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IT'S TIME TO PASS ON THE BATON

Popular Councillors, Kirstine Carr and Martin Potter have decided to step down from the Council, Kirstine to retire and Martin to start a new career.

Kirstine says, 'I will be retiring after a long association with Rainham North, firstly supporting my late husband, David, and then serving as a councillor myself for four years. I have enjoyed being able to carry on from David and working with Martin, serving the people of Rainham North to the best of my ability. I was also honoured to serve as Deputy Mayor of Medway in 2021/22 showcasing all that is great and good about Medway.

Martin Says, 'It's been an honour and a privilege to serve as your Councillor with David and then with Kirstine, for the last eight years. Following the sudden loss of my Dad a few years ago, I thought a lot about my future and decided that I would make the most of this current term, but that I wanted to focus on other aspects of my life and career.

It was a big decision and I am grateful to my family, friends and colleagues for their support and advise at this time.

Whilst it is the big things, like opposing the housing development of the Pump Lane Orchards and securing the rebuilding of Splashes that will be remembered, it has been wonderful to meet so many of you from all walks of life and to work with our schools, businesses and various local groups to improve our community.

We are delighted that the mantle will now pass to the three new candidates and deserving community champions, Kwashie Anang, George Perfect and Wayne Spring, who will be seeking your support and to continue our hard work in Rainham and on the Council from May 2023.



Hello and Goodbye - George, Wayne, Martin, Kirsten and Kwashie

SPLASHES

It's been a challenging journey, but we are delighted that Wilmott Dixon have now been appointed to construct the new Splashes. The new centre is due to open in summer 2024 with the developers due to move on site and start construction this spring.

Please note that the Splashes car park which has remained open to allow convenient access to the park, will be closed off during the construction period with the closure set for 10th February.

We are looking forward to the new Splashes taking shape and remain committed to its delivery!



Ready for the work to start at Splashes

RAINHAM TOWN SIGN WINNER

Following the announcement of Natasha's amazing winning entry for the Jubilee competition, one of so many great designs, the prototype sign was approved in the autumn and should be ready in the next few months. A post for the sign will be installed later this month in preparation for having the new town sign attached. This will appear outside the Nat West Bank, a prominent spot on the High Street. Once the sign is completed and attached it will be a great addition to the town and a fitting tribute to Her Late Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

HIGHWAYS AND POTHOLES

We continue to work closely with the council's highways team on the maintenance of our roads, pavements, signage and furniture, with the team working hard to inspect areas and carry out necessary works. What can really help is reporting defects to help the team identify issues and stay on top of matters, as we want to. We have also gone out with officers on site,

something that Martin and Kirstine did earlier this month. This year's winter weather has made potholes a particular issue and the council has a dedicated team working on this.

You can help by reporting potholes or other highway issues via the Medway Council's website.



This can damage your car. See it - report it.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW RESIDENTS IN RAINHAM NORTH

Following the recent boundary changes, we are delighted to welcome a large number of new residents to our ward.

The boundary change now means that the ward extends to the whole area north of the A2 from Hawthorne Avenue to the west and Seymour Road to the east. The ward cuts around Twydall by the railway line at Lower Pump Lane.

We know that residents in the area transferred by the Boundary Commission for England, will welcome this change as many of you supported Martin and Kirsten when they proposed it, sending letters and emails of support to the Commission's consultation.



The new Rainham North boundary

News SNIPPETS

NEW BUSES

Over the last 6 months, Cllr Martin Potter has been working with local residents who are particularly passionate about air quality and is active on a number of relevant forums and initiatives.

Arriva has invested £1m on new buses and will be introducing the newer double deckers in the coming months to replace the oldest buses.

We look forward to seeing the new buses coming into service soon.

E-V CHARGING POINTS

Did you know that some E-V charging points have been installed in the car park on the north side of the railway line in Station Road?

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