

Lyvennet Community Pub – AGM 6th July 2013 – Biographies

Glenn Walsh

My name is Glenn Walsh, I'm still a relative new comer to Crosby Ravensworth having moved into the village in May 2010 with my wife and three children. Having a village pub was certainly an important factor when we were looking to move into Crosby Ravensworth. I was already interested in the community pub project when we were looking at houses, keen to get stuck in during the original renovation either demolishing, rebuilding, even a bit of painting. Come to think of it my wrecking bar is probably still lurking in cold store?

As a keen mountain biker there's nothing more rewarding than a pint of real ale and a bag of nuts after a night ride, especially when it's in your own local pub.

For the last 4 years I have been Head of Technology for Rocket Consulting Ltd, advising on all aspects of technology strategy. Directly responsible for setting up and running the company's research and development program in partnership with Cumbria University. In previous years I have been a director of an SAP consulting company and worked in various consulting roles.

Living really close to the pub the pub I'd be happy to be called on last minute to be hands on or attend a meeting.

With all of this in mind I have some excellent qualities that that would be a great complement to the existing board.

Daphne Baird

My name is Daphne Baird, I live in Crosby Ravensworth with my partner David. We have a farm and I also run a cattery.

When it was first mentioned that we had the chance to buy The Butchers Arms as a community asset, I was keen to support. I did as much as I could to encourage others to support & invest. In between farming, every spare minute I spent at the pub helping with the renovation. I enjoyed being involved and helped with all aspects especially painting inside and out.

I enjoy going to the pub and have made new friends that also helped with the project. With running my own business, I am used to emailing as I know that can be important when involved on a Committee.

I feel that I still have a lot to give and I am very keen to help with further renovations and paint work. With the points above I would like you to consider voting for me as one of the directors.

David Graham

I have lived with my family in Crosby Ravensworth for 19 years and have been a regular Butchers user throughout this period. My background is civil engineering and laterally business and project management with responsibility for all operational highway maintenance in Cumbria.

I have been Chair of the pub group since its formation in early 2010 and the LCP Ltd since February 2011.

The roller-coaster early days as we worked to produce the business plan, prospectus and entice investment were at times frustrating but overall hugely satisfying. After purchase working with fellow directors, friends, and shareholders (now further friends) to renovate and reopen the Butchers Arms was without doubt one of my best summers albeit I am not sure my wife would agree as at one point she referred to herself as a pub widow.

I am hugely proud of our achievement, the Butchers Arms is well and truly on the map, and do hope to spend many more years involved and enjoying our community pub.

Steve Holroyd

My original CV as a founding director of LCP simply said "Steve is a solicitor who lives near to the Butchers Arms and is an enthusiastic supporter of the pub".

Since then I have helped with the many legal issues that LCP (and LCT) have had to face during their critical early and formative years.

As an active supporter of local community events, I recognised the importance of the pub as a community resource from the outset. I was active in the renovations 2 years ago and have also helped with various subsequent improvement projects.

I have met visitors from other communities whose pubs are also under threat, who have been keen to learn from the Butcher's experience and emulate our success. Inevitably these visits have taken place in the pub and have helped to increase its turnover

As a photographer I have also contributed publicity materials to LCP, LCT and other local ventures

Above all, I enjoy the company of others and have always believed in putting something back into the community. The pub is a vital amenity which was undoubtedly worth saving and should not be taken for granted.

As a director I will continue to work enthusiastically to maintain and enhance this community asset and I am committed to support it personally.

Joan Raine

I was born and brought up in the village The Sun Hotel was run by my family for over a hundred years, It was a bitter blow when that business closed down even though we as the 4th generation were not prepared to take it on, I know from first-hand experience how important it is for the community wellbeing to have a central meeting point for relaxation and community benefit.

I have good communication skills. I trained as a hairdresser, and now work for Age UK which complements my role as the local ward councillor for the district. I am Eden District Council's representative on Cumbria's Health Scrutiny board.

I was elected to Eden District Council in 2005 and served for two years as The Chairman of Eden District Council with the title of "The first Citizen of Eden" The role is a Mayoral role during which, and since my term concluded I have hosted events at the Butchers Arms for Mayors across Cumbria, the High Sheriff and The Chairman of the County Council.

I founded, the well-attended monthly lunch club at the Butchers Arms to address the needs of rural isolation and promote the business to a wider audience with 75 members on the books. Being ahead of the game developing local rural services, with an insight into rural deprivation as the country prepares for a growing elderly population.

I was part of the small team who secured an educational pilot scheme for Community learning with computer lessons taking place in the Butchers Arms. I formed a constituted body called the Lyvennet Activity Group who has submitted a grant to Cumbria Community Foundation for £10,000 from Cumbria County Councils Health and Wellbeing fund.

I took on the role of the Chairman of the Parish Council in 2012 and was elected again in 2013 to that position.

Derek Richard Hall

Going back to the early 1700s my family originate from Crosby Ravesnworth – some married and some buried in the local churchyard. They then moved to Yanwath and Penrith, and then my grandfather left to join the Liverpool Police.

I retired to Cumbria 22 years ago. At one time I employed up to 18 local people when I had a taxi business. This was the only taxi business in Penrith to win 'The good service award' sponsored by 'the Herald'.

Prior to running my own business, I was a financial advisor for a well known insurance company and, prior to this a bus inspector for MPTE, with duties including managing a bus depot, ensuring buses ran on time and general administrative duties.

I have been retired for three years now.