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years overseas within the mining industry.

My interests are good books, golf, walking and football. I used to be very involved with playing tennis — so very much a sports fan.

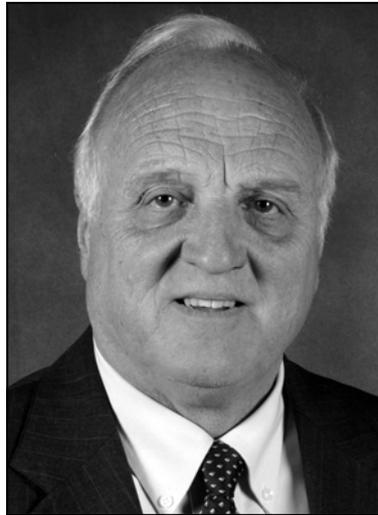
I also enjoy most forms of music and I now enjoy travel again (after being turned off by constant air travel to remote mining locations for work), mostly to see children and grandchildren.

We go to Jakarta every other year to see one of our children, and to New York to see another. We also have a daughter in London.

**Clerk:** How do you see your role as Leader?

**Cllr:** I am invited to endless conferences and could spend seven days a week attending them. I don't. I am a businessman, not a politician.

I see my role as hands-on, talking to people, doing what I can here, in Canterbury, not miles



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away at some conference.

**Clerk:** Here in Thanington, road repairs are a real problem as they are in most of Kent. What are your views on this?

**Cllr:** I do not appreciate or like the state of our roads but recognise that the funds made available to KCC are restricted by government and they must make the best of a bad job and do what they can. KCC do not like it either.

**Clerk:** What about the Canterbury /Chartham cycle path?

**Cllr:** I look forward to the day when the Chartham cycle path can come through the Wincheap estate (reconfigured of

course) directly into Canterbury.

**Clerk:** Lastly, do you have any connection with Kent County Council?

**Cllr:** I do not have any position with KCC but have good relations with many officers and members and work with them on mutual problems.

## Conservation lovers—Larkey Valley needs you

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the wood first developed. Ancestors of today's trees, flowers, birds, insects and mammals may have lived together on this same site 500 years ago. That is why this is designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Management of the wood was traditionally based on a coppicing system where periodically trees were cut to ground level. This system is still in operation today.

'Coppicing is a means of harvesting wood without destroying the woodland,' says Glen. 'Cutting the trees allows light in, permitting ground flora to flourish. In subsequent years,

brambles, shrubs and tree re-growth takes over. Different creatures make use of the varying habitats in different ways. For example, Nightingales like the dense cover of five-year old coppice but in areas where trees are cut, young hazel fruits grow better, and there are more blackberries for the dormice.'



**Dormice thrive in Larkey Valley Wood which boasts one of the healthiest populations in the country**

The next coppicing season begins in October and Glen heads up a dedicated team of conservationists. 'But we could always do with more helping hands,' he says. 'So if anyone can spare some time on a Thursday morning, I'd be happy to see them.'

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