

# Honiton

## TALK OF THE TOWN

THE NEWSLETTER OF HONITON TOWN COUNCIL

July 2015

### Welcome message from the new Mayor of Honiton for 2015/16 - Councillor Caroline Kolek



I am delighted to have been elected Mayor and I look forward to working with our new council in moving forward with the many issues and events in Honiton.

It is important that we thank the previous council for their hard work and commitment, particularly in getting The Beehive, our new community centre and council offices finally built. A special thanks to Cllr Peter Halse for his hard work as previous Mayor.

It is exciting to be working with a new council and it cannot go without notice that we are on average a younger council and also a female dominated council. We must surely be quite unique here in the South West.

As a democratically elected council we will be working together in serving our community and I hope over the next year to see Honiton become a Dementia Friendly Town and I applaud the hard work and commitment of the steering group on which I proudly sit.

As a teacher and mother, young people are central to my life and I look forward to working closely with the Honiton Youth Club particularly ensuring that the needs of our young townspeople are met.

As a keen environmentalist and someone interested in health and wellbeing I intend to focus on our open spaces and ensure they are maintained and fully appreciated so all our residents and visitors can enjoy them. We will be working closely with our councillors responsible for these areas.

Whilst my focus is around wellbeing I am looking forward to the council enjoying a closer working relationship with our market traders and local businesses through our Chamber of Commerce. It is important that we support our businesses in

ensuring our town is a thriving community.

Finally I have chosen Honiton Hospital League of Friends as the Mayor's Charity this year. They are working to raise £4000 for a relatives room. This is especially important if a Honiton hospital patient has a long stay and friends and family from far away want to visit.

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## INTRODUCING YOUR NEW TOWN COUNCILLORS



### Councillor Clare Melbourne

I'm really excited about my new role on the Town Council and am looking forward to working with people in Honiton to make some positive changes and build on the initiatives that are already under way.

I work full time for the NHS, however outside of work, I like to be outdoors and am a member of Honiton Running Club which has encouraged me to take part in a number of running events over the years both as a runner and a volunteer. Due to my interest in sports and outdoor activities, I have undertaken special responsibility for Sports and Open Spaces on behalf of

the Council, a cause which I am passionate about and I am keen to start getting involved in these issues across the town.

### Councillor Jill McNally

I have lived in Honiton for 25 years and was elected to Honiton Town Council in 2007 and served for a couple of years. I worked for a local solicitors office for 14 years and retired in 2010. Since then, I worked as a self-employed secretary for a surveyor but am now all but retired, doing just the occasional odd job for him. I love my town and music, singing in a local choir and operatic society (of which I was also secretary) for many years. I now spend time at home with my partner and my cats (I have five) and am an honorary part owner of a horse with my son.



### Councillor Luke Harvey-Ingram



I have been a resident of Honiton since 1982, when my family moved here from Feniton. I work full-time in the construction industry and have a passion for music both old and new. I also have a new found interest in gardening and am quite often found pottering in our small garden.

I am proud to have been elected as a Councillor and look forward to the next four years of serving the people of Honiton to the best of my abilities.

### Councillor Graham Smith

I have lived in Honiton (St. Paul's Ward) for the last seven years with my wife Sue, Stepson Luke and my chocolate Labrador Barney.

I worked in the furniture industry and as a Transport Manager for many years before taking up an Autosmart franchise. I now run my own small property maintenance business in the local area.

My interests and hobbies include gardening, walking, cooking, sea kayaking, fishing, cricket and I am the Chairman of the Tiverton and Honiton Branch of UKIP.

We are privileged to live in such a beautiful part of the country in a friendly town rich in history and tradition which must be preserved for future generations to enjoy, which is one of the reasons I stood for the Town Council. I currently sit on the Policy and Finance committees and have been appointed to support Dementia Friendly Town, Charter Day and special responsibilities for crime. I am also the Deputy Co-Ordinator for the town's Emergency Plan and am on the working group for the Neighbourhood Plan, which I hope many of you will contribute to in the coming months.





## Councillor Anne Mountjoy



I have lived/worked in Honiton for more than 30 years. My children went to school here and as a family, we've supported various local activities including the Scout Group, Honiton Town Band, Honiton Hockey team and Otter Rotters.

To help take care of our environment for future generations, I'm a supporter of Transition Town Honiton. I'm especially concerned about changes needed to improve local recycling. There's much the Transition movement can bring to Honiton to improve the quality of life and leisure of the people who live and work here.

Although my children are grown up, I am still deeply interested in opportunities for young people, particularly as I will soon have three grandchildren. We should celebrate the many opportunities on offer to our young people. Taking the Honiton Pantomime Society as an example, I applaud their achievements, with thousands of local people enjoying their latest production, Sleeping Beauty.

I would like to be part of a council that puts the needs of the community first, prioritising resources for the best interest of our community. I would like the council to recognise and build on the success of activities taking place locally. I think we should listen to local people, and be proud of the great work that is going on in and around the town.

## Councillor Julia Lake



I am married and have lived in Honiton all my life with my family and extended family who are also Honitonians. As a dog owner I enjoy walking in the towns green areas and joining in with local events. I am keen to represent the town and be

an advocate for its residents' voices.

## Councillor Ashley Alder



I am Ashley Alder. I own the sweet stall in Honiton Market and I also work as a room guide for the National Trust.

## Councillor Sheila Edwards

I have lived and worked in East Devon for over 30 years and moved to Honiton three years ago. I have spent most of my career working as an accounting technician for various businesses, but I have also had experience in Sales and Training. In the past I have been involved in the community as a fully qualified marriage guidance counsellor. In my spare time I have enjoyed amateur dramatics producing many plays and shows.



## Councillor Kim Smith

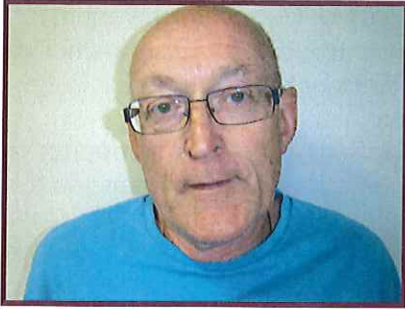


Whilst having lived in Honiton for the last 13 years my extended family have resided here for over 30 years. I have enjoyed participating in the towns activities and supported local events for many years.

I am a married mother with one teenager and a dog owner. I work full time hours within two of the town schools. I enjoy what Honiton has to offer and feel we need to respect its identity and promote the services the town has to offer to both younger and older residents.



## Councillor Ken Hopkins



I spent my early years in Africa, India and Germany ( with my parents), returned to the UK and settled in Northampton in 1963 - and was employed by 2 companies for 12 years. In my spare time I was involved with The National Association of Youth Clubs (NAYC) and managed a local youth centre 4 nights a week for Northampton Borough Council.

In 1975 -1984 I went to Israel and became a full time member working and living on a Kibbutz. On my return I settled in Exeter then moved to Gittisham in 1990.

I have been employed in Residential Care in Honiton, the AA and until retiring in 2014 for the NHS at the forensic mental health unit based at Langdon Hospital. I was also a Special Constable for D & C Police in the mid nineties and a Honiton Town Councillor for many years but due to work commitments decided to retire from the council at that time.

Having been elected again to Honiton Town Council I hope to be able to serve my community in a wide range of duties.

## Councillor David Perkins

I have lived and worked in East Devon for over 25 years as well as having periods working in London and the Midlands. I am a retired chartered accountant with experience of public practice, industry and local government finance. I have been self-employed for most of my career.

My wife and I settled in Honiton 3 years ago and during that time we have been involved in voluntary work in the community.



## RE-ELECTED TOWN COUNCILLORS



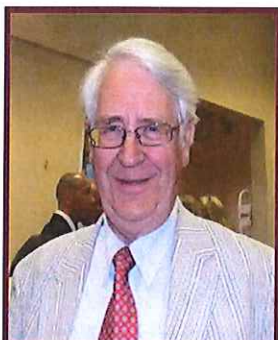
**Cllr Henry Brown**



**Cllr Roy Coombs**



**Cllr Vera Howard**



**Cllr Peter Halse**



**Cllr Caroline Kolek**



**Cllr John Taylor**



**Cllr Jackie Wadsworth**