

Locks Inn Community Pub

Committee Elections 2025

Alys Duberley

I am an active member of the community, both at The Locks and in Geldeston village, where I live. In my professional life, I am currently teaching, but have been a senior manager in adult social care for most of my career. I also have experience in hospitality and used to run my own successful catering business. I have an MA in community development and have been involved in projects like this before, including as a founder member of a community café. I am keen to support The Locks to thrive and develop well, because I really love the place!

Graham Elliott

Graham spearheaded the community takeover of The Locks Inn and has played a central role ever since. He is currently Chair of the Management Committee having taking this role back from Brian Medd-Sygrove in March 2025. Graham is keen to consolidate our healthy financial position over the coming 12 months and to further extend the range of events happening at the pub, particularly during the quieter winter months. And finally, Graham is The Locks Inn "Shove Ha'Penny" champion. You are invited to try and unseat him at the annual Shove Ha'Penny championship on Friday 20 March!

Nicky Elliott

I was a member of the original team that organised the 'saving' of the Locks Inn for the community in 2020, and have since then been a member of the Management Committee, serving as Minutes Secretary at the meetings. I also play a central role in organising many of the seasonal and special events which take place at the Locks Inn throughout the year. If elected, I will continue to help at the pub with whatever needs doing to ensure its continued success.

Louisa Garamukanwa

Chartered Accountant, business owner.

I have been involved in the Locks project since the first few weeks and contributed to the formation of the CBS and the community share issue. I was hesitant to stand for re-election after presiding over the VAT error, but following encouragement from committee members I thought it best to let the members decide. As well as preparing the year end accounts and corporation tax, I commit regular time to the pub dealing with payroll, management accounts and banking.

Brian Medd-Sygrove

Part of the original Save The Locks team I wrote the business plan and financials for that and for the initial share offering – and over time drafted many of the pub's policies and procedures. On leaving the RAF as a Staff officer I undertook various commercial roles and held a number of directorships, retiring as the chief commercial officer of an expatriate management company. After 2 years as Chair of the Locks, because of a long-term absence this summer, I moved to become the Company Secretary in time for the AGM and the legal responsibilities that go with that role.