

UPHILL VILLAGE SOCIETY TRUSTEE PROFILES

STEWART CASTLE - CHAIR

Stewart has lived in Uphill Village for over 25 years and has been a member of the village society throughout that time and is currently Chair. During his time with the society he oversaw the introduction of the popular Scarecrow Festival and Village Weekend linking the school and village fetes with the annual duck race and sandcastle festival. He brought the millennium beacon to the village and which now burns every New Year and on other national occasions. In addition he secured substantial Town Council funding for the benefit of the village and which greatly helped in meeting the cost of many enhancement projects. He edits the village magazine and currently leads on the World War 1 memorial project.

Throughout his time living in the village Stewart has served on the governing bodies of the Uphill Primary, Westhaven and Broadoak schools. He is a Trustee and secretary of the Village Hall.

He has three children who all attended the village school as did their mother, uncle, grandfather and great grandfather. His granddaughter now also attends as the fifth generation of the family at the school.

LEW HARTLEY – TREASURER

Lew was born in Fair Oak, Hampshire in 1941, where his family were evacuated until the end of the war when they returned to their home in Portsmouth. Having served in the Royal Air Force for six years, he worked as an administration and finance manager in Uganda, London, Taunton and Bristol until he retired in 2010.

With his wife Carol and their daughter Alice, Lew moved from London to Uphill in 1986 and commuted for six years. He joined the Society committee in May 1991 and served variously as committee member, treasurer and chairman (with a break from 1999 to 2002) up to the present day.

LEIGH MORRIS – SECRETARY

Leigh was born in Weston and has lived in Uphill since 1995. He is married to Tracy and they have four children.

Having spent over thirty years building up a business operating franchises in ANC Express and then FedEx UK, he sold the business in 2013. His current business interests are in the rental of commercial and residential property.

He is currently a Parent Governor and Deputy Safeguarding Governor at Broadoak Mathematics & Computing College. He has been Secretary and a Trustee of the Uphill Village Society since February 2015.

RICHARD ALLAM

Richard was born in Colchester and came to Uphill when his parents moved there in 1972.

He is an Electrical Engineer who has worked within the construction industry all of his working life having started as an apprentice for the local electrician in Uphill; since then he has worked his way up the ladder and now works on multi million pound projects around the South West.

He has two grown up sons, the eldest is Sidcot School's communication officer and the youngest is a freelance photographer and graphic designer working predominately from his home in London. He lives with his partner Linda in Links Road in the house where he spent most of his childhood. Having spent most of his life in Uphill, he is very passionate about a lot of the aspects that affect the village and has been involved with the Village Society for several years, taking up the mantle from his father Robert who was one of the founding members of the Village Society.

SUE ANDREWS

Sue has lived in Uphill for the last 11 years along with two of her four children and six of her ten grandchildren. Those six all attend or attended our local schools and she has throughout her time here maintained strong community links and involvement.

Sue has been a member of the Village Society throughout her time here and was past Chair of the Victory Hall Management Committee on which she still serves. An active member of the Uphill Horticultural Society both before and after its merger with the Village Society she now acts as Show Secretary for the annual village show. Sue is always to be found supporting local events most often in the provision of refreshments at the village markets.

SIMON DUFFILL

Simon has lived in Uphill for over 13 years and in the area since 1998, He is married to Emma and has two children who currently go to Uphill Community School.

He trained at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and the Royal Academy of Music and has been involved in theatre, music and the arts in the area for over 25 years. He is a professional Singer, Vocal Coach and runs his own business Vocal Media supporting creative professionals, from his studio at his home in Uphill.

He has been an active member of Weston Operatic Society and currently works closely with Sunshine Productions, a community theatre company based at the Blakehay Theatre in Weston.

He is also Vocal Consultant for New Generation Music near Bristol. Working with young aspiring artists.

He is a partner in Encore Pro Productions - who run the Rat Pack style band - The Swinging Rascals, a professional band who tour the UK and abroad.

He has worked in the UK, Europe and the US as a trainer in Presentation Skills, Body Language and Personal Branding for UKBodyTalk, for major blue chip companies.

He is an avid Mountain Biker, and can regularly be found covered in mud on the Mendip Hills.

CAROLE FISHER

Carole was born in Weston super Mare and attended two local schools, Milton and Worle. Having left school at the age of fifteen she went on to do an apprenticeship in ladies hairdressing.

Married to Alan since October 1964 they started married life living in Severn Road until February 1968 when they moved to Uphill village with their then 2 year old son Stephen. Two years after moving to Uphill they had a second child, Julia. Both children attended Uphill primary school and Broadoak secondary school. Having already given up hairdressing a few years previously Carole undertook voluntary work at Uphill primary school before becoming a lunchtime supervisor (aka dinner lady) in c1978. She has also done voluntary work for the League of Friends.

Carole and Alan have been members of the Village Society since its conception and Carole has been a committee member for many years and is now a Trustee. Her main roles to date have been varied, and include Village Society membership; trying to resolve the parking issues; road resurfacing problems and more recently the village enhancement scheme. Carole regularly has a table at the Market where local books can be bought, and hopefully sign up prospective new members.

MARIE KEELE

Marie came to live in Uphill Village in 1982 and attended both Uphill Primary & Broadoak Schools. On leaving Broadoak she studied a full time BTEC National Diploma in Media Studies at Bridgwater College. Marie then joined the team at British Car Auctions Bridgwater working in the administration department as an Account Controller and trained as an auctioneer.

During this time Marie also studied for an RSA Certificate in Teaching Exercise to music and immediately started two classes in Bleadon. After living for a short while in Rooksbridge, Marie returned to Uphill and her daughter Ellie attended Uphill Primary and is now at Broadoak school.

On returning to the village Marie has developed her business. 'Premier Venues' is a corporate venue finding agency which sources suitable venues in the UK, Ireland & Europe for Conferences, Training, Corporate Hospitality, Accommodation etc. Alongside her business Marie continues to teach Exercise To Music at her two classes in Bleadon Village (a total of 16 years to date), by request she now teaches 'Dance FUNtastic' on another evening in Uphill Village. To complete the exercise theme she demonstrates gentle exercise to music with the elderly in Nursing & Residential homes in Weston Super Mare.

Socially Marie's main interests are village events in particular the School & Village fete held annually and various other events held throughout the year. Her objective is to encourage youngsters to be involved in these activities, thereby hopefully securing the future of the community interest in the village of Uphill.

DELYTH LLOYD-EVANS

Delyth has lived in Uphill with her family since 2005. She and her husband Phil are active members of the community, most notably with the Duck Race, Village Fete, Carols around the village and other events and raises money for Macmillan. Delyth has extensive Board level experience in the Private and Public Sector. She is a strategic thinker and leader specialising in performance improvement, transformational change, and business coaching. She addresses issues with integrity, business focus and respect. She is committed to partnership working engaging regularly locally and more widely. Her passion is to enable individuals and organisations to deliver high quality services, add value to the business; social value to the community and deliver creative and sustainable improvements.

Her portfolio career includes Non-Executive, Executive and voluntary positions. Currently working with and advising individuals and organisations nationally and locally on introducing and sustaining successful strategic and commercial strategies. She is the founding Chair of a large Community Interest Company in the South

West, owns a successful property Development Company; Chair of the North Somerset Governors' Association; Deputy Chair North Somerset Adult Safeguarding Board and a Trustee of Uphill Village Charity. Her previous roles include Chair of a large Housing Association in the South West; Director Skills Council (UK and Ireland); Non-Executive Health Commissioner; Director of Integration; Children's Services Ambassador (London), Director for Independent Sector Development for the Department of Health and Vice Chair of Broadoak College Academy

SUE MARSHALL

Sue Marshall moved to Uphill in December 2009 following a career of thirty years with Service Children's Schools in Germany. She served as a teacher, adviser and headteacher during her career and still maintains her interest in supporting young people being chair of governors at a North Somerset primary school and a governor at a local secondary school.

Sue believes it is important to contribute to the community and has in the past served on many sports club committees as well as taking on the roles of Garrison Mess secretary, civilian mess president and entertainments member. These experiences have served her well when taking on the role of trustee within Uphill Village Society where she is currently responsible for assembling the agenda and producing the minutes for the monthly committee meetings and the trustees meetings.

Sue is also a volunteer for the Churches Conservation Trust where she has joined a group of local people who open Old St Nicholas's Church during the summer so that Uphill residents and visitors can enjoy learning more about our heritage. She was part of the very small group who organised the recent 'Carols by Candlelight' event at the church. Sue enjoys being back in England and especially enjoys living in Uphill with its active and supportive community.