

Dear Elector

Since 1999 I have been a Member of the Onchan District Commissioners. I was born in Foxdale, and having lived in Onchan since 1950, I feel I should be well known to many voters, especially as I had been involved in the Community with the Onchan Silver Band for fifty years, firstly as a playing member, and Musical Director from 1958 to 2002. I was the organist at Onchan Methodist Church for many years, before taking up my present position in 1969 as the organist of St Peter's Parish Church and I serve on the Parochial Church Council.

In 1998 I was honoured to be the first recipient of the Onchan Community Cross (Crosh Pobble Chennaghyn). I am a member of the Douglas Probus Club and was President from 2004 to 2005.

For 38 years I was employed by Island Garages Ltd serving my apprenticeship, and later becoming the Vehicle Service Manager.

My wife, Sheila, was born in Onchan and has lived in the area all her life, and apart from her own interests she assists and encourages me in many activities in the District. I have always admired the progress and business-like manner of our local Authority, and was pleased to be the Board Chairman in 2005. I am pleased to report the Urban and Rural difficulties, over the past years, have been overcome and all Members are now working as a team. I feel that I could continue to offer advice and assistance to them if I was to be re-elected.

Yours sincerely

*Gordon Astill*

**Please give  
me your  
vote on  
election day.  
*This will  
help me to  
help you.***

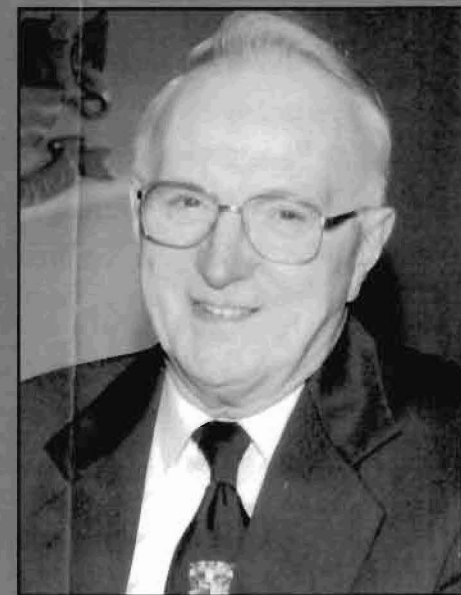
**Thursday  
24th April  
2008**

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telephone  
620236  
*if you require  
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*If elected for another term my message to the  
Voter is: I will play my part to maintain and  
improve the standard of the District, with  
the Ratepayer always in mind.*



**Gordon**

**Local Authority General Election**

**ONCHAN**

**Thursday 24th April 2008**

**8am until 8pm**

**Polling Station  
Onchan Youth and Community Centre**

There are several local issues that I would like to advise you as to my feelings

## YOUTH

The Drop-in Centre for the young people is to be commended.

## LAW AND ORDER

I hope that the great problem will diminish, the use of CCTV cameras in the District is assisting the situation but I would like to see more policemen and policewomen in this area.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The success of this scheme continues and the Commissioners should still support local groups.

## STREET LIGHTING

This is improving each year - and a future programme should be published for ratepayers to know how their area fits into a plan.

## TRANSPORT

Road improvements are required - assistance must be given to traffic congestion. I support traffic calming in all housing areas, and more 'Smiley Faces' to stop speeding.

## HERITAGE

The development of the Onchan Village Green is an asset. We must continue to preserve all matters of importance of our heritage, and assist the Friends of Onchan Heritage, of which I am pleased to be their Vice Chairman,

## REFUSE COLLECTION

I can only say "FIRST CLASS". We have a very loyal group of staff doing a good job. The 'Bring Bank' sites in Onchan are popular and well used.

## ONCHAN PARK

The finest outdoor entertainment centre on the Island, and if possible, new ideas must be forthcoming to attract more people to use the facilities available.

## SPRINGFIELD & HEYWOOD COURT

Both these buildings are an asset to Onchan and they provide comfortable accommodation for the elderly.

## ONCHAN RATE

I, like many other Ratepayers am rather upset, and disappointed by the large increase. I was one of three existing Members against the 9% increase, and I trust the new elected Board of Commissioners will keep a watchful eye on the financial situation.