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FORMER GODALMING TOWN MAYOR PEGGY MACFARLANE REACHES HER CENTENARY!

On Saturday, 21 September, Cllr Penny Rivers, Mayor of Godalming and her Consort were delighted to join former Town Mayor Peggy Macfarlane at a party to celebrate her 100th birthday.

Born in County Wexford, Ireland, Peggy has lived most of her life in Binscombe. On becoming Mayor in 1984, which was designated an International Youth Year with themes of “Participation, Development and Peace”, Peggy focused her mayoral year on how the Town Council could support local young people and particularly the Wilfrid Noyce Youth Centre.

Town twinning was also very active during Peggy’s year and as Mayor, she not only saw Godalming formally twinned with Joigny but also started the twinning journey with our German friends in Mayen.

International was very much Peggy’s theme when she visited Georgia, USA and welcomed a group of 50 American visitors from Georgia to Godalming. A statuette of General James Oglethorpe, the Godhelmian who founded Georgia, given to her by the Georgia Historical Society can be seen at the Godalming Museum.

Peggy’s husband Walter, known as ‘Mac’ who passed away in 1995, served as a Town Councillor for 17 years and succeeded Peggy as Town Mayor.

On her 100th birthday, not only did Peggy received a congratulatory card from Her Majesty the Queen, she also received a letter from the President of Ireland. In such illustrious company, the current Mayor and Councillors of Godalming Town Council would also like to add their best wishes and hearty congratulations to Peggy in celebration of her 100th birthday. We salute you Peggy!

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