



## **Annual General Meeting 2021**

### **List of Proposed Trustees**

#### **Mike Beazley**

Mike is the MHS's Hon Treasurer. He served in the Army for 35 years. He then worked for a national charity and finally, part-time, as an assessor of charities for the Charities Commission. He has been involved in charity grant-making and trusteeship for many years. He has a MA in Financial Management and an ACCA Diploma and has been treasurer of several charities and independent assessor of others. He is a keen amateur medieval historian and re-enactor, which he employs as part of the MHS's schools programme, and he is a Ludlow town tour guide.

#### **John Fleming**

John was born and educated in the United States. He had a successful 24-year career in banking before retiring in 2008. He received an MA in Medieval History from King's College London, graduating with Distinction in 2010. John has been involved in the MHS Essay Prize from the beginning and he is currently working on *The Welsh Marcher Lordships II: The South-west*, which is due for publication in 2022. He lives in Sevenoaks in Kent.

#### **Lesley Frith**

Lesley has been interested in medieval history since primary school. After a career in the NHS, working as a Community Paediatrician involved in assessment and support for children with neurodevelopmental problems, she has now retired. This allows her time to become more involved with the MHS, supporting the organisation of events, conferences and the schools' programme.

#### **Annie Garthwaite**

Annie enjoyed a thirty-year career in business before changing career to write full time. Her debut novel, *CECILY* was published by Penguin in July 2021 and reflects her lifelong interest in fifteenth century history, the Wars of the Roses and, in particular, the House of York. Annie is the editor of *Mortimer Matters*, the Society's quarterly magazine.

### **Elizabeth Holley**

Elizabeth taught in two Colleges of Further Education before training to be a political agent. She was the Agent for a Surrey constituency before taking an executive post in the party's headquarters. Her role was to interview Members of Parliament in order to write newsletters on political matters of importance to expatriates, to support expatriates where necessary and facilitate visits by politicians to supporters' societies overseas. Finally, Elizabeth and her husband set up a company which trained business executives and other professionals in communication skills. She has been leading a project to set up Mortimer Trail information boards for the public outside buildings with significant Mortimer connections and is taking over responsibility for the books and merchandise.

### **Philip Hume**

Philip is the secretary of the Society and has a lead role in organising the programme of events and conferences, the work with schools, and the Society's annual essay prize. During his career, Philip worked in the voluntary and community sector for a number of years. Subsequently, his roles in local government included development advice and support to voluntary organisations before becoming head of a service responsible for corporate policy and governance. Philip is the author of *On the Trail of the Mortimers* and *The Welsh Marcher Lordships I: Central and North* (both published by Logaston Press).

### **Angela Iliff**

Much of my working life was spent in Australia, always in the area of administration. I worked in a variety of roles from being the youngest female account executive in an Australian advertising agency to organising and coordinating fundraising events; managing the day-to-day running and the maintenance of the financial records of a fish factory. On returning to the UK in 2003 I joined the Soil Association. Since my retirement as their governance administrator, I have been able to indulge my lifelong interest in medieval history with a particular interest in the lives of women of that period, closely followed by an interest in costume and textiles. I have been Membership Secretary of the Mortimer History Society since September 2019 and am also a member of the Richard III Society and the Hon Treasurer of one of their branches.

## **Yve James**

After a career in teaching, ending at headship level, Yve took over general management of the engineering company her husband had started. This continued until they successfully sold the business at their retirement.

Yve has served as an officer on several charity committees and belonged to a study group in Shrewsbury, transcribing and translating medieval Latin manor court documents; she was also a member of an Anglo-Saxon group which met at Keele University.

At present, Yve is the co-ordinator for the Society's Research Group, and also prints and mails Mortimer Matters etc to members who have no internet access. In addition to her long-standing involvement in the MHS, Yve has been involved in a number of organisations (though many were shelved due to her late husband's ill-health): Herefordshire Family History Society (Chairman); National Burial Indexing Project for Herefordshire (co-ordinator); Kimbolton Millennium Book (editor-in-chief); Kimbolton Parish Plan (production sub-group member); and, in addition, produced the monthly Parish Magazine for 25 years.

## **Clive Jupp**

Clive spent 22 years in the Banking Sector operating and supporting IT Systems. For the past 25 years he has worked as a Systems Engineer for QinetiQ (formerly the Defence Evaluation & Research Agency). History, medieval in particular, has been a passion since his early years. Clive was treasurer of the MHS for a number of years, and as retirement beckons he aims to become more involved in helping to run the MHS as an enthusiastic amateur.

## **Kirsten Lawton-Smith**

Kirsten has a career background in interior design. She returned to education, completing a Masters in Medieval Studies at Birmingham University a few years ago. She currently works for the Landmark Trust. She is writing the third volume of the Marcher Lordship Series for Logaston Press, due to be published in 2023. She is a member of the Programme Committee that organises the programme of events, designing all the event publicity for the society and runs the MHS Twitter account alongside Paul Dryburgh. Kirsten is also part of the editorial team for Mortimer Matters as well as contributing articles and reviews.

## **Hugh Wood**

Recently elected Chair of the Society, Hugh was a founder member of the Society; he has held the positions of Treasurer and Membership Secretary and he produced *Mortimer Matters* for several years. He is quite inordinately proud of having learnt Wordpress and created the Society's website. Hugh spent the first 26 years of his career in education, including roles in teacher training as a Senior Lecturer in Mathematics, and subsequently as the Principal of a community college. He then established *Cambridge Career Consultants*, a company offering a range services to both organisations and individuals, including training, recruitment, assessment, career guidance and redundancy support. Moving to Ludlow in 2003, he became interested in local history and is a guide at St Laurence's church.