

# AGM 2020 ELECTIONS - COUNCIL MEMBERS

**RETIRED:** The following members of the Council decided to retire, and we thank them for their contribution:

- **Mr Keith Grinstead**
- **Mr Robert Foster**

**RE-ELECTION:** In accordance with our Articles, members of the Council retiring and offering themselves for re-election this year are:

- **Mr Paul Brewerton**
- **Mr Jim Lunn**

**ELECTION:** New members of the Council offer themselves for election in accordance with our Articles. They are:

**- Mr Richard Kearton**

A Sudbury resident I am passionate about the preservation and utilisation of the River Stour, its enjoyment and navigation by all. I am a qualified river boat crew member and skipper with commercial and public sector experience as a non-executive director, Chair and Board member. My aim is to uphold the values of the Trust and its membership whilst providing good governance contribution and direction to the Council. The viability, financial solvency and continued prosperity of the Trust is of prime concern to my ongoing membership as well as the awareness and value given to the community we serve.

**- Mr Stephen Durham**

I have been a health and safety professional for over thirty years, with the last fourteen at Trinity House. I've been a member of RST since 2018. I have qualified as a skipper and I'm a member of the DVB committee and regularly help with maintenance work. I have adopted DVB's H&S requirements and, as a co-opted Trustee, also advise Council on H&S matters. I'm a qualified skills assessor and can help with various training courses. Next year will be a challenge as we try to balance pandemic risks with our activities; ensuring the safety of volunteers and the public; and maintain financial stability. I stand for election as I am committed to assist RST in its objectives and build on the existing foundations to ensure its future.

**- Mrs Jane Rogers**

I have been a member of the Trust for several years, and have contributed in a number of roles over this time. Some of you may have seen me bankside at Flatford, or in the tea room at the Granary, or even in the office during Cat's maternity leave. My service has also included two spells as a Trustee, and time as Company Secretary. S2C has been a particular favourite, even if not actually on the river. I hope that this experience, together with skills learned in my working life, will enable me to be a useful team member of Council and the Trust as a whole.

**- Mr James Parkinson**

I have been a member of the Trust since 2011. I am a Skipper for the boats, Harbour Master and help with general maintenance at our sites (Granary, VEC, Cattawade, the locks and other riverside locations), help with school visits, help with the weedcutting on the river. I was involved with Stratford St Mary Lock Restoration.