



From the President,

# Nominations Received

## Nominations for President

### Keith Lear

Villa 17 week 25 Villa 35 week 24

Seconded Roger Barrow. Villa 43 week 26. Villa 47, weeks 45,46,47

Hi, I'm Keith Lear I would like to propose myself for the role of President at Las Casitas.

A little bit about me, I grew up in various countries around the world as my parents were associated with the forces and as a result have an appreciation of worldwide cultures. I feel this has not only helped my working life but has also helped facilitate discussions and understanding of WimPen.

I'm married with 2 children 2 stepchildren and 6 grandchildren with another on the way very soon.

I am currently a technology manager at a major U.K. Banking Group where I have lots of experience running projects and programmes of work. To enable me to be effective in this role I have good commercial and financial experience as well as being able to communicate with different stakeholders, where I have to understand their issues as well as those of the technical area I represent. I also have experience in other sectors outside Finance including Government, Retail and Manufacturing. Having said all that, I am taking early retirement from full time employment at the end of this year so will have plenty of time to put into this role.

I am a relatively recent owner at Las Casitas compared to others, but I have been an owner at another WimPen resort for well over 20 years and it was this experience that led me to purchase at Casitas.

At the other resort where I own weeks, I am the Escritura owners Rep and have been in that role since 2020. During that period there have been a number of challenging issues to deal with and oversee, such as the Covid crisis, pool upgrades, major refurbishments and engagement of new bar franchisees. I have always been committed to helping owners and the Community I have developed good working relationships with the WimPen administration and that knowledge I believe will help bring benefits to Casitas should I become lucky enough to be elected.

*Keith Lear*



### Les Townsend

Villa 3, Week 11 and Villa 4, Weeks 12 and 13 Seconded by: Christopher Wouldhave - Villa 41, Weeks 52 and 1, Villa 18, Week 26

My name is Leslie Townsend, originally from the UK but now living in Valencia, Spain. I have owned on Las Casitas for the last forty years and love the complex, community and island. During those years we have enjoyed many a holiday, making and maintaining friendships and loving the atmosphere that has always been a major part of our holidaying. I have sometimes been called upon to lead the quizzes, help out with the communal barbeque and I have even served behind the bar a few times! I now feel it is time to contribute even more by applying to become President of the Community of Owners for Las Casitas. I want to enhance the community spirit that we share by keeping owners more in touch and informed with what is happening week by week, taking into consideration what improvements can be made, ensuring they happen, and representing YOU so that you, as owners, are not there for



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just a few weeks a year but in your mind, all the time.

My working career has been in local government as an Administration Manager for a local authority; private organisations as a Marketing and Shipping Manager as well as a number of years of self-employment preparing and leading courses in management, computing, finance and health and safety to name but a few. I know and understand the responsibilities that are required of a President of any Spanish Community of Owners and as such, of Las Casitas. I also recognise that taking on everything that is required is a time-consuming task and therefore, I would wish to set up a team of volunteering owners qualified to oversee various important aspects of its management and development in a spirit of mutual ownership, appreciation and togetherness. The team would liaise with me and the Owner's Representative whilst I would be the conduit between WimPen, the management team, Las Casitas staff and Owners.

Las Casitas is important to me and is more than just a visit once a year. In the same way as the leadership of WimPen has changed, I am sure it is time for a change of Las Casitas leadership. I, therefore, ask owners to vote for me as I believe that my skills and experience would benefit Las Casitas and my love for the place would ensure that I do the best for us all.

*Les Townsend*

### **Nominations for Owners Representative**

#### **Pam Ames**

Villa 7 – week 38, Villa 12 – weeks 27 & 28, Villa 38 – weeks 25 & 26, Villa 39 – week 37).  
Seconded: Roger Barrow. Villa 43 week 26. Villa 47, weeks 45,46,47Seconded by Roger Barrow

Mrs Ames is the current Owners representative and offers herself for re-election  
It has been an honour to represent you and a real pleasure to get to know many owners in the years I have been your Owners' Representative.

I have owned at Las Casitas since 1982, I am passionate about the resort and determined to see its future success.

I am not afraid of standing my ground when necessary and have developed a very good and influential relationship with our president, and WimPen.

I am not an avid user of Social Media and don't believe it is the best place to resolve problems. Many owners contact me directly for help and advice, and I always do my best to help.

My aims have not changed:

- To continue to encourage Owners to contact me with their ideas for the future or if they have a problem or an enquiry and to do all I can to help and advise.
- To work with the president and assist with his newsletters to ensure owners are kept informed of important decisions.
- To encourage further revenue via sales and rentals to enable us to invest in the resort.
- To encourage future developments and improvements that will benefit the Community.
- To ensure that Las Casitas remains the wonderful resort that it is for owners and future generations to enjoy.
- To bring influence to bear on WimPen's management of Las Casitas.

Owners should feel free to contact me at any time, whether it's a problem, no matter how small, for advice or just to give me your feedback.

*Pam Ames*



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## Steve Pickering

weeks 18 and 19 - Villa 35, week 4 - Villa 9, week 5 - Villa 6, week 39 - Villa 11, week 49 – Villa 40

Currently in the process of Purchasing week 8 – Villa 3

Second: Judith Booth Villa 33 Weeks 37 and 38

I have an extensive background in both IT and Commercial Management (Including Supplier / Outsourcer Management) in both a senior executive and board capacity and feel my background could only help Las Casitas moving forwards.

I retired early in 2017 aged 57 after spending many years in a senior exec role in a financial services ftse100 company. Since retirement I have returned to work in the capacity of Group Managing Director at Earlswood Nurseries Limited a Garden, Landscape and Manufacturing Centre providing services to both the retail public and the trade including Wholesale sales to some very familiar household names.

Currently, I am also employed on a further part time basis as an IT consultant in the Financial Services arena with Capita managing a number of contractual service-related contracts.

I feel my fields of expertise listed above along with my excellent communication skills would be a great match for the requirements of the Owners Representative role. Importantly I see myself as very approachable and am always very keen to reach common sense solutions to all types of issues.

I can see there is a desperate need for succession planning both in the President and Owners Rep Role and again this is yet another subject where I have a wealth of both experience and expertise. I would plan to spread my knowledge as I pick it up to other owners who would be keen to help and build a team who would be able to step in should a succession be required at short notice for any reason.

I am 64 years old and very keen to help. In total my wife and I own 6 weeks on Las Casitas and are currently in the process of purchasing a 7th week. We also own 3 weeks on Las Brisas, add to this some regular rentals from Ona Group and it's fair to say we spend about 10-12 weeks a year in Playa Blanca.

After holidaying every year in Playa Blanca since 1992 It has become our second home, and I would appreciate the opportunity to help.

*Steve Pickering*

