

## Councillor John Gisbey – Deputy Mayor

I come from a Sandwich family that have lived here for six generations.

I worked 30 years in the Police Service.

On my retirement I returned to my home town of Sandwich

I became a town councillor in 2016.

I am past president of the Rotary Club of Sandwich.

I am a Quaker. I attend the Friends Meeting House in Canterbury.

In 2008 I was involved in the renovation of our unique Sandwich War Memorial. The memorial was rusted and the names of the fallen illegible. I worked with the War Graves Commission and the town council to have the memorial refurbished. It is now a fitting tribute to those who "came not back again".

On the one hundredth anniversary of the Armistice at 6am on 11th November 2018 I played the bagpipes at Sandwich War Memorial. I played the pipe tune "The Battles O'er". On social media the event had over 33,000 views worldwide .. a truly inconceivable number.

My name may be remembered associated with "Mrs Race" from a Facebook diary I set up two years running telling of a female mallard duck who raised her family of ducklings in my garden. The progress of the family was not only followed locally but across the world.

It has been a privilege to serve as Deputy Mayor of Sandwich for this last year representing the town council at many functions within in the town and throughout the county of Kent.

