

# GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL



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### A New Mayor for Godalming – 12 May 2016

On 12 May 2016 Godalming Town Council unanimously elected Councillor David Hunter as Godalming Town Mayor for the civic year 2016/17. Cllr Hunter represents the Binscombe ward in Godalming and was first elected in 2011.

David is the youngest of six children and was born in a mining village near Vereeniging in South Africa. David trained as a diesel engineer and has worked in the heavy plant industry since 1971, which included working as a Workshop Supervisor for Iscor Steel works in the Transvaal, a company later to become Tata Steel. During the late 1980's he relocated to Port Elizabeth in the Eastern Cape where his sons attended school. David was a governor of that school for four years. While in Port Elizabeth David worked for an earth moving manufacturing company as a regional parts manager. David was married to Wendy-Ann, an Architectural Technologist, for thirty years. They had two sons, Jason and Jonathan and in 2001 David and his family moved to Godalming. Sadly Wendy-Ann passed away in 2007 after a long battle with cancer.

The newly-elected Mayor spoke of the "honour of becoming Mayor" and dedicated his year to his late-wife Wendy-Ann. He said "It is indeed an honour to serve the people of Godalming. I hope I will be able to meet and get to know many of the volunteers and residents. I also look forward to promoting my chosen charity Skillway by raising much needed funds."

Skillway is located in the old chapel buildings at Nightingale Cemetery, Godalming). It provides vocational training workshops fully equipped and designed to provide students with a hands-on learning environment proven to stimulate and motivate their development. Classes are provided by qualified tutors with skills-specific experience in a tutor-to-student ratio unattainable in most mainstream schools. David has chosen Skillway because he feels once young people have been trained in a skill, they are skilled for life.

Councillor Simon Thornton was elected as Deputy Mayor.

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