



THE DONS TRUST

BOARD ELECTION 2019



Anne Williams

I believe in the benefit of sport, and I and my nephew have been long-term members.

As a barrister, my main strengths are to argue the case for the best possible outcome for those I represent, and I would have the greatest pleasure in employing that skill for the Trust. I'm self-employed

with flexibility to offer my time, and you can be assured that I'll take a balanced view in your best interests.

I've lived in Wimbledon for 35 years, and a key aim is to develop a wide youth programme to become part of our success story. But it's also essential to ensure that the core values which have made our club what it is today are retained.

Edward Leek

I am a co-opted DTB member working on the funding plans with the stadium committee. Our future depends on the success of the new stadium and on taking sensible long-term financial decisions. I would like to continue to provide expertise as an elected DTB member.

I am a lifelong fan, season-ticket holder and founder member of the Trust. My

daughter is a Junior Don. I am a chartered accountant working as finance director for a number of small companies. I also have experience as a volunteer charity director.

It has been a privilege to work on the return to Plough Lane. The club has achieved everything whilst remaining fan-owned, with a strong volunteering culture. I want to do my bit.



Tim Hillyer

In asking for your vote, I request you cast your preferences whether or not for me. My relevant experience and skills are: two years on the DTB; volunteer since 2002, on match days in the club shop; and, together with Wimbledon Sporting History and private collectors, planning the museum at Plough Lane.

I bring to the DTB a commitment

to volunteers, consultation using every channel, and encouraging input regarding the new stadium. Every chance to engage must be taken.

My day job is finance director of a charity. I was previously in retail for 25 years as financial director. With your support I hope to be part of the next DTB, making my contribution to the return to Plough Lane.

Mark Sturges

I am a 42-year-old Wimbledon FC/AFC Wimbledon fan.

I believe that the Dons Trust members deserve to know what is happening and to be kept updated, and these are some of the things I intend to champion: updates and effective communication through various channels (because

not everyone has social media or use of electronic platforms); a possible question-and-answer session with interviews on a regular occurrence; and promoting and seeking the support of talented Dons Trust members and fans with the skills that will help raise the profile of the club and transform the way we are seen by our fans and by others.



We have received eight nominations for the five vacant positions on the Dons Trust Board (DTB). Trust members will shortly be receiving the candidates' full manifestos, summaries of which appear on these two pages. Voting forms will be sent to Trust members on or shortly after Sunday 3 November. For members who have chosen electronic communication, this will be in the form of a link to a SurveyMonkey page. The deadline for voting is 2.45 pm on Saturday 23 November. The result will be formally announced at the Trust's AGM on Tuesday 10 December, when the elected members will take office, although the

result will be communicated as soon as it is available.

There will be no formal hustings, before, during or after home matches between now and the voting deadline, but candidates are free to canvas and campaign at such times. We are also encouraging members and candidates to use the Trust WebJam to interact. Keep an eye on the club's official website and social media, and especially on the Trust's website (thedonstrust.org/elections) for further information. Events are also expected to be arranged on The 9yrs Podcast – watch out for an announcement about an event on Sunday 3 November.



Dennis Lowndes

What do I stand for? I would like: to see our club become a members' club; to help make our Ladies First Team more successful; to make Plough Lane a great success; to make sure our volunteers' voices are heard and that they are valued; to make sure all AFC Wimbledon members' voices are heard, and that we use their expertise to benefit the

club (marketing, advertising, printing, solicitors, financiers, builders, plumbers, electricians, cleaners, etc.); to make sure our future young generations have their voices heard; and to create an overseas members' network.

What would I bring to the DTB? Energy and enthusiasm, and a total passion for AFC Wimbledon to succeed. So vote for me, Dennis Lowndes.

Mark Davis

I am Mark Davis, a 55-year-old civil servant from Wimbledon. I am seeking re-election, having been on the DTB for six years. I have served as chair for two years and was vice-chair before that. I was previously secretary and head of fundraising.

The next two years will be a period of

profound change for AFC Wimbledon. I believe the skills and experience I have gained over my career, and my knowledge of how the Trust and club are run, are much needed at this crucial time. I will maintain a relentless focus on getting us back to Plough Lane, so that we can then kick on into the next phase of the AFC Wimbledon story.



Graham Stacey

I've decided to stand for the DTB primarily because I believe we fans and co-owners should be more involved in the things that matter at the club.

While comms has improved since the last round of elections, the fact that there has been so little consultation over the matchday experience or the

new stadium strikes me as really poor. People are busy, I get it – but, hey, it would have been nice to have been asked what we wanted at the new place before we were asked to put our savings in to crowdfund it.

If voted in, I'll be pushing the DTB to consult the fans at every possible turn. If that's important to you, vote for me.

Jane Lonsdale

I am seeking re-election to the DTB. I have a proven track record in delivery, including: setting up and overseeing two DT working groups: Diversity & Inclusion and Junior Dons; ensuring increased diversity on the DTB; initiating member engagement by introducing Trust Webjam; providing transparency, ensuring that AGMs and SGMs are

videoed; and representing the Trust at events and in media.

I stand for ensuring that: our members' voices are heard; our ethos of "Wimbledon" is not lost or diluted as our club grows; the DTB remains transparent and accountable whilst reflecting our diverse fanbase; and our youth and younger fans, who are our football club's future, feel a valued part of our club.

