

CANDIDATE STATEMENT - NICHOLAS JOHN BRODRICK

Proposer: Bob Cole

Secunder: Jon Gibbes

Not long after my late father was re-located to take over as manager of Martins Bank (later Barclays) in Torquay's Fleet Street, I went with him as a 14 year old to stand with 21,000 others in Plainmoor to watch Torquay, for the first time, take on the mighty Tottenham Hotspur in the FA Cup 3rd Round. It was January 1965 and little did I know that nearly 60 years later I would be a director!

So began what is now a lifelong association with The Gulls as part of the Yellow Army. I might be a director but I still sit in my Family Stand seat I've had as a season ticket holder for the past 30+ years.

During the 1970s through to the 1990s I moved away from Torbay to pursue a teaching career becoming a Headmaster at a number of independent schools, raising a family of three children with my wife Jane.

I became a season ticket holder in 1993 despite living in Berkshire making 400 mile round trips on match days and in the past eight years moving closer to live in Somerset.

I joined TUST following an open meeting at the Livermead Cliff Hotel in 2018 (the scene of last year's Fans' Forum which may well have kicked off subsequent events) and was invited to join the board not long after.

For a number of years I was Supporter Liaison Officer leading the Matchday Ambassadors as well as meeting with the then club CEO to revive relationships between the trust and the club.

Recent events are well documented with the takeover by the Bryn Consortium and I'm proud that during my time as chairman we have overseen the return of our football club. Membership has rocketed and our Community Share Issue exceeded all expectations.

I have personally led the Paint Up Plainmoor initiative, making a huge difference thanks to a brilliant group of volunteers.

The club along with TUST is now in safe hands but there is still much to do off and on the pitch, it is a work in progress and it would be an honour to continue leading all this fantastic work with a team of outstanding unpaid volunteers. As Chairman I make myself visible on match days for anyone who wishes me to pass on suggestions.