

Biographies for candidates for BNCS Management Committee - June 2026

Phil Collins, Phil Gardner and David Greenaway have completed their current three-year terms but are all standing for re-election

Phil Collins has lived locally for over 20 years, finally completing a move into Toot Baldon 8 years ago. He was a member of the original BNCS Committee as Vice Chair and took over as Chairperson 3 years after the Village bought the pub. He served in that position for 2 years before standing down as personal and business commitments took precedent. He rejoined the committee in 2020. His professional experience covers extensive Board level experience as Chairman, CEO, Managing Director, Trading Director and Sales Director across a range of food and non-food businesses. Now semi-retired he is currently Chairman of Durham County Cricket Club.

Phil Gardner is a lifelong Oxfordshire resident with family connections in the Baldons and Nuneham Courtenay and now resides in Marsh Baldon. A founding member of the BNCS Committee since 2012, he has served as Treasurer since 2015, playing a key role in the transitions of tenancy in 2021 and 2023. Phil brings over 25 years of international hospitality expertise to the committee, having held senior roles across the UK and Europe for IHG and Marriott. In 2025, he transitioned from the hotel industry to follow a long-held passion, embarking on a new career in financial planning and advice.

David Greenaway was born, bred and lives in Toot Baldon, with wife Sandy and daughters Samantha and Victoria. Attended local primary school. Worked for Oxford City Council, Oxford Water Board and latterly Thames Water Utilities as a Works Manager. Retired after serving 46 years in the wastewater industry and now pursues a career of working with horses at the family yard. Other interests include Country sports, dining out, social events and keeping the village pub open!

The following people are standing for election for the first time:

Joe Hrano has lived in Toot Baldon for just over a year with his wife, Katie, and son, Otto. He has been an avid supporter of The Seven Stars since moving to the area, including regularly attending the quiz and enjoying its summer BBQ and wine club functions. He thinks we're incredibly lucky to have it and particularly values the important role the pub plays as a community asset and meeting place and would love to help ensure its continued success. Professionally, he works as a Senior Marketing Manager within the financial services industry, where he has experience in project management, budgeting and customer service - skills which would be useful in supporting the committee and the long-term development of the society. As a committee member, his aim would be to contribute positively, working alongside fellow committee members and tenants to help maintain a thriving, sustainable pub that serves our whole community for many years to come.

Mike Baker has lived in Toot Baldon for over four years. Prior to this, he retired after 20 years in the City working primarily building technology solutions for a number of investment banks. Since leaving London, he now works part-time as a consultant for a US investment bank.