



### MAYOR'S FEBRUARY MESSAGE

The Town Council met at the Queen Elizabeth School on 27 February. The Minutes will be posted on our website, to be found at: <http://gmccouncil.com> Within a large Agenda we agreed a number of improvements to the toddler site at Judith's Field, reviewed and agreed an updated Youth Plan and progressed our plans to upgrade the Judith's Field car parking area.

We have received a letter from Wertheim inviting us to send a number of Councillors and citizens for a festive weekend over the period 27 to 30 July to celebrate our Twinning. Arrangements have yet to be detailed but we know that families in Wertheim would like to offer guest accommodation. So, if anyone is interested in travelling to Germany for this event, they should contact the Town Clerk.

I reported some time ago that our surveillance system at Judith's Field had enabled the police to identify a number of individuals who had vandalised the new toilet building as well as abusing some of the recreation facilities. Council was receiving financial compensation from the parents of some of the culprits (who were minors) and that police enquiries were still continuing. I can now confirm that more offenders have been identified and that further police action is underway.

To help mark the Platinum Jubilee, in conjunction with Cross Keys Homes, the Town Council will be organising a free outdoor cinema event at the Recreation Ground on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Two films will be shown, one in the afternoon for the children and one in the evening with a more adult theme, but still suitable for family viewing. We hope that attendees will bring along a picnic and their own chairs. Music from two local bands will precede each screening. Details will be published in due course.

I am delighted to learn that the High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire, Caroline Bewes DL, will be officially visiting Godmanchester on 30<sup>th</sup> March. During her term of office Mrs Bewes sponsors 'High Sheriff Awards', which acknowledge individuals and groups who have exceptionally contributed to the communities in which they live and work. I look forward to announcing the Godmanchester recipients.

Our Council dissolves prior to elections in May. The last gathering will be our Annual Town Meeting when we report to you, and I will distribute the proceeds of our Charity fund raising. This will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> May. Detail will follow nearer the time, and I hope as many of you will be able to find time to attend.

Cllr Cliff Thomas

Mayor of Godmanchester