

## **Simon Edwards, President**



Simon arrived in Highgate by pram when the Edwards family moved to Cholmeley Park in 1954. He was educated at Highgate School and after a variety of jobs in London and Australia, from the mid-1980s he made a career in estate agency, starting in Highgate, then working in Hampstead and Mayfair, before returning to Hampstead as a director of Savills. Since his retirement in 2016 he has been a property consultant, working from his home in Cromwell Avenue.

His association with the HLSI dates back over 40 years when he was a helper on his mother Barbara's stall at the bi-annual Members' Fair. Both his parents and his sister, Charlotte Elworthy, were active committee members and his father, Quentin Edwards, was president for six years, from 1988 to 1994. Simon is also a trustee of two Highgate charities, the Lady Gould Charity and the Friends of Highgate Cemetery, where he is also a volunteer guide.

He has varied interests, but particularly enjoys researching the lives of Victorian and Edwardian architects, and is writing a biography of his great uncle, the influential Hampstead architect Horace Field. He is a regular contributor to Wikipedia and has written many new articles, including the entry for the HLSI.

He has two adult daughters and on sunny days you may spot him driving through Highgate in his vintage MG.

## **Kathy Dallas, Honorary Secretary**

Kathy grew up in Surrey, and has been a member of HLSI for all her 22 years in Highgate. With a background in Fine Art, and wanting to exhibit, her first encounter with HLSI was with Highgate Gallery. Later she sat on the gallery committee, and then chaired it. She has served on the Management Committee, and more recently she has enjoyed being involved in organising the Highgate Debates. Kathy has practiced and taught interior design, worked as an arts administrator, and founded a local Twins Club. She is a choral singer, gardener, occasional runner, reader - and proud mother of twin boys, now young men.

## **Bill English, Treasurer**

Born in New-York, Bill spent his childhood in Venezuela and in Iran before eventually moving to Paris, where he went to university and read Business Administration and Russian. He went to work for a telecommunications systems corporation, in which he held different operational positions, mainly in the UK and eventually at Head Office, and later joined the board of management of one of the world's largest manufacturers of energy and communications cables. In parallel to his career he was a pension fund trustee for over thirty years and also held directorships in various external companies. Bill has lived in Highgate for the last twenty-two years.