

INFORMATION ABOUT CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Redgrave Community Society Limited

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Karen Pearse

My husband and I, plus our dog Ruby, moved to Redgrave in June 2023 - what a great decision!! I do not work any longer, having chosen to 'retire' at 59 following being made redundant from my last job in 2022. Prior to then I had been a Business Development Manager for a major high street bank for 10 years; I had worked for the same bank for pretty much all of my working life, having spent 42 years undertaking many different roles (most of which have probably been replaced by a computer now!). We have one son who is 28 but no grandchildren yet!

Whilst I no longer do any paid work, I undertake a number of voluntary roles and like to keep myself busy. Currently I volunteer at Diss Citizens Advice, Redgrave Parish Council, I assist on wellbeing walks organised by Botesdale Health Centre, I support the PPG at the Health Centre and work in Redgrave Community shop. When I saw that the Committee were seeking new members' I felt that it was something I would like to get involved in, as I feel that having a thriving pub in the village is very important, giving residents and visitors somewhere to meet up and enjoy some lovely food in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

I enjoy playing tennis, walking our dog in the beautiful countryside surrounding Redgrave and beyond, reading, socialising with friends and family and am hoping to start getting back into running again soon, having stopped due to injury some time ago.

Bradley Pearse

My wife and I moved to Redgrave a year ago from a village just outside of Tiptree (Tolleshunt Knights) and have been amazed at just how friendly everyone is here! I am retired now but over the years have held many different jobs, including working for a shopfitters, scaffolding, bar work, electrician for Thames Water, managing a glass factory, working for Canon UK in their office equipment team as an engineer, radio presenter on Colne Radio and finally as a children's entertainer and DJ amongst other things! I enjoy gardening, fishing, music of most genres, cooking and spending time with friends and family.

Two of the criteria when we were searching for our new home were a village with a shop and a pub so when we found a property we loved in Redgrave it ticked all the boxes. In a small village I feel it is important to get involved in the local community so when an opportunity came to support the Committee to help with the continued success of the Cross Keys I did not hesitate to get involved and look forward to helping in any way I can to support this vital hub of the village.