

Mini-biogs for new Trustees for election 2023/6

Alison Baker (Former Staff 2002-2022, HM Hailey 2012-2022)

Alison was born and raised in the Midlands. She had a mixed education, and a variety of jobs, married her husband of 40 years and had 2 children. She came into teaching in her mid-30s and established her career at local state schools, followed by working at Haileybury from 2002. She led the RS dept for 10 years and was appointed house mistress of Hailey in 2012 where she lived and worked for another 10 years, retiring in July 2022.

Hobbies and interests include nurturing her family and friends, travel, gardening, sewing, genealogy, rambling and dog walking, cooking and hosting social events.

Sophie Day (C 11)

Sophie (Colvin) left Haileybury in 2013, to pursue a degree in Structural Engineering following being inspired by her Physics and Mathematics teachers at the school. Following the attainment of her university degree, Sophie went on to become a Structural Engineer in London, where she was subsequently headhunted by McKinsey and Company, where she rose to junior Associate Partner. In 2023 she moved on, returning to heavy industry, where she is now the Global Head of Strategy at Vesuvius.

Nick Down (A 74)

After attending university in Angers, France, for six months to learn French Nick started a career in insurance in Paris joining an underwriting agency and broker.

Returning to the UK after three years Nick continued in insurance as a broker at Lloyd's.

Over his career Nick brokered a great variety of classes and for more than half specialised in working with the Swiss market. He was for twenty five years the broker for ICRC.

Calling it a day after over forty years in the market, Nick is now attending courses on the history of art and the history of music while pursuing his passions for military history and aviation. Combining the latter two he acts as a volunteer at IWM Duxford where he enjoys interacting with the very broad variety of people who visit.

Nick is married to Elwira, a native of Gdansk, Poland, who is a legal and medical interpreter. They have a son, Alex, a pilot in the RAF and daughter, Jenny, currently studying medicine at Barts.

Philip Huckin (B 67)

Philip has worked at a senior level for Brands, large and small, and marketing agencies on marketing and business development, and has run several go-to market campaigns for start-ups. Brands include Shell, Carlsberg, Fedex, Outer Temple Chambers, Cancer Research, Butlins and Help the Aged.

He has been a Trustee for a Borough-run leisure centre and carried out several fundraising campaigns for charities, large and small. His senior management roles included responsibility for HR, finance, recruitment, fundraising, sales and marketing and operations.

Since 2012 he has been responsible for marketing and OH recruitment for the Old Haileyburian Rugby Football Club and he is now the club's Honorary Secretary.

Andrew Nolan (BF 87)

Andrew was with the Stonehage Fleming Group for twenty-one years, he left in June 2018 in order to pursue other interests, although he still actively acts as a consultant to the Group. He sat on the main Group Board for over fifteen years and he is a UK qualified Chartered Accountant.

Andrew was Head of the Global Family Office business for the Group, where he was responsible for the family office services across ten countries, including heading up the Group's philanthropic offering. Throughout his career Andrew acted as a key adviser, or trustee, to a number of ultra-high net worth families, advising them on their family strategy, global wealth and investments. He also set up Stonehage Fleming's UK trustee company where he acted as a director and trustee.

He is now a mentor to two UK start-ups and to the CEO of a USA company in the family office space. Andrew enjoys playing and following most sports. In his spare time he is an enthusiastic fly fisher, he is a member of the Piscatorial Society and acts as their auditor. He is a trustee of a UK charitable trust.

Charles Richards (LS & Th 02)

Charles was an academic scholar, going through Lower School and Thomason. Despite being a day pupil, he took an active role in school life - particularly playing football and cricket. Charles then went on to study at the University of Cambridge, and since graduating he has generally been London-based. He currently works in management consulting, supporting clients through strategy to design and execution. Outside of work he continues to play regular sport and has recently gained a Private Pilot Licence. Charles is looking forward to transitioning from the General Committee to become a Trustee for the Society.