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## Jacquie Stevens

Chair, Tiptree



20 years ago, Jacquie decided when she retired to join a u3a. In 2013 she joined Tiptree u3a initially going to Table Tennis and Book Group. Then when she retired in 2015, she started the Shakespeare Group, followed by Musical and Coffee & Social, and more recently the Wine Appreciation Group. She has been a member of our Discussion, Philosophy, Book, Gardening, History, Art, Theatre & Art Appreciation Groups. All things she enjoys. She joined the committee in September 2016 and became Chair in 2018. What is most important to her is that our u3a is inclusive and as welcoming as possible.

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## Debbie Ledwell

Committee Secretary, Feering



Debbie took early retirement from Anglia Ruskin University where she was an Asst. Director of Finance. She joined Tiptree u3a in 2019 and joined the Line Dancing group. She now helps to run that group and the ballroom dancing group. Debbie is also in the Choir and Theatre Groups and takes part in both the Walking groups. Outside the u3a her interests include Ballroom and Latin Dancing, Keep-Fit, Sailing, Motor homing and knitting.

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## Richard Metcalf

Treasurer, Tiptree



Richard worked in the manufacturing industry in IT for over 40 years involving frequent travel within the UK, Europe, North America and the Far East. While living in Leeds his favourite pastime was fell walking in the Yorkshire Dales and the Lake District. Richard joined Tiptree u3a attracted by the Long Walk group and in 2018 joined the committee and in 2019 became Treasurer.

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## Elizabeth Metcalf

Membership Secretary (Outgoing), Tiptree



Elizabeth has lived in Tiptree for 37 years during which time she has been a Brownie Guider and run her own pack. She studied and received a degree from Anglia Ruskin University and been Chair of Governors of Milldene Primary School. Elizabeth joined Tiptree U3A, was voted onto the committee in 2017 and became membership secretary.

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## Janet Carter

Membership Secretary (incoming), Inworth



Janet moved to Inworth in 2013 joining Tiptree u3a in February 2020 whilst working part time as a Payroll Manager. Janet previously worked for a London Bank as Committee Officer and locally as a Fleet Transport Manager, training drivers. Now fully retired Janet is keen to explore and expand her interests include gardening, bird watching, walking, reading and Theatre trips. She also loves cooking and baking giving her the chance to be creative.

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## **Mike Pattenden**

Groups Coordinator, Tiptree

Mike retired spending most of his career in Telecommunications and later in secondary schools dealing with school data and examinations. I have a part-time role as a JCQ Inspector. I have also been an active voluntary member of the Scout Association, in various adult leadership roles. My interests include Aviation, Reading, Walking, Ballroom dancing, Theatre and Folk Dancing. I am currently the u3a Short Walk Group Organiser.



## **Gareth Williams**

Asst. Treasurer, Tiptree

Gareth retired at 58 having spent 40 years working for Ford Motor Co mostly at its Research centre at Dunton. Originally qualifying as a mechanical engineer, he worked on fuel and emission control systems and the introduction of electronic engine management modules. After seeing a poster in a shop window mentioning u3a he became part of the Tiptree start up taking on the role of Treasurer. He ran a Computer group for several years in conjunction with Thurstable School. Other interests include gardening, wild orchid photography, stamp collecting and woodturning.



## **Silvan Ledwell**

IT & Publicity, Feering

Silvan retired in 2019 at 56 having spent most of his working life in Insurance and Banking working in IT and Human Resources. He joined Tiptree u3a shortly after retirement and answered the call to join the committee after the 2019 AGM. Along with his wife Debbie, Silvan has run the Ballroom group since January 2020 and takes part in the Theatre, Walking and Ukulele groups. Outside the u3a his interests include Sailing, Ballroom and Latin Dancing, Motor homing, photography, his Harley Davidson and leatherwork.



## **Margaret Williams**

Special Events & Social Secretary, Tiptree

Margaret retired from the NHS at 57 having spent 36 years working as an Optometrist at Essex County Hospital. She served as a Governor at Thurstable School for 17 years. When the start of Tiptree u3a was announced she joined the Committee in the role of Groups Coordinator. After 6 years she has moved to Social Secretary. She is a member of Bridge, Beading, Knitting, Genealogy and Theatre Groups and organises the Sewing group.



## **Sue Fox**

Speaker Secretary, Tiptree

Sue originates from Stamford, Lincolnshire and moved to Essex in the early 1970's after her Father moved the family south to give his children a better start in life. Having gained Secretarial qualifications then proceeded to work in various well-known firms in the City of London until having her own family, then worked locally until retiring. Main interests include Musical theatre, travel & best of all her grandchildren.

