

# GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL



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### **A New Mayor for Godalming – 8 May 2014**

On 8 May 2014 Godalming Town Council unanimously elected Councillor Andrew Wilson as Godalming Town Mayor for the civic year 2014/15.

Andrew was born in Scotland as the son of a GP working in a poor mining village near Edinburgh, and the grandson of the only Scottish winner of the Nobel Prize for Physics (CTR Wilson). Notwithstanding his Scottish origins, Andrew has spent much of his life in England (his mother was born in Aylesbury). He moved to Godalming with his wife Jocelyn in 1999 and both have become involved in local activities such as Meals on Wheels, the Godalming Choral Society and Godalming Museum. Andrew was elected to both Godalming Town and Waverley Borough Councils in May 2007 representing the Godalming Farncombe & Binscombe ward. Andrew also represents the Town Council as an observer at Citizens Advice Waverley.

After National Service as a meteorologist at HQ Bomber Command Andrew did various jobs in banking and stockbroking before joining The Times as a financial journalist. He then moved to the Daily Telegraph on the Questor team as mining editor which led to extensive foreign travel. A brief period in stockbroking followed and then a return to journalism before retirement.

The newly-elected Mayor spoke of the “daunting task” of the year ahead - representing so many people in so many different roles and learning of the myriad activities which take place in Godalming “often undertaken by the plethora of voluntary organisations of which we can all be proud.”

Andrew Wilson also announced that his mayoral charity for this year will be the Farncombe Community Centre (located in St Johns Street Farncombe). Andrew stressed the ideal location of the Community

Centre and the valuable functions that it performs such as a drop-in centre for young people on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Councillor Anne Bott was elected as Deputy Mayor.

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