

Doorway Wiltshire Ltd AGM

Election of Board of Directors (Trustees)

Wednesday 18th November 2015

Retiring from the board by rotation, and eligible for re-election:

Hilary Dewar: Originally from Yorkshire, Hilary studied music at Birmingham University, then joined Lucas Industries as a management services trainee. This was the start of a thirty-year career in IT working for a number of major manufacturing and financial services companies, and later as a freelance consultant.

Practical music continued to be a major spare time activity, and further study on the viola led to an LTCL teaching diploma. For a number of years Hilary combined IT contract work with private music teaching and freelance viola-playing in the West Midlands, and later in North Yorkshire, where she was able to work from her home on the edge of the moors.

After a short period living in rural North East Cumbria, where she enjoyed exploring the fells of the Lake District and the Scottish Borders, Hilary moved to Chippenham in 2009.

She continues to teach violin and viola, plays in a regular string quartet and also enjoys singing in local choirs.

Hilary joined the board in 2011 and has played a very active role in background activities during her time as a trustee. Hilary took on the fundraising role in 2012 on a voluntary basis and has achieved some excellent results with grant and trust applications.

Miriam Nicholls: Miriam has an Open University degree in Social Sciences, has lived in Wiltshire for over 30 years and enjoyed volunteering for Doorway since 2004.

Miriam has done lots of voluntary work, as paid work would have been difficult with 4 small sons. It also meant that she could concentrate on things that she is passionate about and gave her the opportunity to meet people that she could enjoy working with.

Before moving here Miriam worked with CAB (38 years total!), Samaritans, helped to set up a house for single mothers for Oxford Diocese, (and was DC of a Pony Club!).

During the Wiltshire years Miriam has been an active member of her church (especially outreach) and chaired Develop, Housing Action for the Young, Malmesbury Link, Wiltshire Advocacy Project, Carers Support and Oaksey Youth Club.

Miriam has also been involved in about 8 other organisations and now enjoys reading with 5 and 6 year old children in 3 schools. Maybe the most unusual thing she has been asked to do were acting as lay chair of the County Council Social Services Review Panel hearing users' complaints and interviewing people as a lay assessor for Bristol Diocese, who were considering ordination

For relaxation Miriam enjoys painting, gardening, cooking, walking and being a granny – and lots of Sudoku and Codeword when she needs to sit down!

Miriam joined the Board in 2010

Co-opted to the Board and proposed for election:

Mark Barnett: Mark was born in 1964 in Oxford and left school to embark on a varied career. After working in Natwest Bank he embarked upon a business career in Purchasing and Logistics. Starting in janitorial – purchasing toilet rolls and black bags, moving to working as a production manager for a colostomy bag manufacturer, a commercial manager for a nursing aids company and finally as a commercial manager for a lingerie importer. He then moved to Wiltshire in 1996 as a Project Manager for the local schools and care home supplier, The Consortium in Trowbridge.

17 years later he was an owner and Director of this successful organisation and the business was sold to a national PLC.

Whilst in this role Mark had volunteered and sat on the UK Board for the United Nations Global Compact, and chaired the local Mid Wiltshire Economic Partnership organization.

For the three years since 2013, Mark has been a Board Member of the Swindon and Wiltshire Local Economic Partnership and has spent a good amount of time with his wife Melanie and their 4 children. He recently completed a Lands End to John O’Groats cycle ride with his eldest son and looks forward to the challenges that Doorway brings.

Other Trustees not retiring by rotation this year:

Helen Barbrook: Helen has lived in Chippenham since 1996. She has worked in the housing sector for 30 + years; originally in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets as a volunteer for the housing co-operative she lived in and then went into housing management for the local council.

Helen then went on to work in South Wales, Devon and then Chippenham for councils, a development co-operative and finally GreenSquare Housing Group. Her main interest in housing has been developing community based projects such as employment, youth and health projects; training residents and ensuring they have a voice in how their homes are managed. Helen currently works for Age UK based in Devizes, managing the befriending service.

Helen has a degree in Housing and Development from the University of the West of England, completed in 1992, and became a Corporate member of the Royal Institute of Housing in 1994. She has a partner who grows lots of veg, 3 cats and a horse which gives her plenty of exercise and fresh air whatever the weather.

Helen joined the Board in 2014.

Jeremy Bray: Jeremy was born in 1940 in Bristol, and educated at Merrywood Grammar School, Bristol and Manchester University. He has worked as a Church of England priest in various parishes mainly in Bristol. Parish ministry has given him a keen sense of the difficulties of homeless people and he has been a long term supporter of Shelter.

In the 1980’s Jeremy was the vicar of St Peter’s in Chippenham for some ten years. It was during this time that he became associated with HAY – an organisation which was set up to help provide housing for young people. Back in a Bristol parish in the 1990s, Jeremy and his wife Vicki helped to support the Julian House night shelter founded by Meg Grimes. Meg’s energy and optimism brought hope and opportunity to so many people.

Jeremy retired to Chippenham in 2004, and it wasn’t long before Vicki volunteered as a Doorway cook, and he was volunteered as cook’s chauffeur.

Jeremy is very happy to work as a Trustee in any way in which he can be useful.

Jeremy joined the Board in 2013.

Frances Critchlow: After studying Psychology at the University of Wales, Frances worked for Hewlett- Packard; starting in Bracknell, and stopping off in Germany, Australia and the US before returning in 1999 to do a master's degree in Marketing Management at the University of Surrey, Guildford. Subsequent roles have been European Marketing Manager, Head of Marketing, Head of Sales & Marketing and more recently Commercial Director.

Born in Wiltshire and returning to the county in 2011, Frances wants to contribute to her local community and in particular support people who 'fall through the gaps' of the social welfare system. She is also a keen supporter of The Dogs Trust and Bath Dogs & Cats Home (where her 15 year old cat Parker came from).

Frances joined the Board in 2014.

Andrew Poole (Treasurer): Originally from South Wales, and after studying and working in London for many years, Andrew and his wife decided to move to the West Country and settled in the Chippenham area in 1991. Andrew has a degree in Business Studies and is a qualified Accountant. During his working career he has worked in a number of industrial sectors including logistics, pharmaceuticals and energy.

In addition to being a Trustee for Doorway, Andrew is also a school governor of a primary school in Calne, and Trustee and assistant Treasurer of Chippenham Link Mobility.

Andrew is married with three children and his partner is also an Accountant who works for a company which operates in the environmental sector.

Andrew hopes that being involved with Doorway will allow him to use the skills he has developed over the years to the advantage of others who could benefit from his assistance.

Andrew joined the Board in 2014.

Emma Sambrook (Chair): Emma is Director of Fundraising at Hft, a charity that supports adults with learning disabilities. She joined them from the University of the West of England in Bristol where she was Director of Development and Alumni Relations, having set up the department.

This was the latest role in a career working within charities as a fundraiser and senior manager. Her experience ranges from being the Chief Executive of KidsOut, a charity working with disadvantaged and disabled children and young people to working at New Philanthropy Capital in the city of London advising wealthy individuals about investing in charitable causes (their preferred term for a donation).

Emma enjoys keeping her voluntary sector knowledge up to date and is happy that her skills allow her to support Doorway. When she's not working, Emma can be found in the garden, out jogging or on the sofa supporting Wales play rugby.

Emma joined the Board in 2014.