
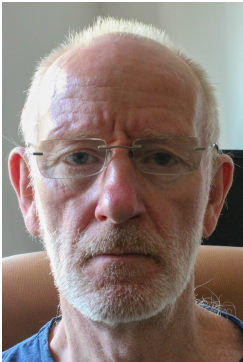


Hampshire Genealogical Society

52nd Annual General Meeting – 19th May 2026

Members Standing for Election and Re-Election as a Trustee / Executive Committee Member

	<p>Steve Earle – Trustee / Treasurer</p> <p>Steve worked for more than 25 years as a documentation and training consultant, specialising in finance-based computer systems, before retiring in 2024. For much of that time he was self-employed, also managing his own accounts.</p> <p>He developed an interest in genealogy in 2002 when the 1901 Census first became available online. What began with finding his grandparents quickly led to the discovery of his great-aunt's emigration to Canada as a British Home Child. Many of Steve's ancestors were based in Hampshire, particularly around the Portsmouth area, although some branches moved away before later returning.</p> <p>He has been a member of HGS for several years and, since retiring, has also helped on the bookstall.</p> <p>Steve now lives in north-east Hampshire.</p>
	<p>Forbes Johnston – Trustee / Secretary</p> <p>Forbes is a Chartered Civil Engineer who worked for a local authority in Scotland before relocating to Hampshire to work as a Management Consultant for an International Engineering Consultancy, advising Governments and International Financial Institutions on asset management, funding and other transport matters.</p> <p>Forbes's interest in Genealogy began 20 years ago when he was under pressure to buy a kilt. In Scotland, the tartan used is supposed to reflect your heritage. He knew his paternal grandfather was illegitimate, the Johnston surname came from the family that adopted him, and he set out to find his great-grandfather. It took nearly 20 years of tree building and research plus triangulation of DNA matches to finally identify his great-grandfather in 2024.</p> <p>He joined HGS in 2024 to help others with their family trees. Forbes is a regular on the Help Desk at the Hampshire Archive and in late 2024 took on the role of Sales Manager. Forbes is also a member of the Media Group.</p> <p>Forbes was appointed as a Trustee in June 2025.</p>



Terry Gilmour – Trustee

Terry is retired and former Head of Architecture and Engineering for a local council. He also served for fifteen years as a Magistrate in Southampton.

A founder member of the Hampshire Genealogical Society, he has been interested in family history since 1970. Terry has been Group Organiser of the Andover Group and is currently a member of the committee running the group.

Terry was appointed as Membership Secretary in June 2023.



Jane Painter – Trustee / Vice-Chair

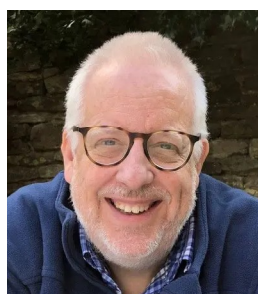
Jane joined HGS in 2008, at the same time as leaving a career in the support of software solutions for international financial institutions.

She is the Group Organiser of the HGS Fareham Group, a member of the Media Group, administrator of the Group information on the Society website, and assistant to the Bookstall Manager.

Inspired by a chance visit to Titchfield, and finding an ancestor's grave, Jane researches her own family history, friends' families, random interesting people... To her, family history is about investigating all aspects of an ancestor – *where did they live? what was their occupation? what was going on in their village?*

Jane is very involved with the Wickham History Society, researching local families, including those on the local war memorial, houses, and events. Her current personal project is researching the Hampshire County Lunatic Asylum, looking at the history of the institution, the staff, and the patients, many of whom have tragic stories.



Jane was appointed as a Trustee in 2023.



Reverend James Pitkin - Trustee

James Pitkin is a parish priest living in Hampshire, looking after 6 rural churches. He came to Hampshire in 1999, after 20 years an Engineering Officer in the Royal Air Force. His interest in Family History started with a One Name Study, which he still maintains. Wherever he has been interested in local history, which complements family history research.

As a member of local history societies for 30 years he has now settled in Hampshire and wants to offer something back to Hampshire Genealogical Society (HGS). James has now stepped back from roles as National Chaplain to the RAF Air Cadets, and as a member of the General Synod of the Church of England. He hopes that this will free up some time to work in the HGS, although, he continues as a full-time Vicar.

	<p>Owen Rowe - Trustee</p> <p>Owen started his working life in the Scientific Civil Service, becoming a programmer. He then attained a degree and retrained to become a Primary School Teacher. He now is working back in the Civil Service as a Business Analyst and he even worked on our last Census in 2021.</p> <p>He became interested in family history in 2020, taking up the mantle from his father, and soon became hooked.</p> <p>He has been an active member of HGS since early 2024 and was appointed as a Trustee in June 2025.</p>
	<p>Ann-Marie Shearer – Trustee</p> <p>Ann-Marie has always enjoyed history and read History and American Studies at university. After graduation she decided to train as a Chartered Accountant, working firstly in practice as an auditor and then in industry as the Company Accountant with a local business.</p> <p>She became seriously interested in genealogy over twenty years ago and joined Hampshire Genealogical Society to benefit from the expertise available, although she has yet to find any Hampshire ancestors. Following her retirement, she volunteered to act as Treasurer for HGS.</p> <p>Although Ann-Marie resigned as Treasurer in June 2024, she remains a Trustee and continues to provide support on the Society’s finances.</p>
	<p>Susan Stannard – Trustee</p> <p>Sue worked as a nurse in the NHS for 28 years, both in psychiatric and general nursing. Prior to this she trained as a teacher specialising in History and English. Her interest in family history was sparked at Teacher Training College when she was lucky enough to interview some elderly relatives to assist in drawing up her first family tree.</p> <p>Sue joined HGS in 2003 after her Mum’s death rekindled her interest in family history. In 2021 Sue became a volunteer on the HGS help desk at Hampshire Archives. She has been instrumental in the initiative to set up Family History Support Groups in Libraries and now co-runs the Family History Club, open to both HGS members and non-members, which meets in Fareham Library.</p> <p>Sue was appointed as a Trustee in June 2023 and currently holds the role of Office Manager.</p>



Keith Turner – Trustee

Keith works as a Chartered Civil Engineer specialising in bridges and became interested in family history in the 1980s when his children were born.

He became a co-organiser of the HGS Fair Oak Group in 2008 and is the HGS Surname Interest Coordinator. He has been an HGS executive committee member since 2012.

John Walker - Trustee

John is an experienced governance and committee member with a long record of service in national and international membership organisations. He served in senior elected roles within the Federation of Small Businesses, including Policy Chairman (2001–2010) and National Chairman (2010–2013). Since 1998 he has been a director of the *European Small Business Alliance*

John joined HGS in 2022, and his genealogical research spans Morayshire, the Scottish Borders, Hexham, Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. His Hampshire connections centre on Portsmouth, Southampton, Lee-on-the-Solent and Hamble, through the Walker, Way and Banks families.



Angela Winteridge - Trustee

Angela trained as a secretary and worked in the pharmaceutical industry and for fresh produce importers before joining Solent University in 2005 where she now works as a Placements Officer in the Department of Social Sciences & Nursing.

Angela started researching her family history in the mid-1980s and joined HGS in 1994. She became Co-Group Organiser for Fair Oak Group with Keith Turner in 2008 and has been a member of the Executive Committee since 2012.



Gustavo Mariath Zeidan – Trustee

Gustavo is a dedicated genealogist whose family lineage (Mariath) traces back to the village of Ellisfield in Hampshire. His family, then called Merriatt (also known as Merritt and Meriot), lived there for hundreds of years before one of his ancestors was forced into the service of the East India Company and ended up in Rio de Janeiro. Being always curious about his origins as a kid, and growing up abroad, Gustavo took an interest in family history. He coincidentally moved to Hampshire nearly 20 years ago to work for Visa, only to discover later that many of his ancestors lived in a farm just a few miles away from his house. In his quest for answers, Gustavo came across HGS, receiving a wealth of

	<p>information on local records.</p> <p>When not engaged in family research and general family life, Gustavo spends his time working as Chief Information Security Officer for Sage Group and advocating for better cyber security support for small and medium size businesses. He has experience operating in senior leadership positions (mostly in technology) across multiple cultures, serving both small businesses and large enterprises, has been a member of HGS since 2018, and is eager to use his business and governance skills to support such a valuable organisation.</p>
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Notes:

Steve Earle’s nomination has been Proposed by Debbie Painter and Seconded by Forbes Johnston.

James Pitkin’s nomination has been Proposed by Kay Lovell and Seconded by Forbes Johnston.

John Walker’s nomination has been Proposed by Forbes Johnston and Seconded by Jane Painter.

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