

MAYOR'S DIARY

5 – 11 APRIL

In a week, which ended with the sad news of the passing of HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh at the age of 99, there have been many tributes about his life, his unswerving support of Queen Elizabeth (a marriage of 73 years), his wide range of interests in sport, science, technology and industry. He wrote a number of books on different subjects. A man ahead of his times, he contributed to the success and stability of the Monarchy in the C20th.

Monday 5 April

Easter Monday

Tuesday 6 April

Drafted a letter to the First Deputy Mayor at Bourgoin-Jallieu in response to his informing DTC that twinning activities will in future come under his leadership.

Wednesday 7 April

A day of IT problems – DTC i-pad on the blink and my laptop had formulated a format change.

However, managed to join a Friends of Priory House and Gardens virtual meeting and join a virtual meeting with the Rt Hon Robert Jenrick, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government. Matters raised included aspects of planning legislation, particularly matters of waste disposal esp. from those developments under permitted planning development, and parking.

Thursday 8 April

IT problems resolved! Technology is wonderful when it works to one's own need!

Attended Joan Curran's funeral representing the Town Council. Covid restrictions but nonetheless a heartfelt service for a respected friend and local historian.

Joined a virtual meeting of the Bedford and Milton Keynes Waterway Trust. Have been a member for many years having a keen interest in the development of a new waterway joining the River Great Ouse in Bedford with the Grand Union Canal in Milton Keynes.

Friday 9 April

Received the sad news that HRH Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, has passed away. A statement was released in my name on the DTC Facebook page. Signed the Book of Condolence at Grove House. Flowers were placed in Priory Meadow. Started a draft 'article' for the Gazette outlining his considerable achievements and his support and loyalty to Her Majesty the Queen over seven decades.

Saturday 10 April

Joined a councillors meeting; the discussion revolved around how it might be possible to help meet housing need in Dunstable.

Having had the opportunity to listen to the many tributes to Prince Philip, refined my words and sent draft 'article' to the Gazette.