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On **Thursday 4 May 23** the local area and country go to the polls to elect councillors to serve the people they represent in their towns and districts. Nothing new about this concept and it's really the same old – same old. Except for one thing, that is.

This time voters can only vote if they first produce photo I/D. We have to ask, what is this about? What possible benefits does it bring and at what cost? Did we have a problem with voter I/D with the old system – because we have not heard of any – or even one? In the USA, there does appear to be a problem and depending on which news platforms one listens to, there are all kinds of voter fraud going on and it seems to be by direct intervention of the political parties. Heavens – what a state of affairs!

Well, considering our state of affairs – **Tetbury CONNECT** spoke with one of this week's prospective representatives about her vision and ambitions in service of the people of Tetbury. Ann Pearce is a long-standing resident in the town and has served on the Town Council since 2019, including as Mayor. With a passionate interest in health and wellbeing – as well as the fortunes of the young people in the town – Ann shared with CONNECT her inner thoughts and beliefs.

It is interesting to note that Ann is standing as an independent representative and thus not supporting one of the major parties we are all too familiar with. We asked Ann – among other questions – if she thought independent representatives of the people – both at local council and national parliament levels – could be the preferred way forward for us all.

NOTE: Ann was outspoken on the subject of car parking in the town, when the District Council decided to end FREE PARKING after 3pm – in an effort to raise more funding. [Wilts and Glos Standard]

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