

## **Mike Keller - Parish Councillor – Chair**



Mike was born and grew up in Lewisham, South London. An engineer by trade, he spent his early working life involved in the manufacture and testing of computer components, telecoms equipment and then television sets. In 1982, he became part of the engineering team responsible for commissioning and operating the studios of Channel 4 television, actually being “on shift” for its launch night on 2<sup>nd</sup> November. Mike remained at Channel 4 for the next 24 years, eventually becoming shift supervisor responsible for the technical aspects of programmes as well as keeping the station "on air". In addition he acted as a technical co-ordinator for live outside broadcasts such as Cycling’s Tour de France, American Football’s Superbowl and Horse Racing’s Prix de l’Arc de Triomphe. In 1976 Mike married Linda, a secretary at the Australian High Commission. They have two sons (one of whom has followed Mike into the broadcasting industry) and a daughter who made them proud grandparents for the first time in 2016! After living in the shadow of Gatwick airport for 21 years, Mike and Linda moved to East Dean in 2011. Since then they have become active in the local history group, where Linda is treasurer and Mike helps out with the audio-visual side as well as writing a number of booklets on aspects of the village’s history. They are also active and practising members of the church community where Mike supervises the projection of media material during services. Mike became a Parish Councillor in May 2015 and was appointed Chair of the Council in October 2017