

## The Avon- Avon Dasset Public House - Prospective New Owners

Dear Avon Dasset Parish Council and local residents.

We have today submitted an offer to Fleurets to buy this property freehold. We have yet to know if it has been accepted, but we took advice on the figure put forward which we feel is fair, and reflects the current market values. We do understand the offer is then subject to your registered Community bid.

We have followed and appreciate that the local Avon Dasset residents have been dismayed following the closure of The Avon, after an unsuccessful re-launch as an Italian restaurant. Losing local amenities is sad, and all too common. We too have watched in our village here in Sussex, whereby 3 Pubcos allowed the 3rd placed Pub to struggle and fold. Fortunately, it was bought by a local family and now well supported and doing just fine. We have been quite involved, not just by being regular customers, but with organising and running various local events, including the Pub's own Golf Society play days, the Bonfire Society bar and the Three Pubs Challenge.



So, if we are successful in our bid, be assured that it is our firm intension to run The Avon as a Pub in a traditional manner, as a social amenity for the village and surrounding area. We are country/rural people at heart, so the area we feel suits us well. I grew up in Islip, Oxford, so Avon Dasset has rather a familiar feel too.

It has been a long term plan to run a hospitality based business. We both have backgrounds in running our own businesses in the South East. Gary has been in the timber industry travelling extensively but is currently running the Bar at his Golf Club! He has two sons, one in London and the elder one married and living in America.



Seona, glowing with pride with her eldest son.

I have run a BHS Riding Establishment in Sussex since 2000, until finally selling the whole property last year. Prior to my family, I had many years in event management and corporate hospitality. My own four children are also grown and flown, with only my youngest still in education and he is now in his first year at Nottingham University (History).

Your own Michael Blakeman has been very helpful, so I have sent him this note as a little background for any interested parties at your forthcoming meeting to discuss the future of The Avon.

Best wishes for your ambitions.

Yours sincerely,

*Seona*

Gary & Seona Loveman