

Email to:

The Town Clerk for circulation to Councillors.

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Dear Colleagues,

After some kind prompting and much thought, I have decided to put myself forward for the position of Deputy Mayor for 2014-15. As you know I am passionate about our Town and the residents who live here and it would be a privilege as Deputy Mayor to be able to represent our Town's Council and the great work it does.

I feel it is important that the Deputy Mayor must be able to provide a strong support for the Mayor and their work and I am in the fortunate position to be able to give the time and energy required to do this and I do believe I have the right qualities and the experience for the 'job'. Also ancient Malmesbury is a place of tradition and I value the part we play in this, especially the ceremonial aspects which are a mark of our Council.

During my time as a member of the Council, I have sat on or participated in a number of different Committees and am currently Chair of Policy and Resources and Deputy Chair of Leisure and Youth Committee. I have been involved in or led several projects and events, including the Neighbourhood Plan and have been very active in helping to reinforce the public face of the Council, especially with the new Town Council website.

I have had experience of chairing several other committees over the years and am currently Chair of two charities. Firstly, I have been Chair of Elizabeth Hodges Charity for nearly five years. More recently our Charity is also partnering with Malmesbury Community Trust. Additionally, I am Chair of Malmesbury Scouting Executive Committee, principally to run St. Mary's Hall as a community venue for many of the different Youth and Arts groups in the town, including Malmesbury Carnival. I am also Chair of the Community Operations Board re the Campus Project.

Since becoming a Councillor I have actively promoted the Council and also its role in the Community. Sometimes this has been at a County level, as when I was one of the representatives of the Town Council in Salisbury for the official Queen's Jubilee celebrations, or attending other events and functions such as WOMAD or the Freedom of the Town parade. Most often though, I am linked in with many local groups and organisations, a few examples of which follow here:

- Malmesbury Primary School invited me to give a talk to the older pupils on how a Council is run and I took a couple of our robes and tricorne hats with me, to show the significance of our history and tradition.
- I have visited or taken part in activities with Malmesbury Secondary School for various events and have had very positive feedback from the Head Teacher and young people there.
- I have visited Glovers Court in my role as a Councillor.
- You will remember that I was able to arrange a very successful St. George's Day Parade in Malmesbury with representatives from all of North Wiltshire Scouting and over 400 people attended.
- As the Malmesbury Town Council Rep for Neighbourhood Planning, the profile of our town and our council has been raised considerably due to the success of this flagship project and the work has led to a Government Minister visiting Malmesbury to congratulate us on our progress.
- The recent Daily Telegraph High St of the Year competition shortlisted Malmesbury in the top 10 as a result of my nomination for the award.

Despite mentioning these, for me the most important aspect of being part of the Council is 'Team Malmesbury'. Great work has been achieved through our positive working together during the last year and I am sure we will continue with even better results in the year to come. As such it would be a privilege to serve you as Deputy Mayor and I hope you will be able to support my election.

Yours sincerely,

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