

# **Chairman's Outgoing Announcements**

**Friday 18 May 2018**

May I welcome on your behalf those Honorary Aldermen who have graced us with their presence today.

Thank you for your support, not just today but throughout the past year.

I would also like to thank my Chaplain, Canon John Draper, we go back more years than I care to remember.

You have all been sent my list of engagements throughout my term of office and there are two particular highlights that I wish to mention:

- My abseil of the Spinnaker Tower on Saturday 3 June for MS. With great support from Members I managed to raise with the other members of the team a five figure sum. Mal was checking the insurance policies as I started the descent.
- My Chairman's Concert at the Royal Albert Hall on Monday 23 April. I have never been to the Royal Albert Hall. I can only say it was a privilege to be able to watch the magnificent performance of 1,700 exceptionally talented Hampshire musicians and dancers from the Royal Box. Special guests were also on hand including Band of the Scots Guards, together with actors Sarah Parish as narrator, and Christian Brassington as compere. Being able to go on stage at the end of the concert to thank everyone for all their efforts is a memory I will always treasure. We must, however, remember that this concert would never have taken place without the full support from the Leader and Hampshire Music Service.

This past year has been extraordinary. It has been an enormous privilege for me to represent you at events around the County and it has been an honour to broadcast the Hampshire message.

Our Vice Chairman, Cllr Elaine Still, has deputised for me on occasions and has been a great assistance throughout my year.

I must also express my public thanks to my wife, Marylin. I could not have done this without your support. We have been incredibly lucky to have met a group of civic heads who have bonded exceptionally well. The Lord Lieutenant of Hampshire, Nigel Atkinson, has also been incredibly supportive to me this year.

I must also thank my minder for this year, Natalie Jones my PA. She has pointed me in the right direction, she advised on protocol, procedures and has the same wicked sense of humour as I have. In fact she would make a great submariner now women are allowed on subs.

I am immensely grateful to members for the courtesy you have shown towards me and I hope and trust that my successor will inherit the same privilege. Thank you all.

Before we commence the meeting, I have been asked to carry out one final act as Chairman. The County Council has many outstanding officers and recently one of our care assistants has received national recognition in appreciation of all her dedication and great quality of care. I am delighted to announce that Gill Clements, a carer at Westholme Residential and Nursing Home, has been named as Britain's Best Care Home worker at the Great British Care Award finals.

Now, over to Kevin Greenhough for apologies.