

Mayor 2022/23: Dave Jasper

May 2023 update:

It was a great honour to be entrusted with the role of Mayor during the last year and I am incredibly proud to have raised over £13,000 which was donated to Cancer Research UK and a wide variety of local groups and organisations at the Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday 9th May 2023.

The full list of organisations I presented cheques to can be found on the news page of the town council's website.



November 2022 Update:



I am almost at the halfway point of my year as Mayor already and I have been present at a wide variety of events. The sad passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II provided me with the rare opportunity and great privilege of reading 'The Proclamation' in the Service at St. Edmund's Church and 'The Statement' a week later at the War Memorial, a tremendous honour. On a happier note, there have been a number of Coffee Mornings to attend. We have also had the opportunity of visiting some iconic sites and of enjoying guided tours, such as at

Ryhope Pumping Station and Shildon's Locomotion Museum. Julie and I were thrilled to be asked to present the winners' trophies at the Sedgfield Players' Drama Festival of One Act Plays, a group I have belonged to for a good many years. The Twinning Association's 40th birthday party in Ceddesfeld Hall gave us the chance to meet some old friends and new, thanks to Alda and Phil's very kind invitation. Our Congratulations also go to the Pop In for celebrating their 30th anniversary with an afternoon tea recently, an event which I was honoured to attend. It was a touching moment for all to see founding member Betty Roper cut the pink and white birthday cake.

September 2022 update:

The first 3 months of my year as Mayor of our wonderful town have been incredibly busy but hugely enjoyable. Julie and I have been delighted to meet many residents engaged in various community activities. We have been pleased to be invited a) to present the medals to the tug of war teams at the Mediaeval Fayre, b) to help groups of youngsters plant up the tubs on the Village Green, c) to attend the Strawberries and Prosecco afternoon by the Twinning Association (where we won the quiz), d) to visit the Methodist Church to listen to Belmont Ladies' Choir and e) to go on a tour of The Hive. We have met a great many Mayors, Deputy Mayors, Civic Heads and Consorts during my term

of office so far and have become good friends with some of them. We really enjoyed our day in Stockton when the 8 Rifles were given the Freedom of the Town.

The highlight of my time so far has to be my first event, the fabulous night in the Parish Hall with 50s/60s tribute band The Moondogs. It was a roaring success where over £1,400 was raised for my charities, Cancer Research UK and local community groups. Those who were there have clamoured for a repeat performance so they will be back on Friday 18th November. I'm looking forward to meeting lots more busy villagers during the year and to raising much more money at my events so do keep an eye out for what is coming up next.



June 2022 update:

I am delighted to accept the great honour and privilege of being elected as Mayor of Sedgefield. My links to Sedgefield go back to 1976 when I was appointed as music teacher at Sedgefield Primary, a position I remained in for 8 very happy years. During that time, I became the MD of the Lyric Singers, a position I held for 7 years. In 1988 I moved into Sedgefield and soon after married Julia before we welcomed our children Tim and Ciaran who have both grown up in the village. I joined Sedgefield Players in 2003 and continue to have a huge amount of fun with this group of which I am Treasurer. I still sing with the Lyrics and last year I was made an honorary life member. I am now three times the age I was when I first worked in the village and feel fully accepted as a local Sedgefield(ite)! I promise to carry out the civic duties of Mayor to the best of my ability and, along with my wife, look forward to representing Sedgefield and supporting its wonderful community. Throughout my year I will be raising funds for local causes as well as my headline charity Cancer Research chosen in memory of my much-loved parents.



What a fantastic year! Take a look at some more images from my own events, plus those I've had the honour to attend overleaf:



