

## Parish Meeting of Alfreton Town Council on Tuesday 19th May 2015 at 6.30pm

1. To hear an address from Councillor Gail Dolman, Town Mayor.  
Members heard an address from Councillor Gail Dolman reflecting on her year of office as Town Mayor for Alfreton:

*I have been honoured to represent my home town of Alfreton as Mayor for 2014/2015, where I was born and raised. I only wish that my parents had been alive to witness it.*

*The most memorable occasion during my year as Mayor was organising and hosting the 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas Event of Alfreton along with my Deputy Marlene Bennett and staff, which was again attended by thousands of local people who enjoyed visiting Santa, his Reindeer and listening to local entertainment whilst also enjoying the food and fair rides that were on offer. An event that will hopefully continue and thrive.*

*One of the first events which I attended as the new mayor for Alfreton was to open the mud kitchen at Alfreton Nursery, I was greeted by many enthusiastic children ready to serve me mud pie, which luckily was not on the menu when I was invited to celebrate the 100th birthday with Mrs Teece and her family at Providence Place, which was very humbling.*

*Another poignant event was the pilgrimage to Crich to lay a wreath something that this Council supports each year.*

*The W.I held an event in the grounds of Alfreton House to welcome the centenary baton through Derbyshire, this was attended by myself and other councillors and also local celebrity, Sally Pepper. The W.I served Cream Teas to other visiting groups and hosted an enjoyable afternoon.*

*I have really enjoyed visiting children in local schools and talking with them, I was asked to present the School Councillors with their welcome packs, something which made both myself and the children very proud. I have also visited the Special School, following the grant which was awarded to them and also Christ the King to thank them for the fantastic artwork displays that they did for the WW1 commemorations, another event which proved to be a success.*

*Woodbridge School also supported my Civic Event when their school choir sang some very popular songs and enjoyed the celebrations of the event. As too did Heage Brass Band. The service was attended by many family and friends for which I was very grateful as many had travelled a long way to be there.*

*I was delighted to be asked to open both the Air Ambulance shop and also the Claire Sales School of Dance along with attending Party in the Park along and many other local fayres and fetes*

*I thoroughly enjoyed the Buxton tattoo which was a joy to watch and Beating of the retreat at Chatsworth.*

*My chosen Charity for the year has been Marie Curie Cancer Care for which I have raised in excess of £1000, through donations and fund raising.*

*I would like to thank my fellow councillors and my deputy for their continued support during my year as Mayor. I have had such a wonderful and exciting year and want to thank the people of Alfreton for letting me have this opportunity.*

Councillor Gail Dolman

2. To receive the Town Mayor's Annual Report.  
Members received and **APPROVED** the report

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3. To receive a report on the finances of Alfreton Town Council from the Responsible Finance Officer.  
Members heard an update from the responsible Finance Officer on the finances of the Council. A query was raised regarding VAT which an answer will be available at a future Council meeting.  
Members **APPROVED** the financial report and thanked all staff for their work.

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4. To hear items from members of the public  
None were received