Written 10 5 2022

***Martin Cherry, BA (Wales), PhD (Wales), FSA.** Research
Martin is a history graduate of the University of Wales and after several years teaching at the Universities of Exeter, St Andrews and Leicester moved into the field of buildings research and conservation, first as a listed buildings investigator in Devon, then as a conservation officer in Leicestershire, a researcher with the English Royal Commission, and later English Heritage (as Head of Listing and Research Director). He has long been interested in researching and analysing historic houses - some of the material has been published and was editor of the journal *Vernacular Architecture*. He is a former President of the Vernacular Architecture Group. He is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.

Richard Cuthbertson, MBE, DL, FRSA. Chairman
Richard is the Chairman of DMM international in Llanberis and has a small construction company specialising in repairing Historic Buildings. For ten years he was Chairman of the National Trust in Wales and he has been involved in a number of Building Trusts and other charities, including the Princes' Trust. He is interested in all aspects of Welsh heritage, and lives in the ancestral home of the Tudors on Anglesey.

***Janice Dale** Secretary for Denbighshire Branch
Moved to Wales with my husband and children to escape the rat race in 1990; previously a research assistant at the Open University, working on student demographics and with secondments to short course development. Varied background - laboratory work, Bucks County Council Social Services, training and research assistant, though originally trained as a farm secretary. Since moving to Wales initially worked in business administration, but now working part time as Estate Administrator for Lord Newborough at Rhug Estate at Corwen. Apart from looking after the Denbighshire branch of DOWHG, I am a trustee of the Edeyrnion Heritage & Cultural Society, Chair of the Edeyrnion Historical Society, and in any spare time researching local history of Llandrillo and my own family history.

***Margaret Dunn, M.Ed, (Wales); M Phil, (Sheffield); FSA.** DOWH Secretary
From a Llŷn family, although not fluent in Welsh; now living in Gwynedd; careers in education, including as a LEA Inspector for Physical & Outdoor Education, Religious & Multi-Cultural Education for nearly 20 years; 50 years' experience in Christian youth work; 40 years' experience of excavating, researching & lecturing on the archaeology & history of North Wales including researching several large estates; M. Phil research degree on early modern Llŷn; Director for 5 years of Plas Tan y Bwlch, the Snowdonia National Park Residential Centre; published booklets & book on historical aspects on north Wales; involved, often as a trustee or committee member, with many regional & local archaeology & history organisations; in 2005 established the forerunner of the community-based charity on "Discovering Old Welsh Houses" which now operates across north Wales.

Dr. Shaun Evans

Appointed 2017

Shaun is the Director of the Institute for the Study of Welsh Estates (ISWE), a research centre established at Bangor University to enhance both academic and public understanding of country houses and estates in Wales. This includes a portfolio of projects focusing on the historical impacts and influences of these places, especially in relation to the histories and cultures of Wales, its landscapes, identities and global connections, and a sustained effort to make use of this knowledge to make constructive contributions to efforts in the spheres of heritage interpretation, cultural tourism, the rural economy, built environment and visitor experience. His own research focuses on Welsh gentry culture, especially in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Shaun is originally from Tre-Mostyn in Flintshire. He undertook his undergraduate history degree at York, before completing a PhD on the Mostyn family and estate at Aberystwyth. In addition to his ISWE role he lectures in early modern history in Bangor's School of History, Philosophy and Social Sciences, is PI of an AHRC research project focusing on estate landscapes in Flintshire and Denbighshire and Chairs the North East Wales Heritage Forum. Updated 15/2/2021

***Gill. Jones**

Joint secretary for Conwy Branch; nominated Sept 2021
Cert. in Education; Dip. TESL; Adv. Dip. Special needs in Education. BA Design (illustration); MA Special Education. Primary school teacher; Special Education teacher (which included the use of computers and peripherals from the 1970s. Established & coordinated an Educational Service for Children with Special Needs. Educational advisor and OFSTED inspector. Open University tutor – Special Needs in Education.

Member of DOWH since 2011; secretary of the Conwy branch. I have completed, with help from other branch members: booklet: the Development of Education in Conwy Town (2014) and 29 house histories. Other publications: Article pub. by the Anglesea Antiquarians- The Spargo Family in Cornwell and N Wales (2020); Book: Llanddulas and Rhyd-y-Foel: the Story of Eighteen schools (2021); Book: The Old Houses of Llanddulas and Rhyd-y-Foel (2021).

Zoë Henderson

Zoë grew up on a farm in North Wales before attending Wye College, London University and then embarking on a career in business and marketing with The Dow Chemical Company. For the next 25 years, Zoë worked at a senior level in the UK, Europe and the United States in a variety of leadership roles in crop protection, seeds and biotechnology businesses. She went on to lead the strategic development and implementation of new biotechnology business in Europe for Dow involving organic growth alongside company acquisitions. In 2009 Zoë decided to return to North Wales where she is providing consultancy support to various agriculturally related projects as well as running a bespoke curtain and interiors business.

Zoë has served on a number of influential boards including the EuropaBio Agricultural Biotechnology Board and as Chairman of the Western Plant Health Association in the USA. Currently she is a Board member of the Potato Council. Zoë has wide and varied experience in leadership, marketing, new business and human resource development and has always played an active role in industry issues and representation. Interests are centred on horses, the countryside and old houses and their history. She is currently renovating her Elizabethan family farmhouse in North Wales.

***Peter Masters (Retired)** Webmaster & I.T, Secretary for Caernarfonshire branch
A time served apprentice with 35 years' experience in the motor trade, which included several years' service with large dealerships in both junior and senior management positions. I also spent several years teaching at adult education evening classes. As a parent I was involved with schools at all levels, school manager, governor, tutor rep.; I also attended many diverse education courses, mainly on history. We moved to Wales to become owners of a small hotel in 1998. I became an active member of the local trade & tourism organisation, being the treasurer for several years. Amateur archaeologist & founder member of a local history society I have been their secretary and webmaster for many years. I have interests in photography and researching family history. I have my own history website and produce / publish diverse articles with family and historical content. I also design and make scale model armour. An early adopter of Computers and technology When DOWH was founded, I offered my services as website designer / manager, a role I have enjoyed for several years.

***Ann Penelope Morgan (née Owen)** Joint Secretary for Conwy Branch
A Welsh speaking Gwynedd girl, whose great great grandfather was a Dolgellau gold miner, & whose great uncle was Bob Owen, Croesor. **Education:** London University-Diploma in Science & Education; Liverpool University – Diploma in Education & Home Economics. **Work History:** Teaching – ten years at Manchester & London' Technical Education – founder member of Dolgellau Technical College; Head of Dept, Bangor Technical College, Bangor, Teaching history for 17 years in Saudi Arabia & United Arab Emirates. **Lifelong interest:** Archaeology; set up Ras Al Khaimah museum UAE (advised by Beatrice de Cardi & Dr B Voght). Published "Uncovering the Sands of Time" archaeology of the Emirates. Worked alongside Dr S Jasim, MA, (Cantab) – Director of Archaeology. Sharjah. **Retirement:** Prof J Ll Williams lectures, Bangor University courses, Fishbourne training dig, Ten year GAT volunteer, Tai Penamnen dig, Dolwyddelen & DOWHG work.

Jane Parry-Evans Appointed June 2019
Inspired by summer holidays on the Lleyn and stories of former family homes, Jane has had a love of old Welsh houses from a very young age. A natural talent for Mathematics and problem-solving meant she followed a career in Technology rather than the Arts. Jane attended Rydal Penrhos in Colwyn Bay before gaining a First-class Honours degree in Mathematics from Bangor University. She supported projects introducing IT systems across a number of university departments before taking up the post of IT Manager for North Wales Housing Association. In 2008, Jane was made head of ICT for a council housing stock transfer, responsible for setting up its ICT infrastructure and building her own team. During this time, she was chair of the national user group for Capita's housing management systems. In 2018, Jane gave up full time work to spend more time at home with family and volunteering as a Trustee of the Snowdonia Society and a Committee Member for Historic Houses. Jane lives in a grade II* Snowdonia House and holiday lets its neighbouring barn. With fellow Trustee Gill Jones, she has recently traced her family's history and the Rhos Fynach Estate and fishing weirs back to 1500.

John Townsend, QPM Co-ordinator of the Parishes Project
John was a police officer in the Metropolitan Police for 34 years and retired as a Deputy Assistant Commissioner. He had a varied career including working for the

Cabinet Office, being on the staff of the Police Staff College as Assistant Commandant with responsibilities for senior police management training and the assessment of senior police officer. In the mid-1990s he was chair of a number of large IT projects and programme boards for the Met Police and the Home Office. After leaving the police he was a Home Office assessor for staff seeking senior posts in the police, prison and probation services. He has lived near Dolgellau for 14 years. He was Treasurer of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales for 3 years and the Merioneth Historical and Record Society for 18 months. He is currently a Trustee of Dolgellau Heritage and the Merioneth Beekeepers' Association; he is their Apiary Manager at Plas Tan y Bwlch. With his wife, Susan, he has renovated their late Snowdonia style house and helps run their smallholding.

***Terry P T Williams** Newsletter Editor; Appointed Sept 2019
B.A. Cambridge 1969, M.A. 1973. Lecturer/Analyst in Computing Laboratory of Mathematics Dept University College North Wales 1969-1973. Lecturer/Senior Analyst in Computing Laboratory UCNW 1974-1979. Lecturer/Senior Computing Dept University of Wales Bangor 1980-89. Lecturer/Senior Information Services Dept UWB 1990-98

Adequate private means made further employment superfluous so retired in 1999 to pursue scientific and local history interests including archives research and archaeological excavation. Member Anglesey Antiquarian Society; Member Cambrian Archaeological Association; Member British Astronomical Association. 15 publications in recognised journals.

Editor of the DOWH newsletter since December 2019.

M Dunn
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