

**World Owl Trust**  
**Twentieth Annual General Meeting**  
To be held at 1pm on Sunday 27 September 2009

At Stirk House Hotel, Gisburn, Lancashire, BB7 4LJ  
[www.stirkhouse.co.uk](http://www.stirkhouse.co.uk)



**Agenda**

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Approval of the minutes of the 19th AGM held on 28 September 2008
- 3) Matters arising
- 4) Chairman's Report
- 5) Treasurer's Report and adoption of Accounts for year ending 31 March 2009
- 6) Appointment of auditors – Saint and Co.
- 7) Election of Council Members  
(Pen Portraits of Council members and Nominees will be found on the reverse of this invitation).  
Mick Marshall, Susan Williams and Barry Surtees have stood down.

Nominees:       Kevan Palmer  
                      Grahame Smith

- 8) Any other business. The Trust must receive notice of business to be raised on this item by 11 September 2009.

Following the meeting there will be a Guided Conservation Walk in the Grounds of Stirk House and from 7 pm onwards there will be a Reception, a Gala Dinner with an Evening with David Bellamy. The evening event is open to all and the cost is £25 per person, payment in advance. There is no cost for the Guided Walk.

To help with seating arrangements and bookings for the Gala dinner, please telephone the office to confirm your attendance on 01229 717393, or fill in the attendance slip below and post to the office or email: [margaret@owls.org](mailto:margaret@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 on 27 September 2009.

We require .....places @ £25 for the Gala Dinner and enclose a cheque for £.....(World Owl Trust).

Name .....

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## Trustees:



### **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. He created 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 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 organisation'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.



### **Clive Mojonnier, 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.



### **Paddy Linighan (Treasurer)**

Paddy is a recent recruit to volunteer ranks of the Trust having initially being enthralled by a "Meet the Birds" presentation from Wulf on a cold sunny day in February 2008. Paddy, by profession a chartered accountant, residing in North Yorkshire but pre-dominantly based in Leeds, is the Director of Financial Planning for Hammonds LLP, an international commercial law firm. Paddy's initial "enthralment" was quickly replaced by astonishment as to the noted decline in our owl population and the work being done by the Trust to reverse this trend. "We were so taken at this

point we became members there and then but we wanted to do more. I offered the use of my skills so as to make a positive difference to the being work undertaken now, and in the future, for owls generally. In this regard, so far so good !"

## Nominations for Council:



### **Kevan Palmer**

Kevan first visited Muncaster in 1993, just after BOBARS became the World Owl Trust, where having introduced himself to Tony (whose reputation preceded him!) became instantly "hooked". After that Kevan became heavily involved with the Trust and has been a Trustee on three previous occasions and through his career as a Biomedical Scientist he has been able to conduct scientific projects for the Trust looking at owl taxonomy. His current job as a Survival Instructor has meant having to take a less active role for the past 2 years, but now feels that it is time to return to the fold.



### **Grahame Smith**

I am a local School Teacher and have been involved with the Trust for the last 10 years, a life member for 9 and known Tony a lot longer, having brought him injured barn owls whilst working as a volunteer at Martin Mere Wildfowl and the Wetlands Trust. I am married with two children. I am often at the Centre working with my students on various tasks, predominantly helping to preserve the Yellow Balsam and the Netted Carpet Moth. The Trust tries to help where it can throughout the world, and in this country under the banner of Save an Owl for £1 which I fully support, I have with the help of the students at Ulverston Victoria High School, raised a penny or two. Education and the Trust's work globally is one key area I can fully support the Trust in its endeavours. I am never happier than when I have my head in a book or magazine consuming any article on Owls or Birds of Prey.