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LEADER WHO'S TRAVELLED FAR

Leader of Canterbury district council, John Gilbey, tells the parish council Clerk about his role, his passions, and the position over a fourth Park and Ride

Clerk: How long have you been a councillor?

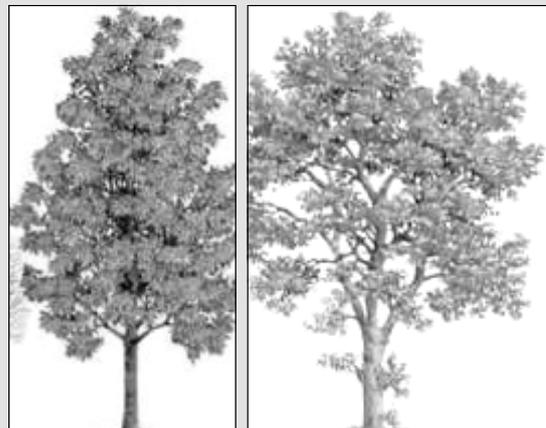
Cllr: The Conservatives have an 8 seat majority in council and I have led the Conservatives since May 2007. This is the first workable majority in council for some time. I have been a councillor for a little over five years and became one essentially by accident.

After taking early retirement I became a Parish Councillor in Kingston, our village. I got involved in local issues, including the successful campaign to prevent the building of a service station on top of the Downs, and it took off from there.

Clerk: What is your background?

Cllr: I am a post graduate geologist, serving for 23

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Wild Cherry and Field Maple in the woods — there are altogether six species of tree.

This way for adventure

NEW 'way' markings are soon to be installed in Larkey Valley Woods that will clearly signpost suggested routes for walkers.

Glen Sharman, an honorary warden of the woods, says the signposts will replace old ones which have deteriorated over the years, but the new signs will be more detailed and easy to understand, using arrows to show the routes to take.

There is much to see in the 107 acres of ancient woodland that lies on the hillside above the Stour Valley, part in Thanington Without, part in Chartham. The significance of ancient woodland is that the plants and animals, including those living in the soil, have co-existed and evolved together since

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