

# GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL



## PRESS RELEASE

### **DANNY DENNINGBERG THREE TIMES MAYOR OF GODALMING DIES AGED 88**

It is with great regret that Godalming Town Council received the news of the death of Harold (Danny) Denningberg on 19 December 2011. Danny's record of service to the people of Godalming is unequalled in modern times. Danny was first elected to the then Godalming Borough Council in May 1954, losing his seat a year later. The records show that he contested every election from 1955 (and at that time elections were held every year) eventually being re-elected in 1963. From then Danny served continuously as a Godalming Councillor for 40 years. Godalming Borough Council ceased to exist in 1974 but Danny served on as a Godalming Town Councillor from 1974 to 2003. He also served as a Waverley Borough Councillor (1973 to 1987 and 1989 to 2003) and as a Surrey County Councillor (1993 to 2001).

Danny was Mayor of Godalming three times in 1971, 1990 and 2002 and in 1974 he was the Mayor's Consort when his wife Peg, a long serving Councillor in her own right, was Mayor of Godalming. Danny was also Mayor of Waverley in 1992.

In the 1980 Queen's Birthday honours list Danny was created an MBE "for services to the Community in Godalming" and he travelled to Buckingham Palace on 28 October 1980 to receive the honour from Her Majesty. In 2007 Waverley Borough Council created him a Freeman of the Borough - only the second person ever to be so honoured. Danny wore both honours with great pride.

Speaking recently the current Mayor of Godalming Councillor Steve Cosser said "I was saddened to hear of Danny Denningberg's death, he was one of the most eminent people in Godalming and served the whole town particularly the community of Ockford Ridge and Aarons Hill for many years with distinction. He will be remembered with much affection and his name and his concern for vulnerable members of our community will live on at the Denningberg Centre which bears his name."

Danny's wife Peg predeceased him in 2006.

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