

## NEW TRUSTEE OVERVIEW

### RUTH SHANN : CHAIR



Ruth is currently Head of Operations at West & North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce, in charge of operations, FM, marketing/Communications and member services. She is an experienced operations manager and Company Director. She has worked within both Mid size corporates and SME's including high growth businesses and specialises in business development, strategic planning and change management. She completed a full time MBA at Leeds University and also hold PQ CIMA and management consultant diploma.

Ruth grew up in a very musical household, with both parents being music teachers. She has a wide range of musical interests from ballet and classical to hip hop and pop, even admitting to liking the “odd” current pop song! She spends a lot of time as a “mums taxi” but when she has time for herself, enjoys baking, cycling and occasional gardening.

**TOM CHILTON: Income Generation Manager**



I retired from work as a Chartered Engineer in 2015 and turned 70 in March this year. I was a member of Leeds Philharmonic when Jill Wild was Chorus Master. I was in the choir as a second tenor for about 5 years but left to join Huddersfield Choral as a second tenor for 9 years. I missed the singing so reapplied for Leeds Philharmonic last year and joined as a first bass.

I joined The Open University in 1989 and completed a BSc (Hons) degree, a Post Graduate Diploma, MSc and in 2010 I passed a Doctor of Philosophy degree.

I then completed 4 years training as a Lay Reader of Church of England and completed a Foundation Degree in Christian Mission and Ministry. During my time at church I was on a small team of fundraisers to raise £350,000 to refurbish the church hall. I managed to raise £10,500 from grants and before I left that church I reached the third stage of a grant for £120,000.

I hope to use this experience to try and raise funds for the choir from outside sources. From my years of experience as a manager I work well in a team and have some fun along the way.

As a septuagenarian I have to work hard remembering people's names but hope to get to know you all so please say hello.

**ROWENA HERBERT: Trustee Without Portfolio**



I'm Rowena Herbert - Alto 2 with the Phil since 1995 - and really missing singing at present! I have been on the Phil 'committee' before as Subscriptions Officer and ran the 100 club for a number of years.

I did a Masters in Leadership and Change Management in 2015 which fired my passion for ensuring fit for purpose levels of governance in charitable organisations, where expectations of Trustee responsibilities are ever increasing. I currently sit on the Board of Trustees of two

other charities - People Matters and Volunteering Services Bradford - and work part time at NHS Digital.

**LEWIS HEMINGWAY: Trustee Without Portfolio**



I began singing in school and in Leeds Youth Opera, and carried on in my universities acapella and choir, but during my brief time at the Phil I've learnt some amazing music and made great progress with my own singing. The most affecting part of being in a grand choir for me is contributing to the sense of astonishment and magnitude which it can bring in performance. If I was able to achieve one thing being on the committee, it would be to bring this profound emotion to new ears. I'd hope to use my experience of working with young organisations and using innovative methods to bring a more diverse crowd to our events.