

MCEA Governor Profiles Updated October 2016

Tom Hanham – Chair of Governors (Foundation Governor)

I grew up and begun my working life in London before moving to York in 1991. I married Alison shortly after and we've lived in Holgate since then. We have 3 children who have either attended, are currently attending or hope to attend Manor in future. I have spent 30 years working in the rail industry, the last 22 of which have been devoted to transporting increasing numbers of passengers along the main railway line between London, Yorkshire, the North East and Scotland.

I'm now a Project Manager for Virgin Trains. In or out of the workplace, I am keen to use and share whatever knowledge and skills I may have accrued to date to make a positive contribution to the areas of life that I'm involved with. Nowhere is this feeling stronger than in education and I have recently become a STEM Ambassador in the belief that I can share some of the lessons learnt along the way. I find the challenges of being a governor both daunting and exciting as we navigate the channels of uncertainty in the years ahead.

We are active members of St Paul's Church in Holgate and enjoy being part of activities led by other churches in York also. Free time increasingly involves travelling to a variety of activities with our boys – mostly fun – and we all enjoy music, sport and travel.

Victoria Barton (Attendee)

Born and brought up in York. Graduated from the University of York with a Politics and Social Policy degree and after graduation trained as a Careers Adviser. I spent my early career working in adult careers guidance before moving to the HE sector. I have been a Careers Adviser for the University of York for the last 9 years, delivering work-related projects, short courses, workshops and one-to-one support to current students and research staff. I joined Manor's governing body as an Attendee Governor in spring 2015 and now sit on the Attainment and Learning Committee. My professional background has proved useful in my link role as Manor's Enterprise Governor, supporting strategic oversight of the school's careers and employability provision.

My husband Jamie and I have been married for just short of 15 years. My daughter Ellie is a student at Manor and my son Sam is in infants school. Having recently finished several years of part-time study alongside work and family life, I am excited to enjoy having some free time. I have tried a few hobbies out for the first time and discovered I lack balance (rowing mishaps!) and am scared of heights (rock climbing course) but continue my search for a hobby I can stick to and enjoy. Yoga and crafts are currently proving a little easier to keep up with!

Chris Coates (Foundation)

Chris is the Vicar of St Andrew's Church, Bishopthorpe and Holy Trinity, Acaster Malbis. He is also Rural Dean of the New Ainsty Deanery.

Debbie Cooper (Attendee governor)

I was born in Andover, Hampshire and attended a local comprehensive school followed by a sixth form college. After sixth form I joined a local insurance company on their 'A' Level training scheme and joined the IT department as a

systems analyst. In my mid twenties I moved to work for a software house as a software design consultant where my work took me to client sites around the UK and continental Europe. Mid-way through my career there I took a year out to work and travel around Australia. In my early thirties I married and decided on a change of career path. I returned to higher education to study law as a mature student at the University of Nottingham, where I obtained an LLB and PhD. Since then I have taught law part-time at both the University of Nottingham and the University of Leeds. My specialist teaching area is crime and the law of evidence, but I also teach public law and have worked on a small number of empirical research projects. I am married to Rob who is an Actuary and a senior finance director at Aviva and we have a sixteen year-old son who recently left Manor following his GCSE exams. We have lived in Rufforth for fifteen years. I like to spend my spare time with friends and family and I also enjoy playing tennis, walking and reading.

Sue Duxbury (Parent Governor & Chair of Finance Committee)

I have lived in York for 16 years and am a qualified accountant. I work for the NHS and have done so for the last 25 years in a variety of senior roles across a number of organisations. My current role is as a Senior Finance Manager for NHS England. I have 4 children, all of which have attended Manor, the youngest of which attends Manor at the moment in year 10. I worship at Clifton Moor where I am a Sunday school leader and a member of the church council. My husband Glen is the Finance Director of Archbishops Holgate's school. I also enjoy singing, yoga, walking and socialising.

Tanya Elsworth (foundation Governor)

Originally from Norwich I have lived in Yorkshire now for over 20 years and in Poppleton for almost 10. I have 2 children, Joe and Evie both at Manor.

I am trained as a Business Studies Teacher and I am currently the Head of Inclusions and Special Needs Co-coordinator at The Joseph Rowntree School. I started my teaching career at Huntington School and Easingwold School. I then followed the Pastoral path at Guiseley School in Leeds where I was a Head of Year, Head of Sixth Form and then Key Stage 3 co-ordinator. I then moved to The Joseph Rowntree School as an Assistant Headteacher in Inclusion. Four years ago I decided to take a career break to spend more time with my family. During this time I worked part-time at Tadcaster Grammar School before returning to The Joseph Rowntree School as Head of Autism and now SENCo. This is a role that is very close to my heart as my son has an Education and Health Care Plan due to a medical condition that he has. Myself and my family worship at All Saints Church in Poppleton when my daughter isn't playing for the Poppleton Tigers.

My interests tend to revolve around the children but I particularly enjoy our camping holidays in France, enjoying interesting food and having the time to read!

David Hosier (Staff Governor)

I am the Director of Learning for IT and Computing and one of the staff governors. I am originally from Buckinghamshire and trained as a Contact Lens Technician when I left school. After travelling extensively across Europe, I settled in Devon, eventually working in outdoor activity centres as an instructor and later deputy centre manager. After another extended trip to

Nepal, South Asia and Australasia, living and working for some time in Brisbane, I undertook an access to higher education course and then attended Oxford Brooks University achieving an Honours Degree in Sociology and Economics. I then did a PGCE in Economics at Worcester.

I came to York in 1993 and worked at Canon Lee School for 13 years before moving to Manor in 2007. I live locally to the school and my son attended Manor, giving me a parent's perspective of the school as well. I coached junior football at Poppleton for many years and also play football weekly for both a Manor parents' six a side team, and also for a local charity team, York Corinthians. This team is a registered charity and I am one of the trustees. Finally, I am a keen rock climber, mountain biker, walker and enjoy other outdoor adventure activities, as well as using computers!

Marion Hudson (non –teaching staff governor)

I have worked within the Learning Support Department at Manor Academy since the new build opened here at Millfield Lane and am the Inclusion Support Coordinator.

I was born in London and moved to York about 22 years ago due to my husband's job on the railway. I am married with 3 daughters, aged 29, 27 and 18.

Before having my children I worked in a bank and then in the Guinness Factory in the purchase ledger department, where it was the "norm" to have a glass of Guinness or Harp larger with your lunch!

I have previously worked in my daughter's primary school, The Pension Service and then at Oaklands before and during its merger with Lowfield and through the first few years as York High working very closely with the Pastoral team.

Over the years I have helped fundraise for particular charities which are significant to us as a family (Cystic Fibrosis and HCPT) and more recently for Cry in the Dark, from helping to organise/help at cake/bric a brac, jumble sales etc to walking the 3 peaks and a challenging bike ride last year in Romania for Cry in the Dark.

Edie Jones (Foundation Governor)

Educated in Scotland, I came to Poppleton in 1991, returning to UK from South Africa where I had taught in a missionary school and at the University of Natal for twenty years. I continued to teach Geography and Psychology at Selby College. In 1999 I moved to Askham Bryan College as Assistant Director of Business and Corporate Development. In 2005 I retired from full time work, and have since become involved in local activities, as a Nether Poppleton Parish Councillor, and a Governor at Manor School. I have a strong sense of service to the community and like to feel that I am returning some of the investment in time and encouragement that teachers, lecturers and friends have made in me over the years. I enjoy tennis, walking, cycling, and reading and continue to study.

David Judson (LA Governor and Chair of Attainment and Learning Committee)

Born and brought up in York (Clifton), I took English at a Scottish University and joined British Rail (Birmingham) in 1974. While in Birmingham I got involved in youth work in Ladywood, which was distinctly "interesting." Moving from public to private sector, I stayed with the railways until May 2012, taking

advantage of the industry's many and varied opportunities to become a "jack of all trades"...

I returned to York in the mid '80s, married Alison, and have lived here ever since. We have two sons who both came to Manor and we were members of the Manor Association (PTA) throughout their time there. Since retiring I've actually been able to take up the pastimes that my CV had always rather optimistically claimed, including walking and cooking and, above all, singing with community, chamber and sea-shanty choirs now being my all-weather pursuit of choice.

Steve King (Attendee Governor)

I was brought up in North London, and then spent 15 years in Oxford, as an undergraduate (maths) then postgraduate student and researcher (computer scientist). I moved up to York in 1995 to an academic post in the Computer Science department, where I'm now a Reader. My role currently is split between the Computer Science department and chairing the university's assessment committee, and I am also involved with the university's new International Pathway College, which offers preparatory courses to international students. I married Clare in 1997 and we have two children, both of whom are working their way through Manor: Jennifer has just finished, and Charlie is in year 10. Clare also works at the university, as a cell biologist. We all worship at St Olave's, where Jenny and I (and sometimes Clare) sing in the choir, Charlie helps with altar serving and I serve on the PCC and on Deanery Synod. In my spare time, I enjoy both walking and cycling, sometimes with our dog for company.

Fiona Long (Foundation Governor)

A Bristolian, I graduated from Manchester University with a degree in English and American Literature more years ago than I care to remember. I have lived in Upper Poppleton since 1980 and have 3 grown-up children, 2 based in London and 1 in Oman. I started my career working for BBC Radio in London, and then went into teaching and taught English at schools in Rugby, on the Suffolk-Essex border and, after moving to York, at Huntington Secondary School where my very efficient Head of Department was Steve Naish's wife. I was a 6th form tutor and also an examination marker for A level English Literature. I retired seven years ago and, amongst other activities, now act as a witness supporter at York Crown Court often looking after vulnerable children. My husband and I are members of the York Minster Community and I am the Minster's Child Protection Representative. In my spare time I cycle, garden and sing and when I can find the self-discipline (rarely these days!) I try to brush up my rusty Latin and Greek. I have been an avid Man U supporter since 1958!

Cerys Mawson (Foundation)

I was educated at a North London comprehensive. I went to Liverpool University studying Archaeology & Ancient History. I did an MA at York University in Archaeological Heritage Management and worked as an archaeologist on various commercial and research projects in the UK & Middle East. I then took a change of direction and undertook postgraduate law conversion course. I trained and qualified as a solicitor and worked in a large commercial practice as a litigator for 6 years. Another (less drastic) change of direction now sees me teaching law at undergraduate & postgraduate level. I obtained a PGCE in adult education. I have one child at

Manor school and served as a parent governor at my children's primary school for 4 years.

Stephen Naish (Foundation and Chair of Student Welfare Committee)

Born in Bromley, Kent, I first came to live in York in 1986, when I came to the University to study Biochemistry. After graduating, I spent a year in Leeds, studying for my PGCE, returning to York in August 1990 to live since then. My first teaching post was as a Teacher of Science at Abbey Grange Church of England Academy in Leeds. I have stayed loyal to the school for 26 years, carrying out various roles, including Head of Biology, Assistant Head of Year, and my current role as Deputy Learning Coordinator in Science. In 1994 I married my wife, Gail, whom I had met at university. Gail is currently a Deputy Headteacher at Huntington School. We have two children; Rebecca, who is 19 and Matthew who is 16, both of whom are ex-Manor students. We worship at Holy Redeemer on Boroughbridge Road and have done for about sixteen years. Matthew was baptised there and Gail, Rebecca and Matthew have been confirmed there. I enjoy running to keep fit and regularly pass the front of Manor school on one of my favourite 10km routes.

Martyn Quick (Foundation Governor)

I was born and brought up in York. I am married to Deborah, my daughter and son attend Manor CE Academy. I am the Commercial Manager for BAM Construct UK (North East), part of the Royal BAM Group, one of the largest European multi-discipline construction companies based in Holland. I attended Nunthorpe Grammar School and then trained as a Quantity Surveyor on a day-release basis at York College.

I serve the Poppleton Scout Group as a Section Assistant Leader, helping to organise a wide and varied programme based around a faith ethos, helping the young Scouts grow together and individually, into the community. My current work affords me the opportunity to help young people with work experience and I have also assisted in the supervision of DoE bronze and silver expeditions and I have previously mentored at York High School.

Graham Reagan (Staff Governor)

I was born in York and lived in Haxby until I was 18 and remember when it was a small village surrounded by fields! I trained as a chef and worked in Hotels and Restaurants in the city until I went on tour with Elton John. Then followed 10 years of touring with many bands and artistes including everyone from Peggy Lee to Van Halen, Michael Jackson and Eric Clapton; and lots of others in between. I have worked in many countries and ended up with my own London based catering company specialising in the music business. After closing the business I emigrated to New Zealand, then returned to the UK, went to college, then on to York St John to take a degree in Film, Television, Literature and Theatre, whilst there I started working at BBC Radio York. After completing my degree I worked as a broadcast journalist and programme producer at Radio Leeds and Radio Cleveland and then back to Radio York. I came into teaching via the Graduate Teacher Programme route and became a Fast Track teacher. I quickly developed a passion for pastoral care and in my NQT year became a Head of Year. After several years as an Assistant Head at Burnholme I came to Manor after its closure. I hold the Special Education Needs Award and have recently completed an MA in Education. I enjoy painting, cooking, relaxing with friends, gardening and my job!

Andy Richardson (Foundation)

I am originally from Hull, and studied for a degree in Peace Studies at the University of Bradford before embarking on a career in Human Resources. This has included roles with London Underground, the University of York, Citizens Advice and Bettys, among others. I am currently HR Manager with the Diocese of York, based at Clifton Moor.

I have lived in York since 2001, and enjoy being part of the St Paul's church community in Holgate. I am married to Kat, who has been involved with the PTA, and I have two sons at Manor, one going into year 10 and the other going into year 8, who are both members of the Tech Crew, supporting Manor's wonderful theatrical productions.

In my spare time I am a keen runner, and enjoy playing and watching football, as well as occasionally helping out with some coaching at our local club York Railway Institute.

Sally Smith (Foundation)

I was born in Canada and brought up in Cambridge. I moved to Yorkshire at the age of 18, when I went to Leeds University to study medicine. I spent the next 18 years studying and working in different hospitals around Yorkshire, until I moved to Poppleton in 2005, when I became a consultant Paediatrician at York Hospital. I work part-time, and have a special interest in neuro-disability (and in particular autism). I'm also the Designated Doctor for child deaths in York and North Yorkshire. This challenging work gives me a unique insight into the threats facing our young people, and mental health issues and suicide prevention are a major focus for me at the moment.

I'm married to Andy, and we have two children, one in year 8 at Manor and one in year 5 at Poppleton Ousebank. Football is all important in our family – I'm a lifelong Cambridge United supporter (this has made me very resilient when it comes to failure....) and played for the Leeds University women's team whilst at University. These days I leave the playing to my sons, who both play for Poppleton JFC, and my husband, who plays 6 a side for a Manor parents' team. My husband and older son are season ticket holders at Stoke City, and my younger son supports Leeds United. The only team we all watch together is York City! When not busy football watching / kit washing / taking children to matches, in my spare time I also enjoy skiing and photography.

Janis Wright

I trained as a concert pianist at the Royal College of music in London but had to change career after an accident and have now retired from being inspector of Tax, although I still do some part-time work in both disciplines. I have lived in York for over 35 years and have been a governor at Manor for over 20 years. I am the Link Governor for performing Arts and a member of the Finance Committee. I love theatre in all its forms and enjoy being surrounded by animals and friends.

Rob Yarrow (Parent Governor)

I started life in the beautiful wilds of Cumbria, before moving away to study at York University. There I met my dear wife and we now have three wonderful

children. The eldest has now left Manor and is a student at York College. Our middle one is in year 11 at Manor and our youngest in year 7. I graduated from York with a Masters in Mathematics and a young family. After which I took employment North of London as a Software Developer, something I had been doing as a hobby from the age of about eight. The job was a great introduction to the world of Commerce, and about three years later we moved back to York. I've now spent just under 20 years developing software for a small number of companies in the financial and security industries. It's a job I love and I've been privileged to work with many brilliant people. I've been actively involved with the PTA at Manor since our eldest joined Manor, over nine years ago, and I've been Chair of the PTA for over seven years now. I'm looking forward to helping in yet more ways as a Parent Governor. What little spare time I have, between family, work and school, is spent doing everything from reading, listening to a very eclectic range of music, walking, cycling, writing software and nature photography.