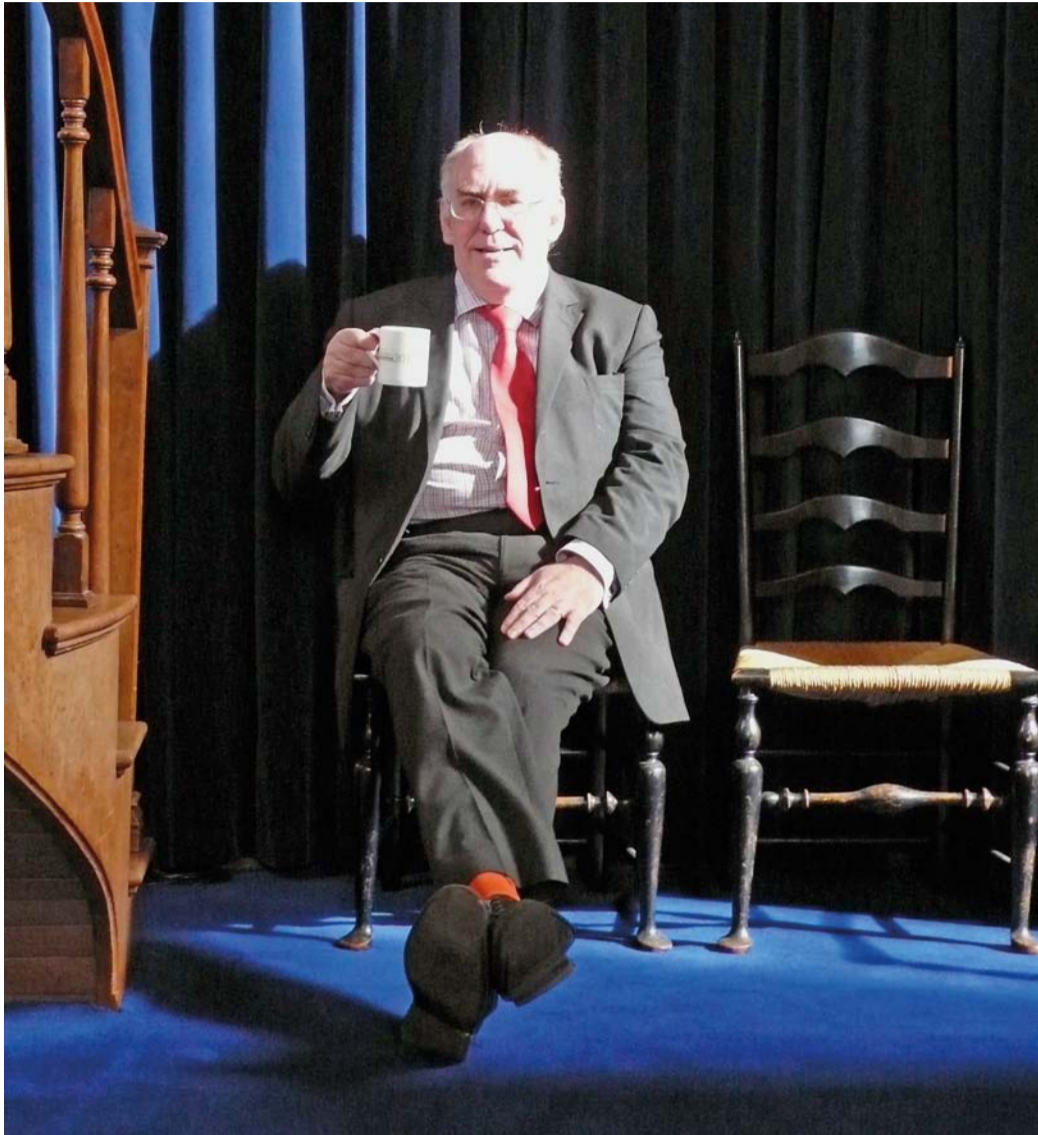


# Suburb Style



Suburb Style editor, Deborah Warland talks to local residents



## A MAN FOR THE PEOPLE

featuring Ian Tutton



Ian Tutton is the Minister of the Free Church in Central Square. He lives at the Manse with his wife, Georgia and their two children, Lydia aged 12, who attends Whitefield School and Noah, 7 who goes to the Garden Suburb School.

When I 'Googled' Ian, I discovered some revealing facts – he tweets, and among his most prominent autobiographical revelations are that he is a member of the Labour party, (in fact he joined as soon as he was eligible to do so and was the youngest ever County Councillor in Wales), he is a fervent supporter of Cardiff City and a Baptist Minister. No holding back on where he stands then – rather like the vibrant personality I encountered

throughout our conversation. To use the vernacular, Ian 'takes no prisoners' – he is firm and articulate in his views and possesses a somewhat black sense of humour.

Ian was born in Rogerstone, near Newport in South Wales and continued to live there for 40 years. He attended the local church from a young age, and went to a comprehensive school near his home town. From there he went on to read law at Oxford. When I asked him why that particular subject, he answered, "Because it seemed exciting." After his graduation he returned home and joined the British Steel Corporation, managing the logistics of the blast furnaces' engineering and maintenance schedules. In 1981 he and 4000 others were made redundant so he joined the Marine Division of Plessey which provided the MOD with sonar systems and torpedoes. As a production controller he endeavoured to ensure that orders were delivered on time. He wryly adds a postscript to that career, "Rumour has it that one of our torpedoes actually missed the Belgrano."

It was in 1987 that Ian had, what he calls, a 'divine supernatural intervention'. He was at an harvest festival thanksgiving service when the female Minister asked "What are we prepared to give in order to say thank you?" These words gave him the clear message that he should serve so he immediately applied for a place at Cardiff University to study for a Bachelor of Divinity. Alongside these religious studies he was training for the ministry at the South Wales Baptist College. When he was in his last year at the College one of the members of staff died and Ian was asked to become a tutor, or as he calls it "a poacher turned gamekeeper". He remained there until 1998 when he became an Industrial Chaplain in South Wales.

This role involved visiting, talking, helping and supporting workers across a broad spectrum of businesses in the area – from the steelworks at Port Talbot to the Hoover plant in Merthyr to the staff of



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