

News release

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MAYOR MAKING CEREMONY

Incoming Mayor Cllr David Parr and outgoing Mayor Cllr Margaret Roberts

Runnymede Borough Council's Mayor will be changing on Wednesday 18 May at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber, Runnymede Civic Centre, Station Road, Addlestone.

Cllr David Parr (councillor for Addlestone North ward) will be handed the Mayoral chain by Cllr Margaret Roberts in the Mayor making ceremony before full council and special guests. The Mayoress will be his partner, Miss Emma Bancroft.

Cllr Parr will be sworn into office as Cllr Roberts steps down. The Annual council meeting will follow this ceremony.

Cllr Parr said about his forthcoming duties: "I am looking forward to a busy year, meeting many new people at various events and launches."

He added: "My charities will be One to One (North West Surrey branch), Scouts (Runnymede District), St Peter's Diabetics Unit and St Peter's Cardiology Unit, though I am willing to raise funds for specific charities if requested. I hope to raise funds to help these worthwhile local charities and know that the money will be put to good use."

Cllr Roberts' charities for 2010-11 were JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation), Homestart Runnymede, Thorpe Youth Association, New Build Hut and Daisy Appeal for the Early Birth Unit at St Peter's Hospital. The various charity events held throughout the year has raised over £28,000 which will be divided between the four charities.

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Cllr Roberts said about her non political role as Mayor: "It has been a most interesting time in many respects, including particularly our participation in the launch of preparations for the Magna Carta 800th anniversary celebrations on Runnymede Meadows in 2015. I hope to continue with many interests which have been brought to the fore in the past year."

Cllr Linda Gillham (councilor for Thope ward) is the Deputy Mayor for 2011-12.

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