**Get to Know our Treasurer - Chris Sutton**

Chris joined us in 2017 and is currently in this third year as Court Assistant and Treasurer.

Raised in Fife, he studied Classics at Oxford then qualified as a Chartered Accountant with Deloittes in London (which merged with Coopers and then PW into PwC.) On qualifying he transferred into Consultancy - early projects included systems implementation at National Grid and a two-year secondment to Standard Chartered in Hong Kong. He then focused on finance transformation and shared services, with clients such as Barclays and National Australia Group.

After 13 years Chris moved to Logica and a two-year secondment in Prague. He set up a Finance service centre in Bangalore and an HR one in Manila, and rose to become Global MD of BPO. On Logica’s acquisition by CGI Chris got some great experience in North America before setting up as an independent consultant.

Chris is currently leading finance transformation 4 days a week at Plan International, where he zooms online to far flung places such as South Sudan, Haiti and Woking HQ.

Chris’ interest in the third sector started with the Kent and Sharpshooters Yeomanry Museum Trust which he chairs - he served in the TA in the late 1980s. Chris led a fundraising campaign to redevelop the museum in 2015, with a royal reopening. It’s a great little museum - do visit us in the grounds of Hever Castle after lockdown.

Chris holds two other national trusteeships – the Heritage Alliance which runs advocacy and Covid recovery projects for the heritage sector; and All We Can, which works in developing countries to alleviate poverty. He is a visiting lecturer at Cass business school, teaching consulting to MSc Management students. He has volunteered for a month in each of Rwanda, Malawi and with Congolese refugees in the slums of Nairobi and Kampala, helping small NGOs improve their accounting.

Within WCOMC, Chris’s main activity is in CMCE, where he sits on the committee. He raised £10,000 external sponsorship in 2019 and led the research project “Consulting Skills for 2030”.

Chris has done YBI assessments in Nigeria and Armenia, and in February 2021 is doing an online assessment in Mongolia. Back in London, he has done pro-bono assignments with High Ground (mentoring the CEO) and XLP.

Chris is a keen member of the Faith Group and the Wine Club – perhaps his biggest achievement as WCOMC Treasurer has been to sort our wine accounting. He is also proud that his City connections helped get us VAT exemption on quarterage, saving members £60 per year. He has overseen the transfer of our accounting from Sage to Quickbooks and of book-keeping from Chris Edge to Walter Gill. Somehow he finds time to attend fortnightly Court of Wardens’ Management and Planning meetings, insisting - perhaps to the slight irritation of colleagues! – on 8am starts.

Chris lives in an oast-house in Kent with his wife Hilary who is a school administrator. They have two children in their twenties – Hugh teaches history and Anna works in international development.