

# PATRICK GUBBINS

CV

## CONTACT

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## PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of birth: 15<sup>th</sup> February 1971  
Nationality: UK  
Position sought: Tour Guide / Tour Director or related  
Availability: Immediate, very flexible, can travel in UK and overseas. Interested in permanent or seasonal.  
Interests: History, culture, language, landscape development, reading on a wide variety of topics, music/songwriting/piano.

## SKILLS

- EXPERIENCED GUIDE
- CONVERSATIONAL FRENCH & GERMAN
- BASIC ITALIAN, CHINESE, RUSSIAN, LITHUANIAN
- PROFESSIONAL-LEVEL PIANIST

## PROFILE

A capable, resourceful and approachable individual, very well-travelled, with wide general knowledge. Founded own company in 2000, attracted venture capital investment in 2002. Professional-level pianist, attained Grade 8 at the age of 17. A published songwriter and author of two guide books to London, *London Guide in Easy English* and *London Walks in Easy English*.

Experienced in-person guide to London and home town of Thame, Oxfordshire. Tour guide for Thame Historical Society.

Formerly taught English in UK and Lithuania.

Intellectually curious lifelong learner.

## EDUCATION

### Certificate of Higher Education in History

University of Oxford  
2020 - 2024 (part-time), awarded Distinction

### Cert (TESOL)

Trinity College  
Completed January 1995

### BA (Hons) Modern Languages

University of Westminster and Beijing University  
1989 - 1993, awarded 2:1

## WORK HISTORY

### Software designer

2008 – present  
Managing own software company Tyger Valley Systems, now a very undemanding role because of software automation, involving only a few hours of attention per month.

### Managing Director

2000 - 2015  
Founded and ran own audio transcription firm which grew from solo operation to international entity with venture capital partners. Exited in 2015, selling stake via partner buyout.

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## Testimonials

All available to view on  
<https://londongreeters.org/the-greeters/testimonials/>

21/10/2019

Our greet with Patrick was a wonderful experience! Following some nice and smooth communication via e-mail Patrick agreed to meet us at the Shakespeare Globe Theatre where we had booked a guided tour. He made two suggestions for our tour and had us choose one according to our interests. We went for a walking tour towards the Southeast, passing by some interesting local spots such as Borough Market and ending at St. Katharines Dock. We learned many interesting things about the area, London history and current developments. Our guide was very knowledgeable and kind – a very nice and interesting personality! He also made some conversation with our teenage daughter, which was nice so she could practice some English. We really enjoyed our walk, which was a truly intercultural experience because we have learned about work and life in London. Highly recommended indeed! Thank you so much from Germany! Andrea, Rainer and Helena

11/10/2019

Patrick – we fully enjoyed our tour with you and we both thank you very much for your kindness. We had a great time and were afforded insights by you that we would not have gotten on our own. Kevin and Christina.

15/08/2019

Patrick was a really friendly and knowledgeable greeter with a lot of experience. Seiji, Japan.

4/1/2020

Patrick – nous voici revenus en France avec plein de souvenirs en tête de cette superbe ville qu'est Londres. Nous sommes ravis que vous ayez eu la gentillesse de partager avec nous la passion de votre ville. Des endroits improbables que nous aurions jamais trouvés sans votre aide, tel que la "rue de la musique". Vraiment un très bon moment. Merci. Amélie, Daniel, Olivier & Matilda.

## Tour Guide

2019 - 2020

Occasional role conducting guided tours of London for London Greeters (<https://londongreeters.org/>) in English, French and German. See testimonials opposite.

2024 – present

Conducting occasional guided walks around home town of Thame, Oxfordshire.

## Teacher of English as a Foreign Language

1995 - 2000

Teacher of English as a Foreign Language at Golders Green School of English, all nationalities and all levels from Intermediate to Proficiency.

## Teacher of English as a Foreign Language

1994 - 1995

Teacher of English at Kaunas University of Technology, Kaunas, Lithuania.

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