

Your views

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Thank you Petra for your time as mayor

FAREWELL to Thatcham mayor Petra Pembereton, but not goodbye.

As described by one of her boys as the 'peoples' mayor', she was very visible wherever you went, even in Newbury, clocking up a record number of events, even trying her hand with boys at Thatcham Social Club table tennis headquarters – which was much appreciated.

I even just missed her in Riga, Latvia.

Much of a family effort with husband Justin and boys in tow, enjoying the refreshments – it added to numbers, in being called to service.

Her mother was a guiding light and also her daughter being 'roped in'.

She mentioned that, like Thomas Hardy, she 'noticed things'.

With a caring role to many individuals she met, even acting as a chauffeur to senior townsmen, and attention to detail in responses, her ever-presence will be missed, but 'endings are new beginnings' and I am sure she has built up a good knowledge of groups and organisations in the town which will serve her well in finding a new role.

GRAEME PANTING
Thatcham

Thanks to all who stood in local elections

I WOULD like to take the opportunity to thank all those, candidates, activists and voters who took part in the Hampshire county elections.

Unlike many other countries, one of the cornerstones of our great country are our free and fair elections.

We should treasure these and hold them close to our hearts.

LUIGI GREGORI
Liberal Democrat
Parliamentary spokesperson
for NW Hants

Is there something sinister in politics?

WITH every crank of the political hurdy-gurdy, politics roisters its redundancy to an electorate of complacent deaf ears.

Only (questionable) governance employs politics as an 'operating system'; no other enterprise.

Why might that be?

Is there some nefarious affinity between politics and Westminster 'governance'?

Is that affinity plainly pernicious, for all to see, only enduring by dint of inertia?

Or is it more sinister?

Politics is an unsavoury cult.

It uses all manner of linguistic (and other) tricks to permit unseemly conduct to pass as 'tradition' and 'custom' (to be preserved and treasured).

Politics is clearly no place for men and women of humour, hence the need to reassuringly, repetitively, address one-another in that vein.

The recent 'democratic' charade is, once again, demonstrating politics in all its infamy.

Meanwhile, Britain is sinking in the sea of corruption that is world affairs, with the lifeboats filling with power and privilege first.

Will the hoi polloi boats make landfall at all, or go round in circles with loggerhead parties correctly personing the oars on either side?

BARRIE SINGLETON
River Walk
Shaw

I warned council of danger six years ago

I AM deeply saddened to hear about another crash at the Milkhouse Road/A4 junction.

Although I've since moved away, I felt compelled to inform you that I wrote to the council in 2020 requesting action to address the junction's safety concerns.

I reported the overgrown hedge and was unfortunately dismissed.

Cutting the hedge would significantly enhance safety for

drivers turning right out of Milkhouse Road on to the A4.

My 20-year experience living there has shown me that people frequently drive at 70mph and motorbikes exceed this speed.

JENNY
Saffron Walden

Green Party leader is not too young to lead

A RECENT contributor to your letters page said that the leader of the Green Party is "too young and inexperienced".

I am afraid I have to disagree with this. Any leader worth his salt will have much older advisors.

And a leader needs to be 'the face of the party'.

Young people have no interest in what stuffy old codgers have to say.

They are bright, intelligent, thinkers, who love this planet and hate the patriarchy, which damages every citizen and causes suicides as well as environmental disasters.

The Greens are the perfect antidote to Trump and Farage, who are peas in a pod. Best of luck at the General Election.

Jeremy Corbyn is my man, but in the absence of a strong Your Party candidate, team Steve Masters will get my vote.

ANNE MARIE BRIAN
Dene Way
Newbury

Pet of the Week



Name: Alfie

Breed: Hungarian Vizsla

Likes/dislikes: Alfie loves standing in the sea and barking. He hates having his feet touched, which gives him sulky eyes

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