

## **COUNTY COUNCIL – 14TH FEBRUARY 2017**

### **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PEOPLE**

##### **Former County Councillor Michael Farrar**

It is with regret that the Chairman reports the recent death of former County Councillor Michael Farrar who represented the Shelford Division on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Party from 1997 to 2005.

Michael was County Archivist from 1961 until his retirement in 1994. He was a very highly respected and dedicated archivist and genealogist with a wide variety of interests, and he maintained his commitment to Cambridgeshire's archives long after retirement.

The Council's thoughts are with his family, friends and colleagues at this very sad time.

##### **Tara Spicer**

One of our teachers, Tara Spicer, died on Friday 30th December. Tara was diagnosed with Leukaemia at the end of the Summer Term. She recently got engaged and was talking about returning to work at Eastfield Nursery and Infants next September, as well as planning her wedding for the Autumn Term. Tara's treatment was going well initially but she then developed serious complications in hospital. Tara taught at Yaxley Infants School before moving to Eastfield. She was also an Early Years Lead Practitioner, where she was highly respected.

Representatives from the Early Years' Service attended her funeral on the 23rd January at Cambridgeshire Crematorium.

##### **Councillor Peter Reeve MBE**

Congratulations go to Councillor Peter Reeve who has been awarded an MBE in recognition of his services to Local Government and the community in Ramsey, Cambridgeshire, in the Queen's New Year's Honours list.

Congratulations also go to Brian Gale, former County Council employee and now Director of Policy and Campaigns, National Deaf Children's Society who has been awarded an OBE in recognition of his services to Special Educational Needs, and former Councillors Jane Coston and Geoffrey Heathcock who were awarded BEMs for services to the community in Milton and for services to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and the community in Cambridgeshire respectively.

#### **MESSAGES**

##### **Duke of Gloucester**

The Chairman was honoured to welcome the Duke of Gloucester to Cambridge recently, on behalf of the County Council.

On Thursday 2 February, His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester visited Bar Hill Community Primary School, and Bar Hill Church Centre, to mark the village's 50th Anniversary.

During the day, His Royal Highness also visited the Cancer Research UK Cambridge Institute on the occasion of their 10th Anniversary, and Thermoteknix Systems Ltd in Waterbeach, following the presentation of the Company's third Queen's Award for Enterprise: Innovation in 2015.