

INFORMATION ABOUT CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Redgrave Community Society Limited

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Neil Smith

I have lived in the village for 11 years. I am married with two young children and work for a local farm machinery manufacturing company. I have been involved with RCSL's purchase of the pub from day one. I have been involved with most aspects of the pub over the years, my current principal volunteer duties involve maintenance and upkeep, trying to keep the pub looking as inviting as possible inside and out.

I am passionate about the future of the Cross Keys and am encouraged with the current offering of friendly service, excellent food and beer and an inviting village pub atmosphere. I think we currently have a lot of positive things to build upon.

Charles Murray

Born in Billericay, Essex in 1949 and lived most of my life in Essex. Qualified as a biomedical scientist working in a hospital laboratory. Took an active role in setting up and running the social club at Southend hospital then decided to take a career break. Ran the Crown and Anchor in Framlingham (a Tolly Cobbold tenancy) for about a year then moved back to Essex to take on the Golden Lion freehouse in Rochford – a pub specialising in real ales. Sold the lease after almost 5 years. Worked briefly in the civil service and for a motor dealer then took on the post of bar manager at the Prince of Wales, Stow Maries – a renowned real ale establishment. After about 4 years went back to the NHS so I could get a decent pension. Over the years involved in the organisation and running of many CAMRA beer festivals. Retired at 65 and moved to Botesdale for a quiet life determined not to volunteer for anything. Now secretary of the local CAMRA branch, parish magazine editor and lately treasurer to the Redgrave Community Society. Maybe a quiet life is not all it's made out to be!