



## **Committee members and consultants December 2012**

### **John Griffiths, Chairman and Planning Committee**

*He is an architect who founded the Manchester Building and Design Centre. For 12 years he was Head of Technical Information in the Department of the Environment, with responsibility for a programme of 400 lectures a year, advisory leaflets on building problems, a quarterly journal, content of Government stands at building exhibitions and films for the industry. He formed the Building Conservation Trust and was Clerk to two City Livery Companies.*

### **John Pope, Vice-Chairman and Planning Liaison**

*His working life as an independent financial advisor bears no relationship to conservation, but for the last 40 years he has been actively involved with conservation societies, first in Bedfordshire then, since 2004, in Rye. In Bedfordshire, he was treasurer of the Bedford Society for 25 years, and simultaneously engaged on the committee of the Woburn Sands and District Society in campaigns against environmentally-damaging developments.*

### **Judith O'Connor, Hon Secretary**

*She worked in France and Spain for five years at the start of her career, then returned to London and worked as an administrator in postgraduate education for seven years. She then worked for 16 years as an international business development manager in the automotive and motorsport industries, taking groups of automotive companies to trade shows in many different countries and bringing trade delegations into the UK. She speaks French and Spanish and has travelled widely on business and pleasure to interesting parts of the world.*

### **Diana Hajikakou, Hon Treasurer**

*Having read Egyptology at Liverpool University, she decided to do something sensible and trained as a teacher. She taught at an International School in Abu Dhabi for two years before returning to live in the UK. She worked as deputy head of department at a large multi-racial school in East London for six years. At the same time she worked voluntarily in the Egyptology Department at the British Museum, collating the archives, and taught a course in Egyptology to adult education classes. A move to Rye saw her teaching in Hastings College for a couple of years before a change of career to running a dental practice, first in St Leonards and then in Rye.*

### **Rae Festing, Assistant Events and Planning Committee**

*Attended Rye Grammar School, followed by a three-year course at what is now the Central College of Fashion in London. She emigrated and lived in Canada for 13 years. On her return to the UK, she ran a small business designing and making clothes then did interior design work in London. She has detailed knowledge of most of the shops and buildings in Rye and has served on the RCS Planning Committee for over 20 years.*

**Andy Stuart, Publicity and Membership Secretary**

*Took a BA in History of Art at Manchester University, specialising in Victorian Architecture and the English Decorated style, and wrote a thesis on the educational buildings designed by Alfred Waterhouse. Career opportunities being somewhat limited in this field, after working with electronic components and in the wine trade, he co-founded a publishing company specialising in mortgages. He is now a freelance writer and maintains a life-long interest in architecture.*

**Mike Slavin, committee member**

*Has an engineering, sales and management background, working in the cryogenic, oil and gas, energy, shipping, electronic and environmental services industries. He has specialised in design, project management and sales disciplines with a long involvement in offshore North Sea projects, as well as survey and position-finding using GPS for charting, mapping and navigation on land and at sea. He has recently built a low-energy house in Rye Harbour and is involved with the community energy project now under way.*

**Julian Lockett, Chairman of Planning Committee**

*Studied architecture at Bristol University and worked in London as an architect in private practice for 35 years. He has extensive experience of working with listed buildings and has designed buildings for and acted as advisor to the London Business School in Regent's Park, the Royal Ballet School in Covent Garden, the Soho Housing Association, banks, other educational establishments and private clients.*

**Roger Breeds, Planning Committee member**

*Building and civil engineering project manager for many years, then self-build housing consultant. Many assignments on Rye's historic buildings when carpenter/joiner. Councillor on the planning committees of Rother District Council for eight years and Rye Town Council for 31 years including 15 as Chairman. He is a serving member and past chairman of the Harbour of Rye Advisory Committee and past vice-chairman of Rother District Council, Mayor of Rye and Speaker of the Cinque Ports.*

## **Honorary Consultants December 2012**

### **Alan Dickinson, Historical**

### **Nicola Frith, Legal Adviser**

*Was a solicitor in private practice for many years and has lived and worked in the Rye area for most of her life apart from three years in Suffolk. She spent many years working for Battle Rural District Council and then Rother District Council in the then Planning and Public Health departments. Her interests include golf, gardening and helping to protect the historic buildings of Rye.*

### **John Royle, Maritime**

*Retired Chartered Surveyor, practised as Building Surveyor and Valuer within the Rye area for 40 years. Served in Royal Naval Reserve for 25 years, was a member of Rye Harbour advisory committee to Southern Water and advised the Environment Agency on pilotage, hydrography and dredging. Member of the RAC Foundation Roads Network Group looking into the national roads network, congestion, pollution issues and roads pricing policy.*

### **Terence Sullivan, Architectural**

