# Nominees for election to the DVS Committee at the 2019 AGM

### Tina Elizabeth Gage

I was born in Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire and grew up in Hertfordshire where I went to Grammar  School. After leaving school I lived for some time in Majorca before moving back to Wimbledon for two years and then Birmingham and, finally, settling in Sheffield in 1991.

Since moving to Sheffield with my husband’s job I have always tried to become involved with the community. Whilst living in Dronfield in 1991 I returned to further education and qualified as a fitness instructor and opened my own gym which I built up from scratch to a thriving business and some three years later sold to my business partner./

With my husband we purchased the Angel Inn at Holmesfield and built it up into a very busy gastro pub which we sold in 2002. I then moved to Dore with my two sons

and took over the Devonshire Arms which I built up into a very busy pub and a hub for a variety of community activities. During this time I also owned the Dore Cafe on High Street.

I still live in Dore and believe very strongly in the community spirit that exists here. I can’t think of a better place to have brought up my sons, and now my two granddaughters also enjoy the benefits of living in a village community.

I can’t think of a more powerful reason to remain involved in working hard to keep the village community alive and doing the best for everyone that is lucky enough to enjoy the village life.

### Margaret Peart

I am the Principal of First Steps Nursery School which has been based in Dore Old School since 1989.

Originally from North Wales, I moved with my family to ‘downhill’ Dore (Vernon Road) in 1981 when my husband was relocated to Sheffield with the Manpower Services Commission. Previously I had worked as a welfare officer at an employment rehabilitation centre in Surrey and as an advice worker with the Citizens’ Advice Bureau. Once settled in Sheffield, I continued working at the CAB while looking after a young daughter and was also Secretary of Sheffield Free Legal Information Service.

in 1982 Lynne Stuart and I started *Holiday Fun*, a programme of activities for school-age children: everything from abseiling to water sports as well as art, crafts, music, history and day trips. In 1989 we opened First Steps Nursery School to provide high-quality early years education in the village, working together until Lynne died in 2008. Nowadays, the nursery school team of early years teachers and practitioners is welcoming back children of past pupils.

I have a keen interest in the creative arts. I am a member of Sheffield Oratorio Chorus and a regular at Opera North in Leeds. I was a member of the organising committee of the Dore Millennium Play in 2002, a community project which attracted Local Heritage Initiative Funding and told the story of Dore’s history through a series of playlets written by playwright Caroline Small. One way or another, about 1000 people were involved in the project, either as performers, helpers, audience members and the age range of those contributing was from 4 to 91 years! One outcome of the project was the establishment of the Dore Oral History group which still continues to record the memories of those who have lived and worked in Dore.

Recently I have become involved in the campaign to prevent the unnecessary felling of Sheffield street trees and I was one of the organisers of the 2018 Sheffield Tree Festival. This was a day of reflection and celebration with tree and bird walks, music, art, writers and expert discussions.

I enjoy walking and learning more about all aspects of the natural world. During the spring, early on Sunday mornings, I and friends may be seen recording the numbers and species of birds that can be found on streets in ‘downhill’ Dore. I am keen to ensure that the natural environment in Dore is protected and that young and old are given the opportunity to learn more about the trees, plants and wildlife on our doorsteps. As someone said recently: if you want to save the world, start in your own back yard.

Along the way I have picked up a degree in psychology from the Open University and I’m currently finding out how hard watercolour painting is.

### Janet Ridler

I was Born in Sheffield and educated at Sheffield University, I am passionate about our city’s rich and diverse history and heritage. A former head of department in a secondary school, I now work in heritage education and interpretation and have successfully engaged new audiences with the history and heritage of some of Sheffield’s most significant historic sites and buildings, such as Sheffield Cathedral and Sheffield General Cemetery.

I am a trustee of Sheffield Civic Trust and co-ordinate Sheffield’s city-wide programme of Heritage Open Days as part of the national festival. I have organised and delivered several large-scale public engagement heritage events in the city. I am also a trustee of the Castlegate Preservation Society and a Director of the Gardeners Rest, a community-owned pub in Neepsend.

During the time our two children were at Dore Primary School I was a parent governor and also chair of the Dore Parents’ Association for several years. In 2002 I directed one of the trio of Dore Millennium Plays ‘Ecgbert and Beyond’, an ambitious and very successful creative project which involved working with many adults and children from our local community.

I was co-opted to the DVS committee in 2018 to take over curating the archives and my aim is to develop a wider awareness in our community of our rich history and heritage. If elected to the committee this year I will continue to develop a wide range of heritage-themed public events and activities for all ages to educate, inform and connect Dore residents more closely with the place where they live.

### Colin Robinson

Born and educated in Barnsley at the Grammar School, I lived in Barnsley until I was 18 and then moved to Sheffield, where I studied to be a Cost and Works accountant (as it was called then) working at WA Tyzack on Eyre Street. I stayed there for eight years whilst passing my accountancy exams, and immediately followed this up by taking the Chartered Institute of Company Secretaries qualification.

During this time I married my wife Jenny and we had two daughters. I obtained a job at BOC near Rotherham, and after a year we moved to Glasgow with them. During the last two years of my five years in Glasgow, BOC went through a phase of swapping people around, and I became the Buyer. We had a son born whilst in Scotland.

I then moved back into accounting to a post at Michelle Bearings, part of the Vickers group in Newcastle-upon-Tyne. I continued to be a Finance Director for the next 21 years, four more years at Vickers, four years in the pharmaceutical industry, six years in Knaresborough at a thermoplastic bearings manufacturer, and finally seven years in road haulage in Leeds.

Since 1990 we have lived in Dore, and in the mid-90's I became self-employed in a consulting role. I retired in 2003 which is when we bought our motorhome.

I was appointed Treasurer for DVS in late 2015, and during this time I have introduced emailing to the invoicing and debt chasing procedures, saving both time and money.

### Keith Shaw

After graduating in chemistry from the University of London I taught in London for six years before moving to Sheffield to lecture at what is now Sheffield Hallam University, dividing my time between the chemistry and education departments. While there I established a Centre for Science Education which has become a world-renowned centre of excellence, and a centre for educational uses of computers. Consultancy work for industry led me leave the university and start an e-learning company, which I ran for 16 years before leaving to become a freelance consultant to Government departments and agencies, advising on educational uses of the Internet. I am now retired.

I moved to Dore in 1998 and was immediately struck by the vibrancy of the village and the sense of community, as well as the work of the DVS.

After making tentative enquiries about the need for a DVS website I was co-opted onto the DVS committee in June 2009 to develop and maintain the website, and to develop wider uses of IT and the Internet to support the work of DVS.

I was elected as a committee member and trustee in 2010, and as chairman in June 2014. I was also a founder member of the Dore Garden Club and have previously been co-organiser of Dore Open Gardens and chairman of the Dore Show committee.