



22nd September 2005

Dear Dons Trust member,

2005 Elections to the Dons Trust Board

As you may know, elections are to take place shortly for membership of the Board of the Dons Trust. This year there are six vacancies, arising from the recent resignation of Niall Couper and the requirement, in accordance with the Constitution, for those Board members who were elected two years ago (Tom Adam, Ivor Heller, Marc Jones, Erik Samuelson, Ron Trayhorn) to stand down.

All Dons Trust members (not including Junior Dons) who were members as of 1st September 2005 and who meet the requirements of Rule 58 of the Dons Trust Constitution (see further below) are eligible to stand as candidates.

We would like to encourage as many members as possible to stand for the Board. You do not require specialist skills or prior experience of serving on a Board (although both of these can be helpful). But you will need energy, commitment, integrity, the ability to work as part of a diverse team and a passion for furthering the aims of the Dons Trust. If you would like to know more about what serving on the Board entails, then please contact me (e-mail secretary@thedonstrust.org) and I will be pleased to give you more background. Potential candidates may also find it useful to look at the abridged minutes of Board meetings which can be accessed via www.afcwimbledon.co.uk.

Candidates wishing to stand for election will need to complete the attached nomination form and manifesto and return it to the address shown on the form by 17th October 2005. Five proposers will be required in support of any nomination. For a copy of the election rules, please refer to www.afcwimbledon.co.uk or e-mail me at secretary@thedonstrust.org.

In common with last year, the elections will be run according to a multiple first-past-the-post system. The indicative timeline for the elections is as follows:

- 17th October - nominations for election close;
- 25th October – manifestos and voting forms sent out;
- 5th November – candidates' surgery prior to the Braintree home game;
- 25th November – voting closes (voting will be by mail);
- 1st December – results of the election announced at the AGM.



You will be hearing from the Election Steering Group once the manifestos and voting forms have been finalised and voting gets under way. I wish the best of luck to all prospective candidates.

Yours sincerely

Mark Davis
Secretary

Please note:

Rule 58 of the Society's Constitution states:

- "No person can be a member of the Society Board who:*
- a. is an undischarged bankrupt or has been compounded with their creditors;*
 - b. is subject to a disqualification order made under the Company Directors Disqualification Act;*
 - c. has been convicted of an indictable offence (other than a spent conviction as defined in the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974);*
 - d. is or may on the basis of medical evidence be suffering from mental disorder;*
 - e. fails to abide by any rules for the conduct of elections made by the Society Board."*