

The Three Tuns Community Group - Management Committee

Colin Beales (Treasurer)



I am a retired Civil Servant (engineering research and major road projects) and moved to the village with my partner Sarah in 2003. I am a Trustee and Treasurer of the Wheels for Martin's Friends charity, which was formed in The Three Tuns in 1989. Within weeks of moving to the village we had made friends with several people in The Three Tuns and very soon felt fully integrated in the local community. My retirement in April 2013 was dealt a bitter blow when the pub closed in January of that year. My hopes of popping in for a lunchtime drink and meeting up with friends for a chat were dashed. I miss the regular contact and informal catch-ups I used to have with people in the village and have nowhere within walking distance to take friends and family out for a quiet drink or meal. I am prepared to invest my time and money to see the pub reopened and our community hub restored.

Alan Boyd (Secretary)



I am a retired chartered civil engineer and have lived in the village since November 1975. The Three Tuns was where I was first introduced to the community and up to its closure in January 2013 it was where I strengthened those original friendships and continued to forge new ones. The pub was also important to me as a "club house" after practice nights with the bell ringers and outings with the fair-weather cyclists. I feel very strongly that the closure of The Three Tuns has diminished the village and I am happy to be part of the group that is fighting for it to be reopened for the benefit of the community. I will also be investing financially.

Nick Buckland (Building)



I have been a resident of Guilden Morden since 1978 and The Three Tuns has always been part of village life for both me and my family and as my children grew up, a trip to the pub was always a big treat for them at the weekend. I feel robbed of a great amenity and want to do something to return the Tuns to the community for all to enjoy as I have over many years.

Dr James Fettiplace (Project Management)



I moved to Guilden Morden in 2016 when I started working in Cambridge. I joined the TTCG in December 2016. We have 3 young children and a dog and it would be tremendous if we could walk to a pub in the village that catered for young families. In particular, I would very much value a pub that served food and helped to entertain the children in the garden. Pubs have always formed an active part of my life and as a longstanding member of CAMRA, I very much want to see pubs focus on real ale and preferably locally sourced. It is for these reasons that I passionately believe the village will benefit from the reopening of The Three Tuns, especially if the community can help to shape it.

Michael Greenstein (Project Management)



I am the Principal of the Hitchin Dental Centre and I have lived in Guilden Morden for some sixteen years. The closure of The Three Tuns has resulted in the loss of a community hub the village often used for social events. Reopening the pub would help return that base: an important feature given the proposed increase in dwellings to Guilden Morden.

John Harrison (Business Strategy)



I have over 35 years' experience in investment as a fund manager and adviser to large pension funds and charities. I am currently Interim Chief Investment Officer for a newly created asset pool for 12 local government pension funds with total assets approaching £50bn. I am also a Visiting Professor in Charity Investment at a London based business school. The Three Tuns was the place where my wife and I first met many of our friends and neighbours when we moved into the village. I am keen to use my professional experience to help the community create a sustainable Business Plan for the pub so future arrivals to the village can benefit from the same warm welcome we received.

**Doug Johnson (Legal)**

I have a keen interest in beer and eating out and so I was happy to get involved with the group to contribute my views. As a father to a young family, I can see the benefits that would come to the village with a pub serving food, particularly if it could offer amenities in the daytime.

**David Karat (Business Strategy)**

We moved to Guilden Morden about 10 years ago when our two boys were very young, so for them this is very much home. I am now retired after working 35 years in the City in law, finance and consulting specialising in advising banks on their strategy and capital structure. My wife and I are supporters of the Three Tuns project, which will provide a focal point for community activities and a welcoming place for families and friends to meet. We would like to see as many people as possible contribute to the project both with time and money so that everyone feels part of what the community is trying to achieve. It is clear that having a community owned pub brings real benefits to a village and I hope to be part of helping this to happen.

**Ken Lock (Building)**

I have lived opposite the Three Tuns with my wife Jackie for the past 31 years. I retired 9 years ago following 44 years in the construction industry. I was a Chartered Quantity Surveyor and Commercial Director for a London based contractor. We are very fortunate in having an historic building, a picturesque typical English country pub, sited in the centre of our village with off-road parking, gardens and grounds providing amenities which we should ensure are not lost for all time. The property has been deprived of meaningful investment for far too long. Free of brewery ties and with a suitable tenant backed up with the necessary support from the community, I firmly believe that The Three Tuns has a vibrant future. We should not miss this opportunity to re-establish this important element into our community and I am involved with the TTCG for that reason.

**Justine Smith (PR & Communications)**

I have over 24 years' PR and communications experience. Most recently, I was PR Managing Director at a marketing communications agency in Cambridge. Previous experience also includes head of PR for a multi-national blue-chip company, freelance as a business journalist and working in Asia for a law firm. I moved to Guilden Morden two years ago from Steeple Morden with my husband and two sons, aged 18 and 21. It would be great to see The Three Tuns open and have a choice of two good pubs in the village. For me, having a pub that serves food would be fantastic.

**Dennis Tear (Chairman)**

I am a retired teacher and have lived in Guilden Morden for nearly 20 years. My hobbies / interests include cycling, volunteering for the National Trust and golf. The rest of my time is given up with family and grandchildren. From day one I was made welcome in The Three Tuns and it was always an important part of social and family life. As a CAMRA member I cannot sit by and see a great pub lost forever to the village. I therefore look forward to the day the pub will be reopened for the benefit of the whole village.

**Peter Woodhall (Accountant)**

I am a partner in the accountancy practice of UHY Hacker Young with offices in Letchworth, Royston and Cambridge. I have lived in Guilden Morden for just over 12 years and I'm married to Trudie, a primary school teacher and we have two children both currently at University. We actually started using The Three Tuns regularly shortly before it closed but that was sufficient time to realise how much we now miss having a pub of that type in the village. I am a late addition to the Committee but I welcome the opportunity to assist with the brilliant work done so far by the other members.