

POTTED HISTORIES OF PROSPECTIVE MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES COUNCILLORS

CHRIS LILLY

Chris is a chartered engineer, businessman, entrepreneur, farmer, business adviser and mentor with interests in the countryside and horse-riding. He is a co-founder of the Mayfield Business Forum and the Mayfield Business Group.

He has lived in Mayfield for 25 years and has often been seen riding his horse around the lanes and bridleways.

He has served on the Parish Council since 2006 and since 2007 has been chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee - where his financial expertise has been put to good use. He has also served on the Rights of Way, Development, and Traffic Committees.

DEVEDA REDMAN

I am a retired GP, working in Heathfield for 28 years. Married to your Wealden District Councillor Brian Redman. I have lived in Mayfield since 1987, our daughter attended school in Mayfield and our granddaughter now attends Mayfield CP school.

I have been a Parish Councillor in Mayfield and Five Ashes for seven years and hope to continue for the next four years at least. My main interests are the village and its residents, working with the Parish Council to make Mayfield and Five Ashes better places to live.

I am a keen bowler and at present I am Secretary of the Mayfield Bowls Club.

ROSEMARY NEAL

I am married and have lived in Mayfield for thirty-six years. I am now retired and therefore able to devote a significant amount of my time to village life. In my working life I was an accountant.

My children attended the local primary school and then Heathfield Comprehensive School, so I have experience of raising a family in the village.

As a founder member of the Mayfield Community Car Service, and have been the Chairman ever since its formation in 1999. I ran the Red Cross Group at Mayfield for many years, and still act as a first-aider at a number of local events. I also do some work with Mayfield Age Concern, and have been a member of the Old Peoples Welfare Committee for many years.

I have been on the Memorial Hall Management Committee for the past 10 years. I have also been a lay member of the Parish Council Community Development Advisory Committee/Court Meadow Committee for the past three years.

If elected, I would serve the village and its community to the best of my ability. I would try to help towards keeping Mayfield as a thriving village with a good range of shops and services.

I am especially keen on environmental issues, and in particular would try to protect the future security of the Court Meadow facilities as a leisure area.

Mayfield is a lovely village to live in. It has a wonderful history and I want to help keep the village alive for future generations to enjoy.

ROBERT FITZSIMMONS

I have lived in Five Ashes with my wife and son for some 15 years. Our son attended the local pre-school and primary school; and I was active with the local church and also with 12 years as a school governor. I have been a Parish Councillor now for nearly eight years, currently as Vice Chairman, and sitting on the Finance and General Purposes Committee and Chairman of the Community Safety and Traffic Committee. I lead the team who have brought the Pelican Crossing and recently 30mph to our village. I am self employed and enjoy Five Ashes and its local events

JAYNE BRAMWELL

I have lived in Mayfield for 19yrs and I would not wish to live anywhere else.

For about 10yrs I have been on the Parish Council serving on a number of different committees, rarely missing a meeting.

It is important to me that I support as many local projects as possible that go towards improving the quality of village life. For example, I support our village fire and rescue service, traffic calming projects, litter picking on the lanes, securing the land for extra allotments. I contributed to the cost of the hanging baskets that were put up in the High Street last year.

During my spell as chair of the committee dealing with Rights of Way, two footpaths and one bridlepath were added to the parish network, a Walkers' Guide was published and large maps showing rights of way were produced and displayed in the High St and in the car park.

By working closely with the County Council, we get the best possible value from very limited funds, to keep the Parish paths in good order with dog latches added where we can. Currently a number of us are working on a project to open the disused railway track north of the village, for walkers and riders. The land belongs to the County Council who support the project. It is a major challenge but will be a great asset if it can be achieved. I plan to do my best.