



## Town Mayor of Sevenoaks 2010-2011



"Simon Raikes has lived in Sevenoaks for most of his life, apart from a few years in West Malling after he married his wife Christine in 1970. He has three children, the oldest daughter working as a freelance interpreter for the EU in Brussels, the son is currently at home and working in Sevenoaks whilst the youngest daughter is living and working in Edinburgh having recently finished university. There is also a mayoral dog - an eight year old Springer Spaniel

After an early start with Barclays Bank, he moved on to Standard Chartered Bank working in London and ending up in a role that involved corporate strategy in Africa. He retired in 2000 and dabbled a bit in consultancy but is now doing nothing very much, though may be seen doing odd bits and pieces around Sevenoaks

In his younger days he played a bit of hockey and cricket respectively for the Sevenoaks Hockey Club and the Sevenoaks Vine Cricket Club, but now his principal leisure activities revolve around the church choir and trying to remain inconspicuous on stage mostly in musicals at The Stag and other venues.

He was first elected a Town Councillor in 2007. In 2009 he became Deputy Town Mayor and then Town Mayor in May 2010"