

with good, sound ideas similar to my own, so if you don't vote for me vote for him. Better still, vote for both of us! I urge you all to come out and vote, the future of your quality of life is in your hands.

The last few years under the present commissioners have been disastrous for Ramsey. It's time for some of them to be turfed out. We have eleven candidates for North Ward and eight candidates for South Ward. Doesn't it tell you that people are not satisfied with the present commissioners?

My recommended candidates would be:

North Ward:

B. Beattie, N.H. Malpass, K.B. Mayne, D.I. Sugden, and W.G. Young.

South Ward:

E.T. O'Sullivan, S.P. Beattie, G.K. Quayle, W. Quigley, R. Radcliffe and L.I. Singer.

My policies are to try and tackle any problems that the people of Ramsey have, no matter what they are. I will try, as I have always done, to keep rates to a minimum and try and stop the appalling waste of your money on wish lists for the commissioners. Take a good look at the candidates and vote with your head, then maybe in the next four years we will get something positive done.

Remember, if you vote for me, I work for free!

Wilf Young.



YOUR POLLING STATION IS IN THE TOWN HALL

The polling station will be open from
8.00 a.m. till 8.00 p.m.

RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSION NORTH WARD ELECTION



Polling Day
Thursday
April 24th 2008

Wilf Young

I have served as a Ramsey Commissioner for nearly six years but it has been hard going fighting most of the other commissioners on schemes that I thought were of little or no use to the town or the people.

I promised to try and stop the rot but as I say, it's hard. When I suggest a common sense approach to a problem, I am always outvoted. I am the only commissioner who has not been voted onto a committee, maybe the other commissioners think I'm too stupid or is it because I'm too wise?

Let's see what I have achieved in spite of them. Not much I'm afraid, but the kids would still be waiting for their skate park, if it wasn't for me. I did manage to get a private sponsor to donate one hundred thousand pounds, leaving very little for the ratepayers to add, and the kids love it.

I fought to keep the Peveril plot. None of the public that I talked to wanted it built on, but again this fell on deaf ears in the town hall. We have lost it to a new swimming pool which I think is a total waste of money. It's an ugly building and not as good as the one we already have. However, as I was

overruled I suggested that the old swimming pool should have its pool filled in or floored over. We would then have another hall ready to be used for sports, a bowling alley, cinema, dancing, in fact, anything we care to use it for. The cafe could then be kept going as it is very well used. We have changing rooms etc. In fact we have everything in place. However, once again I was met with stupid comments like, "Let's board the windows up so that the vandals won't break them", and even, "Let's knock it down and build another one". These people are on another planet!

I said in my last manifesto that I would like to see more council houses built. I did not mean knock down the Ponderosa causing grief and heartache to the tenants, many of whom were thrown out of South Ramsey in the 60's and 70's only to be told, "Get out", again and put into new houses, which I don't think are as good or as big as the old ones. I said that the new houses should have open fires as well as gas or oil central heating. If the electricity goes off you have no heating at all! If you have an open fire as well, at least you can keep warm. But of course, more deafness. I was told that it was going to be a smokeless zone; of course this was all cut and dried before I became a Commissioner so there was very little I could do to help the people.

I still do not want our harbour and wild life destroyed in the name of a so called 'marina'. I am the chairman of the Small Boat and Harbour Users Association and neither myself nor any of the members want our freedom curtailed in any way, but we are in favour of a water retention scheme in the Old Harbour, then people who want to keep their boat afloat can do so and the main harbour will not be affected. This will suit everyone. We must not dam the Sulby River.

I have tried to help the people living on the Ormly estate to try and stop the new housing development on the Vollen fields as we reckoned we have enough people and traffic in the town and our sewer system cannot cope because it is overloaded now. We have notices on North Prom saying that it is not

recommended to bathe on this beach but still some Commissioners want more people so there's even more pressure on the system, less parking, and more danger on the roads.

What was my reward for my trouble? The other Commissioners tried twice to get the Attorney General on to me, but the man was too sensible for them and saw through their scheme and told them to fight their own battles. I wonder how much that cost the ratepayers?

We have two nice new schools but I don't want to see the old Albert Road School knocked down. It's in good condition and could be used for some other function. The way the Commissioners want to increase the population we may need to keep using it as a school!

I have done my best, fighting to have the Queen's Pier refurbished but I'm convinced that the Government is determined to keep dragging its feet on this one, hoping it will fall down. If the pier was in Douglas it would be gold plated.

I am not going to make any promises I can't keep, all I can do is keep on asking awkward questions and fighting for the ordinary people and their quality of life, which if left to the present commissioners will fast disappear. I have done six years for the people at no cost whatsoever, to the extent of not even having a cup of tea or a biscuit at any of the meetings. I have never been to any buffet or party because you, the ratepayer, are footing the bill. I do the job for free, I don't claim any expenses at all and I think that all other Commissioners should do the same! As for taking payment for attending meetings, as quite a few commissioners do, I think that's disgraceful. If you want to know who they are, ask at the town hall, you are entitled to know.

I have been talking to a Liberal Vannin member, Nigel Malpass, who is standing for Ramsey Commissioners. I found him both very sensible and approachable. A sound, professional gentleman