



Jonathan Burchill
Election Statement

**Jonathan is standing for election at the January 2025 AGM as a Board member
In order to enable a seamless handover the BU Board has co-opted Jonathan to the Board**

Growing up to support Brentford was literally in my DNA.

I was born in a hospital just over a mile away from Griffin Park, on a day that the Bees played. One of the early sounds I may have heard in my cot could have been the roar of the crowd when Tommy Higginson scored.

My Dad had regularly been to Griffin Park in the 1950s and recalled watching Ron Greenwood & Jimmy Hill. His father was born in Brentford in 1908, after his parents had moved to near The Globe pub in 1907. Did they also go to Griffin Park?

I'm not really sure, but what else was there to do on a Saturday afternoon 100+ years ago!

My first game was in 1976 and apart from the enjoying the match action I progressively started taking an interest in the stats and history of the club.

Fast forward to 2021, and after a couple of years of research, I had a book published – “A Pub On Each Corner”. I literally read every local newspaper etc from 1904 – 2020 to try and record the less well remembered stories from Griffin Park, as well, of course, as the big events. It was a fascinating journey and made me fully appreciate what a great club it has always been.

Having been a co-opted member of the BU Board for the last 6 months, I hope I have brought this detailed knowledge of the club's history into current context. Also, I've drawn upon 30+ years working at a well-known High Street bank (which had a Griffin as its logo) where I gained an extensive management experience. Although this came to end with early retirement 9 years ago and now wonder how I ever had time to work!

If elected, I would aim to bring the club's heritage to life and be happy to be involved in any activity required.

Would appreciate your vote.

Jonathan “JB” Burchill

