



MAYOR'S APRIL MESSAGE

The Town Council met at the Queen Elizabeth School on 21 April. The Minutes will be posted on our website, to be found at: <http://gmccouncil.com> This was the penultimate meeting before the Annual Town Meeting which will take place on 3 May. The Annual Report will be circulated on the Council website and in social media beforehand, and I hope that many of you will join us at the Queen Elizabeth School on the night, commencing at 7.30pm

I have mentioned before the Tool Grants available through Godmanchester Charities to young people living in the Town aged 16-25 who are in full time study or pursuing an apprenticeship. The cost of both these routes can be challenging and every 2 years the Trustees make cash awards to those students who can identify a particular need – for example the cost of books, uniforms, specific trade tools and the like. Applications are welcomed now, and the closing date is 15 June 2022. Please call Neil Mackie on 07990 541441 for more information and to receive an application form.

On 30 March we hosted the outgoing High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire, Mrs Caroline Bewes. who learned of the many new facilities which we have added to the Town over the Term, and of the work of our Youth Council. The High Sheriff also presented a number of awards to just some of the many citizens who have gone the extra mile to support our community.

I am pleased to report that the temporary repairs to our iconic Chinese bridge are almost complete – a more extensive renovation is planned for later in the year. In addition, by the time you read this the Mill Steps project will be nearing its end, and we look forward to the official opening soon.

Elections for a new Council take place on 5 May. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve as your mayor. I followed in the footsteps of a long line of citizens offered this unique opportunity, and was guided throughout by serving councillors who had held the respected position beforehand. I thank everyone for their support.

In saying farewell, I wish those of the current team that will form the new Council and the newcomers who will join them, every good fortune, and look forward to an exciting future under their guidance.

Cllr Cliff Thomas

Mayor of Godmanchester