

## **MAYOR'S DIARY** **12 – 18 APRIL**

A week in which the Nation reflected on the considerable contribution made by HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, not only to this country and the Commonwealth, but also in his unswerving support of HM The Queen.

Fond memories of the visit by HM The Queen and Prince Philip on 11 April 2017 to open Priory View, Church Street, Dunstable.

### **Monday 12 April**

Took advantage of the Hairdressers being open!

### **Tuesday 13 April**

Asked to gather a representative congregation for a Service of Thanksgiving for HRH Prince Philip at the end of the week at the Priory Church, Dunstable. Although limited to 30 people, the necessary phone calls made seeking one person to represent each of a number of local organisations took a good part of the rest of the day and Wednesday.

### **Wednesday 14 April**

Councillor Liaison virtual meeting with MP and fellow councillors

Visited a new tailor's business in West Street.

### **Thursday 15 April**

Finalised list of attendees for the Thanksgiving Service

### **Friday 16 April**

Charity Board meeting

Attended the Service of Thanksgiving for HRH Prince Philip at the Civic and County Church of St Paul, Bedford arranged on behalf of the Lord Lieutenant of Bedfordshire and the Bishop of Bedford.

Returned to Dunstable for the Thanksgiving Service at the Priory Church. The Mayoress and I were able to welcome those attending.

### **Saturday 17 April**

Postponed the formal opening of another business in the Town Centre, it being the day of the funeral of Prince Philip.

First Town Market of the year. 30 stalls offering a wide variety of goods spilling over on to the Square. Bunting gave the market a festive feel. Stallholders pleased to be back, and many said how they liked coming to Dunstable.

Stood for the minute's silence at 3.00 as Prince Philip's coffin paused on the steps of St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, with White Watch at the Dunstable Fire Station, Brewer's Hill Road. Then returned home to watch the final parts of the funeral service.