

# GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL



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### DEATH OF ALLAN KETCHELL – MUCH-LOVED SERGEANT-AT-MACE

It is with great sadness that Godalming Town Council announces the death, on 18 February 2014, of Allan Ketchell the Town's Sergeant-at-Mace aged 66 years.

A life-long Godhelmian, Allan was appointed Sergeant-at-Mace on the 20 May 1999 and served 15 Mayors of Godalming. "Sergeant-at-Mace" is an ancient title reflecting the fact that the post-holder carries the mace (the emblem of the authority and dignity of the office of Mayor) on all civic ceremonial occasions. Thus Allan Ketchell has been a familiar figure in Godalming for many years, particularly on Remembrance Sunday leading the Town Council in the annual procession.

The Town Clerk, Louise Goodfellow, said "Allan was a much-loved colleague, who undertook his duties conscientiously and with pride. He fought his final illness with courage and humour and we shall all miss him very much. Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time."

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