What have I done for you while I've been a Commissioner? Not very much I'm afraid, but a lot more than the others.

I did find one hundred thousand pounds from a legacy left by an anonymous donor to build the children a skate park. I did also suggest we use Thomas Kinrade’s legacy, money he left to be used by the Commission, instead of rate payers money to pay for the childrens’ water feature in the Mooragh Park. I have given a lot of advice, some has been taken notice of (reluctantly). I recently saved the ratepayer £20,000 please ask me and I will tell you how. What I have not done is spend your money, not one penny on me personally. Even to the extent of not having a biscuit or a cup of tea and certainly not getting into the drinks cabinet or taking any attendance allowance money.

If I am elected for a third term I will carry on the fight. I work for the people of the Town not for myself and don’t create work for the boys. I think the finance sector is in real trouble and the only thing we have left for sure is the TT and Grand Prix. We definitely need Tourism and the only way we will get any is to persuade Government to let us have some instead of Douglas getting everything. We have an MHK who is also Chief Minister. He is the Man to persuade the Harbour Chiefs to allow the small steamers to come into our Harbour again, Balmoral and Waverley etc.

 vote for me and I will do the best I can as I always have.
If you don’t you deserve what you get!

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RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSION
NORTH WARD ELECTION

Polling Day
Thursday 26th
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It has been mentioned in Commissioners circles that I am too honest. This is basically true especially when I am dealing with public money. The first time I stood for election in 2002 I said I would not be intimidated by other Commissioners. That was true then and now I am even more determined. I am going to put my neck on the line here and state that all the time I have been a Commissioner, as far as I’m concerned, all other Commissioners have not been fit for purpose save one, the Good Doctor Allanson. He has good sense and does not speak what I call politicians talk, using one hundred words when ten will do. Most of all I admire him because sometimes he votes with me, more of that later. I have been warned that I could get into serious trouble, even be fined up to £1000 for telling the public what the other Commissioners wish them not to know, in other words for their eyes only. No one tells me what to say or do. I will say what I think is right. I have never seen anything in the dreaded private pink pages that the public should not hear or see. I also think the public should be allowed to speak at Commissioners meetings. I would welcome being questioned.

A general election for the election of six members of the Ramsey Town Commission for the north and six members for the south ward.
Poll cards will be provided to all registered voters.
At the moment you have some Commissioners who said in their last manifestos they have been in the Commissioners for the last twenty years or more and they have the experience, experience of what? Wasting your money and increasing your rates. The newspapers, in fact, had it a few weeks ago that Ramsey was in debt to the tune of thirty seven million pounds to the Isle of Man Bank. You would think that was not possible! But if you could see the money wasted that I do, you can believe it.

Lets have a look at the way your rates went up so much this year. This is what I would call an unforgivable example of what has been going on that you were not to know about. A little time ago two representatives from Shoprite had a meeting with Commissioners to put together a deal that would benefit Shoprite and the Town, a deal I would personally have grabbed with both hands.

The deal was as follows. Shoprite would like to extend their store to incorporate a wet fish counter and a vegetable stall swapping the piece of ground needed for their old laundry across the road, size for size. They would demolish the laundry and clear the site, which is big enough to build four houses on. Most importantly they would do all the repairs required on the car park and pay for everything, including lawyers’ fees, architects’ fees etc., at no cost to the ratepayers of Ramsey. All your Commissioners refused this offer except me and Doctor Allanson.

I could not believe it when I asked them why they refused the offer. The stupid answer I got was, ‘we don't trust Shoprite and they haven't got any money.’ Instead your Commissioners used your money plus money borrowed from Government to repair the car park using a construction company of their choice, costing about a quarter of a million pounds. I myself offered to fix the entrance for free. They declined the offer saying I wasn't experienced enough. Doing work for the Highway Board for twenty years was not good enough. These people were not acting in your best interests. In the agenda of a previous Commissioners meeting it said all prospective candidates have to declare any outside interests they may have. You know the sort thing, “are you a member of any secret society, masons etc?” I welcome that because I am not a member of any clubs. I have nothing to hide - freedom of information?

I personally would not vote for anyone who was in any society or club that may have some influence on the job of being a Commissioner. I would ask any prospective candidate if they were a member of any such group, then decide if you would want to vote for them.

Another mistake was spending a load of your money on the Peveril (Bleak House) on the North Promenade, supposedly making it safe, when it was nothing to do with them. In other words sticking their noses into other people’s business and I told them so.

The Ponderosa being rebuilt and causing disruption to peoples’ lives. I think the original houses should have been rebuilt one at time where necessary but not removing the fireplaces, you could always have heat if you ran out of oil or gas, If the electricity goes off you have nothing and you sit there with your overcoat on till it comes back on. They are still at it, now it's bad building blocks that have to be replaced, more upset and disruption.

Is there no end to it? Well what can we do to try and stop the rot? I really don't know. Our Commissioners have got us in so much debt. For our Children and their children it’s going to take decades to pay off, (nice legacy).

We could try to school new members in the art of saving money, not coming up with grandiose schemes costing a fortune. We could stop wasting the regeneration money on consultants telling us that we need to spend many thousands on lanes to the quay etc. I think if there is any money going spare it should be used to fix footpaths and holes in the road.

Well I have told you lots that you have the right to know, certainly enough to get me into trouble with your former Commissioners. Let’s see if they have the courage to go for it and use more of your money to take me to court, to have me fined for telling you the truth! Please show this manifesto to people in the South Ward before the election.