

## **UPHILL VILLAGE SOCIETY TRUSTEE PROFILES**

### **STEWART CASTLE - CHAIR**

Stewart has lived in Uphill Village for over 29 years and has been a member of the village society throughout that time and is currently Chair. During his time with the society, he has overseen 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 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(now Academy) , Westhaven and Broadoak schools. 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.

### **BECKY CARDWELL - TREASURER**

Becky was born and raised in Weston, attending Wyvern Secondary School and Weston Sixth Form College.

After successfully completing her A Levels, Becky started an apprenticeship in Accounting and has worked in various finance and accounting roles over the last ten years. Becky currently works as a management accountant for an insurance company.

Becky moved to Uphill in 2015 with her husband and they now raise a young family.

### **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 has previously served as Vice Chair on the governing body for Broadoak Mathematics & Computing College. He has been Secretary and a Trustee of the Uphill Village Society since February 2015.

### **JACQUI CUTHBERT**

Jacqui was born on the Wirral and lived "up North" until the late 1980's. Jacqui moved to Uphill in early 2021 and has lived in Weston super Mare, Bristol and other locations around the South West & East prior to this.

Jacqui moved to Uphill with her husband Peter, two children and one dog - the dog is her favourite. After a career in financial services Jacqui moved into the Voluntary, Community & Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector in 2008. This has included managing a social enterprise for a large national children's charity, operational management of a local Council for the Voluntary Sector and currently as an Associate Director for a national, condition specific charity - the Stroke Association.

Jacqui was the guide leader at Banwell Guides until 2016 and has also volunteered at a local charity that supported those affected by domestic abuse.

### **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.

### **CAROL HARTLEY**

Carol was brought up on a farm just outside Weston, educated and trained as a secretary locally and has lived in Uphill since she and her husband, Lew, moved here from London 35 years ago with their daughter Alice.

Carol has a long association with Uphill's St. Nicholas Church Pre-School, becoming its Treasurer and then volunteering to work with the children when her son Edward started at the Pre-School. In 1993 she joined the staff while studying for her Level 3 Childcare qualification at Bridgwater College. In 2000, at very short notice, Carol took over as Leader of the Pre-School and remained so until she retired in 2015.

Currently Carol is the Victory Hall Bookings Secretary and also helps with the weekly Pop Up Café and at the monthly Village Market.

### **LEW HARTLEY**

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 has served as committee member, treasurer and chairman (with a break from 1999 to 2002) up to the present day.

### **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 & 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 20 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.

### **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 chairs the academy council at the local secondary academy.

Sue believes that 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 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. She also helps admin the society's Facebook page.

Sue is also a volunteer with the Churches Conservation Trust where she has joined a group of local volunteers who open Old St Nicholas Church during the summer months so that Uphill residents and visitors can enjoy learning more about our heritage. She co-ordinates the 'Carols by Candlelight' event at the old church whenever possible as well as contributing to several other events and running the St Nicholas on the Hill Facebook page. Having recently become a novice bell ringer she has enjoyed contributing to the local band in Uphill and ringing for special occasions at the old church.