

The following residents are standing for election to the Town Council on 3rd May 2018. Councillors are elected to Godmanchester Town Council on a non-political basis and it is the aim of the Town Council to serve the whole of the parish and all residents in Godmanchester regardless of political affiliation.

CAMPBELL Graham

I have lived in Godmanchester for 32 years and my three children have all attended local schools. I have been a town councillor for more than 3 years and it has been a privilege to work with such a dedicated team and see the completion of so many projects including the floodlighting of the Chinese Bridge, the big tree planting programme on the Recreation Ground and Judith's Field and especially the much needed upgrade of the Queen Elizabeth School. If I am re-elected my main aim will be to see a new concrete skatepark at Judith's field and to continue to support the work of Godmanchester in Bloom in greening up the town. We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful place with such a good community but we all have to work to retain the best of what we have and also strive to make things better

CONBOY Sarah

I've lived here with my family on and off for the last 30 years and full-time since 1998. Four generations have chosen to make this Town their home and our two boys have been at schools here. I work part-time as the CEO of local charity supporting families like mine, who have children with additional needs and disabilities. I was co-opted to the Town Council on leaving the Civil Service and have now been a Town Councillor for the last five years. A crucial part of the role in being a 'do-er' and being willing to work together for the greater good of all residents. I'm pleased that so much has been achieved by being part of that team. There is still more to be done. I would be pleased to serve residents for another term and to continue to do all I can for the benefit of Godmanchester.

HOOKER Alan

My time in Godmanchester has been spent bringing up a family, running a business & encouraging the development of the community. The latter has been done working within the team you know as the Godmanchester Community Association. I became its Treasurer 37 years ago and Life President 5 years ago. I have helped organize many of the Community activities the team have provided that have contributed to the Community Spirit we now enjoy. I have also run CLUB 800 since 2010, your local fundraising lottery. These interests have also earned me the privilege of being made a Godmanchester Honorary Freeman. I spent 5 years on the town council from 1996 as well as my current shift since 2016 which I find invigorating. I believe my experiences and contacts made over the years put me in an excellent position to represent you. THE COMMUNITY.

HYAMS Colin

I am a long term Godmanchester resident and have served on Cambridgeshire County Council, Huntingdonshire District Council and both Godmanchester and Huntingdon Town Councils. In all 25 years representing this area.

I have designed the local "Bridge" magazine since 2007. My background is that of print, magazine publishing and then working as a local government officer in Bromley for 20 years.

My wife and I love Godmanchester and are active members of the Community Association. We care passionately about its environment, its quality of life and wish to play an effective part in preserving the Town's character over the coming years. I particularly look forward in welcoming our new residents and making them feel very much part of Godmanchester. Some objectives

- Making our roads and pavements more user friendly
- Work to stop fly tipping and dog fouling.
- Support our schools and pre-schools.
- Encourage local business.
- Protecting our green spaces.

KING David

I have taken a keen interest in local community matters in both Godmanchester and Huntingdon since my retirement from the MOD Police in 2003. I became a Godmanchester Town Councillor in 2016 and to date have very much enjoyed the experience of representing the town. Although I have an interest in all aspects of the council my main focus has been with the Business Portfolio which covers a wide variety of subjects including development of the Business Plan, policy, personnel, communications twinning and tourism. Godmanchester is an expanding community and having served for two years coming to grips with the realities of the role of being a councillor, including the positives and negatives, it would be a privilege to serve for a further term.

MAHMOOD Rashid

I am Rashid Mahmood a Taxi driver. I have been living at 71 Stokes Drive Godmanchester since 2009. I am standing as a Local Councillor. I am very social, friendly and polite. I believe in democratic values. I am an active member of society. I would like to contribute to the community being a councillor. I believe in liberty, equality, rule of law and justice. I feel there is a lack of tolerance and harmony in the society. We need to work together to build a tolerant and peaceful society. I have been serving the community being a cab driver. Now I want to serve the community being a councillor. Nowadays nationalism, fanatism and raceism are emerging. We have to fight against them to build a global tolerant society. I ask you to help me and join with me to fight against these negative values. We should work together for a better and prosperous future for every one of us.

MALLEY Phillip

I've lived in Godmanchester nearly twenty years and have become gradually more involved in the Town. My wife and I got married at St. Mary's Church, my business is here, we now we have children at St. Annes School and Clarence House Nursery and I like a beer or two in the local pubs. I believe in getting involved and helping where I can. I've been a Town Councillor for 5 years, I'm a member of the Godmanchester Community Association, I'm a Governor at St. Annes School, I run 'Business in Godmanchester' to try to help promote local business, I run with the local running club and in my spare time fundraise for Macmillan Cancer Support.

MORGAN Peter Montague

I have lived in Godmanchester for eleven years and served on the Town Council for over six years. I had the honour of being Mayor in 2016/17 following two years as Deputy Town Mayor. Much of my career was spent in Hotel & Catering operations and in senior management at Hampton Court Palace. My final employment was as a Personnel & Facilities Manager in Gamlingay with an Electronic Data Management company. Since my retirement I have taken a keen interest in various aspects of Godmanchester life including roads and transport, security and signage and the A14 development. Oh! And I spend a fair amount of time collecting litter from both roads and riverside whilst walking Oscar my Jack Russell dog around the town. I would be proud to serve for another term as I enjoy working to make Godmanchester such a delightful place to live.

RADFORD Miriam

I relocated to Godmanchester in 1985. As a military family, prior to moving here, we had lived in locations around the world. I have two grown up daughters, one of whom still lives in Godmanchester, and a grandson. I am now retired after an eclectic career; for the last ten years I was PA to the MD of an international company. I joined the Town Council two years ago but prior to that, campaigned with three other Godmanchester residents, and the Town Council, to achieve the best outcomes for our Town from the developers of Romans' Edge. Since becoming a Town Councillor I have set up a Steering Group to achieve our goal to make Godmanchester a Dementia Friendly Community. In March we launched the first Reminiscence Café for people living with dementia and those who, because of circumstances, have difficulty socialising. I look forward to continuing as a Councillor.

RADFORD Philip

I am a retired international sales manager, having spent the last 30 years of my working life travelling on business in Europe, North Africa and countries of the former Soviet Union. I have been living in Godmanchester for the last 30 years, married to Miriam and have two grown-up children. I care about our town and want to see improvements that will enhance the enjoyment of all who live here. I have particular interest in the environment, roads, footpaths, open spaces and cycle-ways. I believe I have the necessary qualities to work as Town Councillor and would like to represent our community to help bring change for the benefit of all within the community.

TAPLIN Richard

I have lived in Godmanchester for nearly 25 years, and have been privileged to have been a councillor for the past two. Thirty years in the Royal Air Force, followed by fifteen at Cambridge University up to retirement has given me logistic, administrative, planning and other skills which I am keen to use to help the community. I currently contribute to the Planning, Property and Environment portfolios, I recently helped with our new accounting system, and have also updated our Health & Safety procedures. My wish is to work within the council 'team' to make Godmanchester an ever better town for all residents - those who have been here for decades and newcomers alike.

THOMAS Clifford

I owe Godmanchester.

Where there has been a dwelling since at least AD 4, the current old crotchety house has given my family constant shelter for nearly 40 years. We lacked for little. There was a bank, a post office, a doctor, a greengrocer, a proper garage and a local policeman. The Community Primary School gave my children a sure start. The BMX track at Judith's Field kept them off the streets. We perhaps took it all for granted. Certainly much has changed. After earning a living around the world via the Ministry of Defence and spending the last 10 years as a voluntary advisor to the Ministry of Justice, it is time to begin to balance my account with Godmanchester. I would like to listen to Godmanchester, consider its points of view, represent those in need of help, fair play and decency, and perhaps help shape its future.

UNDERWOOD David

My family have farmed in Godmanchester for generations and I grew up here. I attended Godmanchester Primary School and then Huntingdon Grammar School. I worked in Education in Early Years, then as a Head teacher, at the same time I served as a Church of England Minister. Now I am retired and able to give something back to the community that raised me.

I am pleased to have served on the Town Council since 2011 and represented the town as Mayor three times. I actively support Town Council initiatives such as the new Time Bank and I am involved in several community and charitable activities, currently I am the Chairman of Disability Huntingdonshire, this is a cause close to my heart as I have lost most of my sight in the last few years. I believe I can continue to make a useful contribution to the work of the Council.

VANE PERCY Christopher

I have lived in Godmanchester for nearly 36 years. I was first elected to The Town Council in the mid-80s. My expertise and interest are the town's historic buildings and two conservation areas, which I have fought hard to protect. I involved the Town Council's Property Working Party and Environmental working party, and instigated the TC tree planting on the Recreation Ground. Outside the Town Council I have supported our parish church, both as a member of the PCC and as Chairman of the Fabric Committee appeal. As a family, we organise two charity garden events each year, host the annual plant sale and our annual carol concert. With the support of the residents, this has helped raise much needed money for charities.

WILSON Graham

I have served for many years on the town council and work hard to try and improve our town:

- currently Finance lead, working to set an affordable budget that reflects the priorities of the town
- supported the development of the town's Neighbourhood Plan that will increase our influence over future development and gives us more income for new projects
- working to influence the district council's new Local Plan to ensure large new housing developments are controlled and benefit the town
- honoured to be Mayor in 2008/9
- as a County Councillor, provide a direct link to county issues such as roads, parking and schools

WILSON Sarah

If re-elected, I will continue to work hard for the benefit of Godmanchester residents. I am passionate about making Godmanchester an even better place to live. I have lived here for over 30 years. As a Town Councillor my recent focus has been on all planning matters and encouraging decisions that represent the views of townsfolk as much as possible. I have been involved in creating the recently adopted neighbourhood plan. I am active in many other aspects of town life. I am an enthusiast of GMC in bloom, currently arranging the open gardens event. I am in the WI, garden club, comrade's quilters group, and attempt to grow fruit and veg on our allotment. Please re-elect me to continue to do the work I currently do for our town.

WORTHINGTON Susan

I've lived in Godmanchester for over 25 years and have been a Town Councillor since 2008. I had the honour of serving as Deputy Mayor on two occasions. Godmanchester is a fantastic place to live and I see one of the greatest challenges facing the town as being how to retain its community spirit as it expands and welcomes new residents. Over recent years I've been involved with the development of the town's Neighbourhood Plan which now forms the framework for the future shape of our town and its facilities. I'm not a member of any political party and think it's essential that the Town Council remains non-political - the needs of Godmanchester, not party politics, should come first when we are looking at the future of our town. If elected, I will continue to use my management and financial skills to serve our community.

YOUNG Jonathan

From 1974 to 1982 I was vicar of Godmanchester - probably the youngest in the history of the parish. For six years I served on *Huntingdon and Godmanchester* Town Council and led the successful campaign for Godmanchester to have its own council. I also took a lead in the establishment of the community association and the transfer of the Queen Elizabeth School to the town council. In retirement I am back in Godmanchester and working to make it even better as a place for living, working, bringing up children, taking our leisure and welcoming both visitors and newcomers.