

IN TOUCH FROM RYDE TO SANDOWN

1. Ashey

Vanessa Churchman



Vanessa Churchman is married with 2 sons of whom one, Peter, lives and works on the Island. A keen sportswoman she has run 3 London Marathons and still plays and umpires netball. She is an avid gardener.

A businesswoman for over thirty years Vanessa currently operates a picture framing business in Bembridge yet still finds time to exercise by running and walking her dog; both "Walk the Wight" in aid of the Hospice.

2. Bembridge North

Sally Pigot



Sally has lived in Bembridge full-time for over 30 years and couldn't envisage living anywhere else. She is much involved with the RNLI and St John's Ambulance on the Island and is a member of the Independent Monitoring Board of Camp Hill Prison.

She enjoys all aspects of village life and is very keen that Bembridge should retain its community spirit.

3. Bembridge South

Win McRobert



Win lives in Pelham Close with her husband, Mac, and they have three adult children and five grandchildren. She has been involved in helping to solve local issues on the Island and the mainland, has been a Parish Councillor for ten years and an IW County Press Village Talk Correspondent for 13.

She would be proud to represent the needs of Bembridge South residents.

4. Binstead

Ivan Bulwer



Ivan Bulwer has been married to Sue for 34 years. He has spent many years in manufacturing with Trucast Limited, becoming MD in 1992. He is a Rolls-Royce time-served engineer.

During the last eight years Ivan has served the community in various roles, including as a member of the Binstead Forum; treasurer of the Parochial Church Council for Holy Cross, Binstead and as chairman of the Abbeyfield Society (Ryde), providing homes for the elderly.

5. Brading & St Helens

Patrick Joyce



Patrick Joyce has been county councillor for Brading & St Helens for the past four years. He has lived in St Helens since 1958, during which time he ran his own successful business for 22 years. Prior to this he served 25 years in the Royal Navy as an Engineer Officer in Submarines.

He is currently Opposition Spokesman on Education at County Hall

31. Ryde North East

David Woodward



David Woodward is 58, married with grown up children. David grew up in Monkton Street, Ryde and returned to the town eight years ago after a career with the Hampshire Constabulary. He also has a financial background, having been employed by a national Building Society.

He currently works part time for the out of hours doctor service (IDOC). David is also a governor of Dover Park Primary School.

32. Ryde North West

Arthur Taylor



Arthur Taylor is married with a son and daughter. Now retired, he was for many years manager of Sinclairs Young in Ryde High Street, after serving as a merchant navy officer. He has represented the ward on Medina Borough and the Isle of Wight Council for 17 years.

He is a governor of Greenmount Primary School and a member of Ryde Forum.

33. Ryde South East

Adrian Axford



Adrian Axford is a retired businessman and teacher, and has seven years experience as a County Councillor for Ryde. For several years he has been Chairman of Ryde Conservatives.

He is married and his three children and grandson have all attended local schools. He has many years experience as a school governor, including Dover Park and Ryde High School, and is currently a governor of Greenmount School.

Adrian has served as Trustee of several charities, including the Friends of St Thomas', Ryde, the Island Spina Bifida Association and as treasurer of the Hardman Trust, a prison charity.

34. Ryde South West

Peter Newman



Peter Newman has lived in Ryde for the past 10 years and is married with three children.

He spent 20 years as a pilot in the Fleet Air Arm, and as a Squadron Commander. After this, he worked overseas as an airline captain before returning to live in Ryde. He now works for an airline training organisation, assessing young people for commercial flying and in their subsequent training.

35. St. John's East

Bob Woodgate



Bob Woodgate has lived and worked in your ward for the last 27 years and cares very much about this local area. Both of his sons attended local schools.

Many of you will have often seen Bob going about his work as a builder, roofer and carpenter. Within the next year Bob is looking forward to becoming semi-retired and devoting much of his time and energy to serving his local area.

36. St. John's West

Ros Whitworth



Ros is married to David - a company director - and has three sons. She moved with her family to the Island four years ago.

She is chairman of the Donkey Breed Society and has owned horses and donkeys for over thirty years. Her other interests are the environment, music and the arts.

37. Sandown North

Dawn Martin



Dawn Martin has lived in Sandown for around 30 years of which the last 16 years have been in Yaverland. Dawn ran hotel businesses in Sandown and Lake for many years and intends to continue in the tourist industry as soon as she can.

Dawn has four children who are all Sandown born and bred. Unfortunately, her son, Gavin, died suddenly at the age of 24. This tragedy has spurred Dawn to campaign for a helicopter so medical emergencies can be transferred to the mainland more quickly.

Lib-Dems can't win here - beware bogus Independents

38. Sandown South

Ian Ward



Ian Ward is Island born and was brought up in his home town of Sandown. Ian has recently retired from the Army after 30 successful years as an engineer, during his career he rose from a private soldier to Major. He now works for the Probation Service in Newport.

39. Seaview & Nettlestone

Diana Tuson



Diana is married to Peter (a retired police officer) and they have four grown up daughters. She has many years of experience serving on a metropolitan council where she worked hard for local people and local issues. She believes that you can make a difference by serving the local community and is a Parish Councillor and a Justice of the Peace.

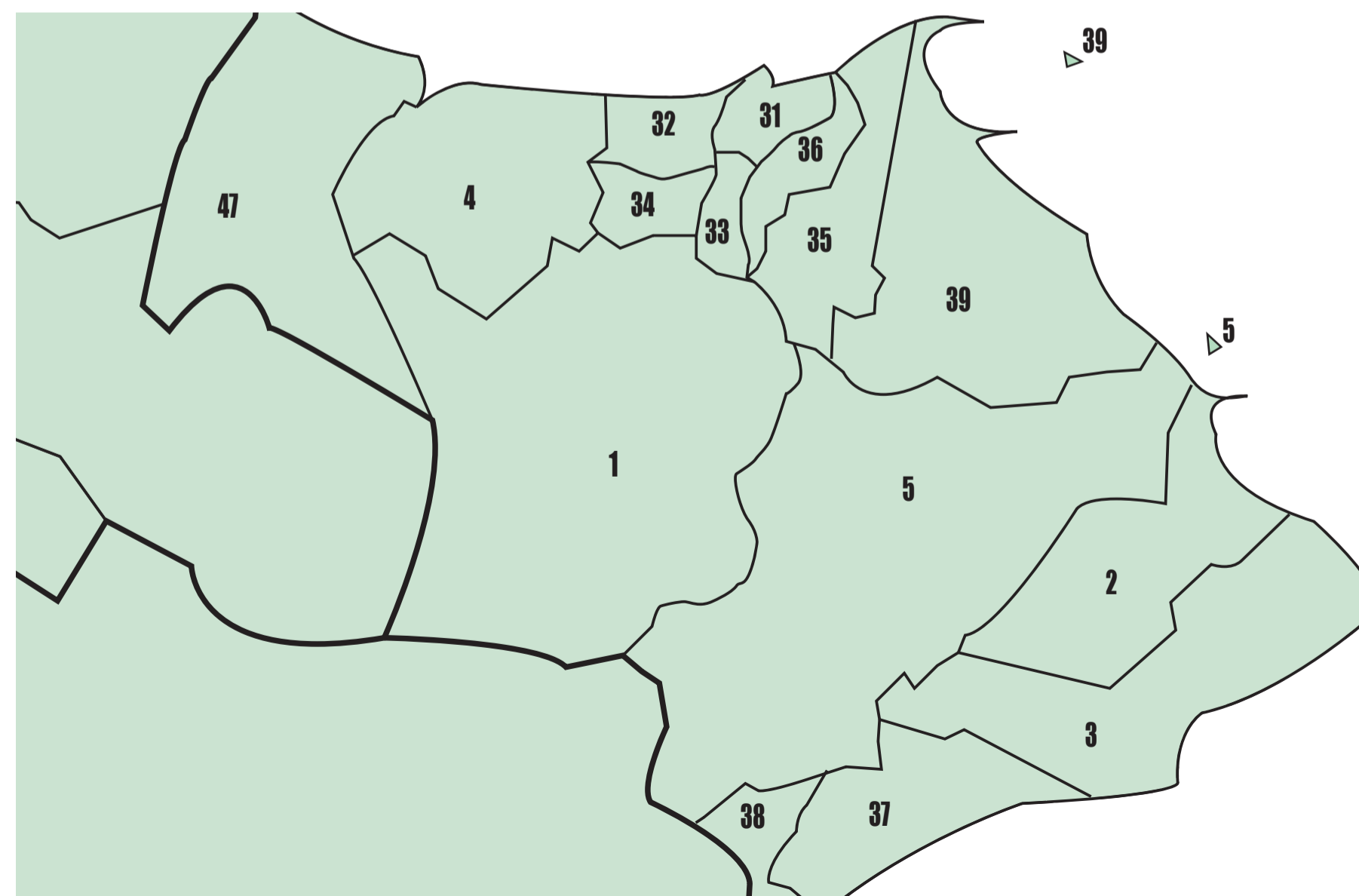
40. Wootton

Barry Abraham



As someone born, bred and still living in Wootton, Barry has represented the village on the Isle of Wight Council for the past seven years, and as a member of the Parish Council for the last ten years.

He is a governor at the Primary School as well as chairman of the Youth Club Management committee.



Who controls the IW Council?

At the last council election, 13 Conservatives, 4 Labour, 11 Independents, and 20 Lib-Dems were elected. You had voted out the Lib-Dems - but within days of the election most so-called 'Independent' councillors had joined up with them so that they could run the Council for last next four years.

In other words, the election are Cllrs Rees, Fleming, Independents weren't independent at all. They betrayed you - and now they're claiming to be 'independent' again. The betrayers who are seeking re-

election are Cllrs Rees, Fleming, Bartlett, Lawson, Miller, Hancock, Richards and Humby. All nice people. All of them kept the Lib-Dems in power for another four years. All backed the inflation-busting council tax rises. Two - Cllrs Rees and Fleming - are on the ruling Executive and supported the '27,000 houses' proposal. Many people prefer Independent councillors in local government. We don't blame them. But to vote 'Independent' once, and then be betrayed, is a tragedy. To be conned twice smacks of carelessness. You can't trust Independent candidates in 2005.

Menu without Prices

Lib-Dems have published a tasty menu of ideas in their Island election manifesto. Only trouble - not one of them is costed. And that is as much help to voters as going to a restaurant without knowing what the price will be

For example, they promise a tourist tax. But they'd have to spend massive sums on new red carpets before they could bring in a tourist tax. All cost to you. And when it sounded unpopular, they said it may be less than a £ per visitor. But the cost of collection will probably exceed that. And they promise a park-and-ride scheme for Newport - again uncoded. But the last highways project came in at ten times its budget. Menu without prices bring nasty surprises. The Conservative manifesto is fully costed. It can be seen on IslandConservatives.org.