

**World Owl Trust
Eighteenth Annual General Meeting
To be held at 1pm on Sunday 30 September 2007**



In The Old Laundry, Muncaster Castle, Ravenglass, Cumbria CA18 1RQ

Agenda

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Approval of the minutes of the 17th AGM held on 3 September 2006
- 3 Matters arising
- 4 Chairman's Report
- 5 Chief Executive's Report
- 6 Treasurer's Report and adoption of Accounts for year ending 31 March 2007
- 7 Election of Council Members (Pen Portraits of Council members and Nominee will be found on the reverse). Kevan Palmer is standing down on rotation.
Nominee: Susan Williams
- 8 Appointment of auditors – Saint and Co.
- 9 Any other business. The Trust must receive notice of business to be raised on this item by 20 September 2007.

Following the meeting there will be a talk given by our Conservation Officer, Sue Thurley and the opportunity to tour the Owl Centre with our Collection Manager, David Armitage. Refreshments will be provided.

To help with seating arrangements please telephone the office to confirm your attendance on 01229 717393, or fill in the attendance slip below and post to the office, alternatively, email barbara@owls.org

If you are unable to attend the AGM and wish to vote by proxy on any of the above agenda items, please contact the office for a voting form.

A copy of the minutes of the last AGM and the statutory accounts are available on request.

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I/we will be/will not be attending the World Owl Trust Annual General Meeting

Name

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Membership No

**Tony Warburton,
Honorary President**



Tony founded the World Owl Trust as the 'British Owl Breeding & Release Scheme (BOBARS) in 1973 in a bid to raise awareness and do something about the serious decline in the British Barn Owl population. In 1985 he took early retirement from the M.O.D. to create the world's first owl conservation-breeding centre at historic Muncaster Castle. This became the World Owl Centre in 1988 and BOBARS changed its name to the World Owl Trust in 1993 to reflect the organization's commitment to global owl conservation. Tony chaired the UK Owl Taxon Advisory Group for over ten years and won the International 'Champion of Owls' Award in 2007, being inducted into the 'Owl Hall of Fame' at a special ceremony in Minnesota, USA. He retired as WOT Director in 2005 after 33 years at the helm, and is now proud to be the Trust's Hon. President.

**Jenny Thurston,
Chairman**



Jenny worked with Tony Warburton soon after he took his owls to Muncaster Castle to set up an Owl Centre there. She eventually became Executive Administrator and was instrumental in the organization's change of name from BOBARS to the World Owl Trust in 1993 and for resourcing its logo. In 1996 she played a leading role in obtaining charitable status for the Trust. She also set the wheels in motion for the charity to become incorporated.

Jenny retired in 1998 and then accepted a place on the board of Trustees. She is currently Chair of this board. Jenny is totally committed to the aims of the Trust and will always endeavour to do what she can to help its progress.

Jenny's other interests are studying wildlife, reading, walking, gardening and being with friends and family.

**Clive Mojonner,
Company Secretary**



My connection with the World Owl Trust began when it was originally "BOBARS", when my wife telephoned me on a visit to Muncaster, when she was a courier with a travel company. "You have got to come here and see the owls", she said. That was my downfall!

Then meeting Tony Warburton was also a problem! His enthusiasm and his unique way of drawing you in meant (and I blame him), that we moved house in 2000 from Crewe to Millom. Prior to that, I had become a trustee, which transferred of course to the World Owl Trust, when we became a Limited Company.

Terry Evison



Terry is an enthusiastic, long standing and committed supporter of the Trust. He has been a voluntary keeper since 1997 and served on the Council from 1999 to 2002. Terry lives in Barrow-in-Furness, is an engineer and is currently working in Wolverhampton. Terry has many practical skills which are of great use to the keeping team.

Terry also has a great skill and interest in photography. Many of the photographs in our newsletters, publicity and accompanying articles have been taken by Terry. He has also written articles for the newsletters and website.

Terry has many interests and pursuits. He enjoys woodturning, travelling and spending time with his family. Terry says "I enjoy working at the Centre as it is so different to my main occupation and by supporting the work of the Trust I feel that I am giving something back to the natural world".

Alan Peace



Alan has been a member of the WOT and its forerunner, BOBARS since it was formed. He has been a member of Council three times and helped to build many of the flights in the main public display area.

He was actively involved in captive breeding and releasing and has successfully released 30 barn owls.

He is 60 and works for Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council as the Senior Warden of the Himley Park Estate. Originally the ancestral home of the Earls of Dudley, the estate is now owned by the local authority and is the major event venue in the area, entertaining over 300,000 visitors each year.

He is a keen mountaineer and has successfully climbed high altitude peaks in Argentina, Morocco and Russia.

**Nomination for Council
Susan Williams**



Susan is a long time member of WOT and is passionately interested in the welfare and conservation of all wildlife, but particularly owls. Susan lives in Kirkbymoorside, North Yorks and she works as a consultant architect and project manager, currently at the Department of Works and Pensions.

Originally from Texas, Susan volunteered with the local Wildlife Rescue. On arriving in Britain 20 years ago, Susan has volunteered with the CAB and has handled the Gift Aid for the local parish.

"I am now at a time in my life where I want to give something back. I am able to manage my time so that I can attend meetings when required and I have experience with business and computing that I hope can be useful."