

ARGYLE FANS' TRUST

SOCIETY BOARD ELECTION 2020 - CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

PLEASE FIND BELOW THE SIX NAMES OF THOSE NOMINATED; THEIR PROPOSERS AND SECONDEES; THEIR PHOTO (WHERE PROVIDED); AND THEIR STATEMENTS; IN THE 2020 ARGYLE TRUST BOARD ELECTIONS

Tony Cannan nominated by John Lloyd seconded by Celia Ellacott

I've been co-opted onto the AFT Board for the last two years, with roles as project manager and currently as Vice Chair. If elected I will continue on with my current duties.

John Lloyd nominated by Virginia Pike seconded by Tony Cannan

I've been on the AFT Board for most of the last two or three years, with responsibilities for the website and general communications. If elected, I will continue in this role.

I also have very good connections with senior staff and directors at the club, which is best demonstrated by the close co-operation between the Trust and the club for the annual Close Season Survey.

Sally Cockell nominated by Virginia Pike seconded by Chris Dean



Hi, my name is Sally and I am a lifelong Argyle supporter. I attended my first match at Home Park when I was 14, over 45 years ago, when allowed to go on the local football coach from North Cornwall with a schoolfriend. I have attended ever since, whenever

possible. Having left the SW to work, marry and have a family, I am now firmly back in Devon. I am now able to give the time and effort into supporting the club that I hold so dear. I have had a varied working life, in banking, politics and logistics. Not perhaps the path that is associated with women, which back in those days was also true of being a football supporter! Thankfully that is changing rapidly.

Back to today – these times are hard for everyone – business and sport included. We have a fantastic club owner, but he does not have bottomless pockets, just like the rest of us. It beholds us all to do what we can to assist Argyle to not only get over the current hurdles that are thrown down, but to grow for the future and encourage new support, particularly in the youth. I feel that when you become involved with something as a youngster, the chances are that you will stick with that loyalty and interest. One area that I am interested in is trying to set up a shared travel facility as costs to get to matches from the SW can be high in a rural community which can deter, or make impossible, attending matches. I feel that I now have the time to help promote the club and also help its supporters.

Emma Sellick nominated by Virginia Pike seconded by Sue Clark



My name is Emma Sellick. I am 29 years old. I work full time as a Staff Nurse and Renal Young Adult Worker at University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust and I am also a Training Officer (Sub-Lieutenant) within the Royal Navy Reserve.

I have been a Plymouth Argyle Fan for as long as I can remember and a season ticket holder for the majority of my life. A few years ago, I decided that I wanted to get more personally involved with the football club and volunteered for a season as a Home Park Host. This role I thoroughly enjoyed but unfortunately it was discontinued. Subsequently, I experienced as interest in joining the board of the Argyle Fans' Trust and I have been a co-opted board member for the past two years.

My main role within the Trust has been to improve its social media presence. Since starting this role I have developed the AFT Facebook page. When I started, we had 1000 followers, we now have almost 3000. We have also had over 1000 more people join our Twitter page. I Set up the AFT Instagram page and also Snap Chat accounts. I easily spend 2/3 hours a day updating each account and creating membership competitions. Over the past 2 years I have also represented the Trust at

numerous charity events within the Plymouth Argyle Supporter groups and offered to volunteer to promote their event live on their and our social media platforms.

I would like to continue my work on the board for Argyle Fans' Trust as I have lots of ideas for how I would like to develop our social media presence further. I am proud to have served on the board for the past 2 years and would like to continue my involvement.

Chris Dennis nominated by Virginia Pike seconded by John Lloyd



I've followed and supported Argyle since my first game when my father took me to the game v QPR on Boxing Day in 1967. Since then depending on my circumstances I have been everything from a once or twice a season attendee to a full season ticket holder attending all home games and the majority of away games and have currently been to 586 games traveling 125,000 miles to do so! During that time I've been a member and committee member of the Cornish Supporters Branch, a member of PASALB, a Far Post member, a Fans' Trust member since it's inception and a Green Taverners member and investor.

I would have liked to commit more time to the Fans Trust up until now but have had many other commitments including running my own Community Interest Company helping charities and not for profit organisations with their accounts. I've been on the management committee of Perranporth Golf Club for the last 6 years being treasurer and now captain and am secretary of Perranporth Cricket Club but I am due to retire from work early next year and step down from those voluntary roles giving me more time for other things.

I feel I have some relevant skills to bring to the Fans' Trust having been a professional fundraiser before running my own accounting business having had a career in IT prior to that. I feel that supporters trusts are going to become as important as ever with the recent global pandemic threatening the existence of some football clubs. I would welcome the opportunity to represent my fellow fans on the Trust board and play a bigger part in its future direction.

Sam Down nominated by Virginia Pike seconded by Chris Dean



I am standing to rejoin the board of the AFT because I believe fans trusts are absolutely crucial in this day more than any other. At a time where football fans are having to adapt to a whole new world, the voices of fans are more important than ever. The Premier League threatens to hold lower league clubs to hostage and fans being let back into grounds looks more and more remote by the day.

I was a founder member of the AFT and have been involved in the Trust through darker days than these. When the club was struggling to survive as administration loomed, I was involved with drafting the founding statements and meetings, alongside six others. I have drifted in and out of involvement a little since then, having also served for one term as vice-chair. I have now decided the time is once again ripe to get involved.

I believe I have a lot to offer in terms of media output. I have previously written numerous articles for the Trust's fanzine, including interviewing players, legends and staff of PAFC. I'm also a writer for Argyle Life and greenonscreen, keen to spread my work across as many Argyle institutions as possible.

I have been deeply impressed by the work of the Trust over the past few years. They've done great work in establishing a strong relationship with the new owner and creating some great initiatives like the delivery service in conjunction with the club. My aim is to add to this by providing fresh new initiatives. I would like to see the Trust support the club's call for a return of fans to stadiums, subject to Covid safe guidelines and to recreate the fanzine for socially distanced era.
