

THETFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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Moving Thetford forward

As Mayor of Thetford, I would like to welcome you to the first edition of Thetford Town Council's quarterly newsletter. These newsletters are planned to give information to the Community about the work of the Council. Members of the public are most welcome to visit the Council offices and discuss any issues they wish to raise (it is probably advisable to telephone and make an appointment ahead of your visit). In this first edition, we have put the focus on introducing the sixteen Councillors and the wards they serve. Also included is a diary of dates when the Town Council hold their meetings. These meetings are held in the Council Chamber at King's House, King Street, Thetford IP24 2AP. A 15-minute Public Forum, starting at 7.00pm, precedes every meeting of the full Council. Information is also available on the Town Council website www.thetfordtowncouncil.gov.uk

It is my particular pleasure to hold the office of Mayor this year. It has enabled me to represent the Town at Civic events across East Anglia. Together with the Mayoress, I have been introduced to many varied organisations and met many volunteers who carry out such worthwhile and unseen good works for the benefit of our region. I also welcome and encourage the continuing involvement of young people, especially the work of Thetford Youth Council. As you are aware, these are very important and changing times for Thetford and the surrounding area. The Moving Thetford Forward project together with Growth Point Status will see much growth up to 2021 and beyond. There was a public exhibition devoted to the Local Development Framework and Growth Point Status in the Carnegie Room on 6th February which I do hope you managed to visit. I hope that any questions you had then on the proposed development and growth were answered satisfactorily.

Here at the Town Council we are committed this year to achieving Quality Status. On achieving this, we should be in a stronger position when it comes to negotiating with the District Council over transfer of services. As it is, the Town Council is intending to take on responsibility for public toilets in the town as of April this year.

We have been successful with bids to the Big Lottery, WREN, Round Table and Thetford Lionesses, which will mean that the old play equipment can be removed from Castle Park and a new play area designed and installed.

We are also promoting more and more the Dad's Army Tours, which have brought many visitors to the town not only from all over this country but from as far afield as Australia. The Dad's Army Museum in the Guildhall (entrance off Cage Lane) has proved an added attraction.

Robert Kybird

THETFORD TOWN COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Wednesday	2nd	January	7.00 pm	Planning
Wednesday	23rd	January	7.00 pm	Planning
Wednesday	30th	January	7.00 pm	Council
Wednesday	13th	February	7.00 pm	Planning
Wednesday	27th	February	7.00 pm	Council (Ceremonial)
Wednesday	5th	March	7.00 pm	Planning
Wednesday	19th	March	7.00 pm	Planning
Wednesday	26th	March	7.00 pm	Council
Wednesday	3rd	October	7.00 pm	Planning
Wednesday	9th	April	7.00 pm	Planning
Wednesday	23rd	April	7.00 pm	Planning
Wednesday	30th	April	7.00 pm	Council
Wednesday	7th	May	7.00 pm	Mayor Making Annual Town Meeting in the Guildhall

These Meetings are subject to change & held at the Council Chamber, King's House, Thetford (unless stated otherwise).

From 7.00 – 7.15 pm Open Forum for Public questions.

If disabled access to a Council meeting is required, please contact the Council Offices on 01842 754247.

As the Mayor has already stated, this first edition Newsletter is primarily an opportunity for townspeople to acquaint themselves with their councillors. Future issues will explain the structure and organisation of the Council and highlight key priorities.

These are challenging times in local government, as councils in all three tiers jostle for position and try to justify their existence.

For officers like me, the main challenge is to manage the democratic process, while leaving the tricky decision-taking to the elected members, whose task is at times far from straightforward. There are rarely 'right answers' in so much of what we do. More often than not, agreement needs to be reached on a 'preferred option' and consensus-building is key.

The temptation to over-complicate and indulge in impenetrable jargon is not always resisted and one of the aims of this newsletter will be to use plain English. If, in the course of this short piece, I've already failed in that regard, please get in touch. Effective communication is what this is all about.

I look forward to constructive dialogue with you all!

Ed Chambers, Town Clerk

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Pat Pearson, Member for Guildhall Ward

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Born and bred in Thetford, married with five grown-up children, Director of Pearsons (Thetford) Ltd. Recycling & Waste Disposal. Town Councillor since 1987, Breckland District Councillor 1987-1995, Norfolk County Councillor 1989-1993. Chairman of Keystone Development Trust, Treasurer of Riversdale, Trustee and Treasurer of Charles Burrell Museum.

Albert Paines, Member for Abbey Ward

Tel: 01842 752459 email: a.tpaines@tiscali.co.uk

Has lived in Thetford 46 years and is married with four children and ten grandchildren. Has been a Town Councillor for 12 years, was Mayor of Thetford 2001/2 and served as a Breckland Councillor for 16 years. He is a volunteer at Charles Burrell Museum.



Derek Mortimer, Member for Guildhall Ward

Tel: 01842 753306 email: derek.mortimer@breckland.gov.uk

Thetford born and bred. Town & District Councillor for 10 years. Mayor of Thetford 2003 President of Conservative Club, Governor of Thetford Grammar School, Vice Chairman Riversdale Management Committee. Especially concerned for the welfare of the community, law & order and the care of the vulnerable. Especially interested in the work of Voluntary groups at Riversdale Centre.



Pat Balaam, Member for Saxon Ward

Tel: 01842 753417 email: pat.balaam@breckland.gov.uk

Lived in Thetford 43 years with two grown up daughters both living in Thetford. Town Councillor for nine years, Breckland Councillor since 2007. Vice Chair of Barnham Community group, member of Thetford Local Action group, Governor of Redcastle and Queensway Junior School.



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Terence Lamb, Member Castle Ward

Tel: 01842 753015

Born and bred in Thetford with a career in teaching. He has been a Town Councillor since 1963 and also District Councillor. Mayor of Thetford 1970 and 1989. His aim always to protect and preserve the historic buildings in the town and only encourage development that is well planned and adds enhancement.



Pam Spencer, Member for Guildhall Ward

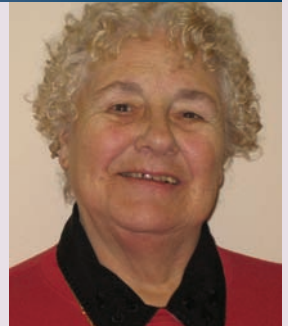
Tel: 01842 765443 email: Pamela.spencer@breckland.gov.uk

Moved to Thetford from London in 1967. Town Councillor for 9 years and Breckland Councillor for 5 years. Worked as a Nursery Officer for 11 years and her hobbies were connected with Drama and Music.

Thelma Paines, Member for Abbey Ward

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Town Councillor since 1978. Mayor of Thetford in 1990, and 2006. County Councillor for the Thetford West since 1985, Breckland Councillor 1983 - 2007. Was also a Magistrate for 14 years and on the Board of Norwich Prison for 21 years and a Norfolk Police Committee member.



Robert Kybird, Member for Guildhall Ward

Tel: 01842 751546 email: Robert.kybird@breckland.gov.uk

Current Mayor of Thetford, born and bred in Thetford. Robert has very much enjoyed his year as Mayor, and takes a strong interest in many aspects of local life. He has particular interest in the Town's history and archaeology and a strong sense of civic pride.

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Marion Chapman-Allen, Member for Saxon Ward

Tel: 07717 882 362 email: marion.chapman-allen@breckland.gov.uk

In 1987 moved from North Norfolk to Thetford she has three sons and a grandson. 1991-1998 Special needs classroom support worker also Mediator and Counsellor. 1998-2003 Volunteer at Thetford Citizens Advice Bureau and then Advice Session Supervisor. 2003 Elected to the Town Council and Breckland Councillor/Cabinet member. 2007 re-elected to Town Council and Breckland. Supports conservation and wildlife issues.

Mike Spencer, Member for Abbey Ward

Tel: 01842 765443 email: mike.spencer@breckland.gov.uk

Moved from London to Thetford in 1967 and worked in engineering at the same firm for 18 years. Currently works at Unipen Pipelines Thetford. Town Councillor for five years and a Breckland Councillor since 2007.



John Harding, Member for Guildhall Ward

Tel: 01842 755047 email: hardingja@tiscali.co.uk

Married and lives on the Admirals Estate, has two grown up daughters and three grandchildren all living in Thetford. Town Councillor for 4 years and a Governor at the Admirals Junior School. After serving 26 years in the Royal Air Force put roots down in Thetford.

Pauline Quadling, Member for Abbey Ward

Tel: 07979 666 617 email: riversdale@pwconnect.co.uk

Born in London came to Thetford in 1968. Town Councillor for three years, Breckland Councillor since 2007. Secretary of Abbey Tenants Association, Secretary of Riversdale Centre, Vice Chair of Stag, founder member of the Dolphins. Especially interested in care in the community, law and order and volunteering work for the needy.



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Roy Brame, Member for Castle Ward

Tel: 07932 696 837 email: roy@cobradomstic.co.uk

Elected to the Town Council May 2007. Has run a successful Electrical business in Thetford for many years and hopes he has some skills to offer. As a Town Councillor wants to make sure Thetford's voice is heard where it counts.



Sam Chapman-Allen, Member for Saxon Ward

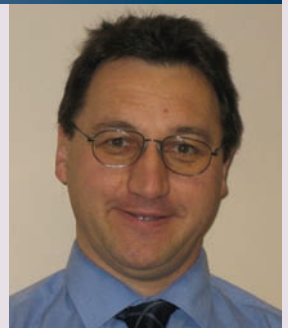
Tel: 07789 413 719 email: sam.chapman-allen@breckland.gov.uk

2007 elected to the Town Council and Breckland Council. Attended Admirals & Norwich Road Middle School and then onto Thurston College 2004 selected for International Air Cadet exchange in Singapore. 2006 completed Nijmegen, Holland. Hobbies fell & mountain trekking, flying and ski-ing. Gives time to volunteering work with young people. His aim is to represent the voice of youth in Moving Thetford Forward.

Stuart Wright, Member for Saxon Ward

Tel: 01842 754166 email: wright@79cr.freereserve.co.uk

Born and bred in Thetford, attended Norwich Road and Thetford Grammar Schools, has been Town Councillor since 2007, Chairman of The Thetford Society, Board member of Keystone Development Trust and School Governor of Norwich Road. Developed the Dad's Army Tours and Museum.



Gareth Pickering, Member for Saxon Ward

Tel: 07917 013 111 email: gareth.pickering@gmail.com

2007 elected to the Town Council. Has lived in Thetford twenty years. Attended school at Rosemary Musker and Thetford Grammar. Excelled at sports including running for the County. Played rugby for under15s' for Norfolk (Thetford Rugby Club). Qualified as a life guard and swimming instructor. Hobbies include IT, ski-ing, music and travel. Employed as Business Manager for Vodafone. Wishes to engage with the young people of the town.

ALLOTMENTS

Thetford Town Council has over 200 allotments on sites in:

Bury Road, British Rail, Icknield Way, London Road, Mundford Road, and Magdalen Street.

There are waiting lists in place for some of these sites and some vacant plots exist on the London Road and Mundford Road. If you would like your name added to any list please contact the office on the telephone number below.

Allotments are hired for the sum of: £15.00 per 10 rod plot or £7.50 for Senior Citizens.

Allotment holders must be residents of Thetford.

For further information on allotments in Thetford please contact Mrs Bev Cole at mail@thetfordtowncouncil.gov.uk or by telephoning 01842 754247 between 9.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. Monday to Friday.

Thetford Garden and Allotment Club General Committee

President: Mrs Iris Pearson

Chairman: Mr Ollie Garrod

Treasurer: Mr Keith Goldsmith

Secretary: Mr Harry Collins

Publicity: Mr Frank Edwards

Commodities: Mr Bob Jones

Member: Mrs Margaret Campbell

Member: Mr P Balaam

Member: Mr Stan Baker

Member: Ms June Pearce

Member: Mr Dennis Reeder

Member: Mr Ray Key

Main Event Shows are a General Committee function.

All Meetings at Cloverfields Church; unless otherwise announced.

Handbook (inc. Membership) £3.00

Please contact the Secretary: Mr Harry Collins for further details
01842 754938 or 07751 583693

THETFORD CEMETERY

Thetford Cemetery is located on the London Road. It holds plots for all denominations and funerals take place between the hours of 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. (April to September inc.) and 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. (October to March inc.) The Chapel is available for hire if required.

Cemetery opening hours with effect from 30th October 2005

Summer Weekdays: 0730 to 1900 hours (back gate shuts at 16.00)

Winter Weekdays: 0730 to 1600 hours

Weekends / Public Holidays: 1000 to 1600 hours

A set of rules and regulations can be obtained from the Town Council offices on the telephone number below.

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THETFORD'S TWIN TOWNS

Thetford has been twinned with towns in Europe for more than forty years. Thetford Town Council started the links which were taken over by the Thetford Twinning Association who undertake all the activity roles with the finance and support of the members.

Our longest link has been with **Hürth** population (55,000) a suburb of Cologne and **Spijkenisse**, population (73,327) near Rotterdam. Both towns are well developed but possibly with less history than Thetford.

Twelve years ago Thetford linked with **Les Ulis** population (25,000) which is situated in the SW suburbs of Paris. Its best known resident is Thierry Henry of Arsenal football fame. Les Ulis is a modern clean city well developed with the companies of Microsoft, Hewlett Packard and Apple having their French head offices in the area.

In 2004 Thetford twinned with **Skawina** population (6,328) situated 15km from Krakow which is probably the most famous and the most intellectually important city in Poland. Skawina was established in the 14th century and is older than our other twinned cities.



Hürth in Germany
www.pv-huerth.de



Les Ulis in France
www.lesulis.fr



Spijkenisse in The Netherlands
www.spijkenisse.nl



Skawina in Poland
www.um.skawina.net
www.partnerstwo.skawina.net

CHRISTMAS LIGHT COMPETITION 2007

The Town Council held the Christmas light competition again in December this competition was first introduced in 2000. Town Councillors go out and judge Christmas light displays which are displayed on the front of residential properties.

The winners in 2007 were:

- 1st place **Mr Frank Whisken** – St Albans Way
2nd place **Mr & Mrs Peter Daws** – Fulmerston Close
3rd place **Mrs E Stoneburgh** – Lincoln Way

Highly recommended were displays in Lincoln Way, Coventry Way and Oak Close

There was a presentation ceremony on Wednesday 30th January in the Council Chamber when The Mayor Councillor Robert Kybird only presented a certificate to Mr & Mrs Daw the second place winners, as the 1st and 3rd winners were unable to attend. The Deputy Mayor and Consort were also at the ceremony.

