

# GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL



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### **A New Mayor for Godalming – 9 May 2013**

On 9 May 2013 Godalming Town Council unanimously elected Councillor Tom Martin as Godalming Town Mayor for the civic year 2013/14.

At 35 Tom Martin is believed to be the youngest ever Mayor of Godalming. Although born in Oxford Tom has spent most of his life in Godalming. He was educated locally and finished his studies at the University of Bath. Tom now works for an international IT services organisation and is responsible for change management and technical troubleshooting. Tom is married to Jessica and they have a young daughter who attends a local nursery.

Tom was elected to both Godalming Town and Waverley Borough Councils in May 2007 representing the Godalming Holloway ward where he had been brought up. Tom also represents the Town Council as a Director of the Holloway Hill Sports Association. In addition to his political duties, he has been a governor of Busbridge Infant School since May 2003.

In nominating Councillor Tom Martin, his father Councillor Peter Martin (Town Mayor in 2005) spoke about Tom from his early years being brought up in France, learning the Trombone with the Godalming Band, being a keen skier and cyclist, right through his life to date.

The newly-elected Mayor said “It is a great privilege and honour to be Godalming’s first citizen and something I take on with an immense amount of pride.”

Tom Martin also announced that his mayoral charity for this year will be Home-Start in Waverley. Tom and his wife, Jessica, were keen to choose a charity that incorporated the very young and Home-Start does just that.

Home-Start is a charity which helps and supports families with young children. Through a network of volunteers with parenting experience they offer tailored 1-to-1 support for parents with young children. Those families may be struggling with post-natal depression, disabilities, family breakdown or feel isolated for whatever reason. There are no restrictions on who can use the service as long as the family has a child under five years of age.

Tom has been a Town Councillor since 2007.

Councillor Andrew Wilson was elected as Deputy Mayor.

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