

Bagshot FOCUS



A tribute to Cllr Bryan Ward

'A true gentleman' leaves the stage

Bryan passed away peacefully in his sleep on 19th October at Woking Hospice. He had been battling against cancer.

A resident of Bagshot for 30 years, he had been a Liberal Democrat Borough and Parish Councillor since 2003 and was re-elected earlier this year before his illness was diagnosed.

Community activist

Bryan was very active in the local community, serving on the Bagshot Society's committee, co-ordinating the local Neighbourhood Watch and chairing the Surrey Heath Duke of Edinburgh's Award Forum from 2000-2005.

As a Borough Councillor he served on the Planning and Licensing



Bryan was interviewed by Meridian TV News during the successful campaign to save Bagshot Library.



Committees and was Chair of Windlesham Parish Council 2006-07.

Professional man

Bryan worked in the hotel and catering industry for 50 years, retiring in 1995 from Brooklands College, Weybridge as Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Professional Studies.

Since 1996 he worked as a training and development consultant.

He leaves his wife Jill, four daughters and five grandchildren.

His funeral was held on 1st November. His family have requested donations be sent to Woking Hospice.

Bryan Ward 1935-2007



Local residents and Councillors of all political parties have been paying tribute to Bryan.

Duncan Clark, Parliamentary Spokesman of Surrey Heath Liberal Democrats said: "He was one of the most level-headed people I have ever met. When anyone had a difficulty with anything he always responded in a kind manner and was polite. He was a true gentleman and he will be very sorely missed."

Meurig Williams, Borough and Parish Councillor for Bagshot said: "Bryan cared a great deal about the

people he served. He had many friends and was always good humoured and pleasant. I personally will very much miss him as a friend and colleague."

Paul Hutchinson, Parish Councillor said: "He worked very hard for our village and he really loved people. He had so much still to give. It's immensely sad for us all to lose a man like Bryan".

Shirley Wheeler, former Parish Councillor, said: "He was a man of stature and he will be remembered with great affection."

A Village Plan for Bagshot?

Local Liberal Democrats are calling for a new 'Village Plan' for Bagshot. It could include, for example, traffic plans, housing design, facilities for young people, and health service needs. The village could present it to Borough and county councils, local NHS trusts and Surrey police as a guide to planning their services.

Cllr Meurig Williams said, "Cllr Bryan Ward and the Bagshot Society held an initial meeting on this. We now need to take it further and we want the whole community to be involved not just Councillors!"

Cllr Paul Hutchinson added, "We could work towards a 20mph speed limit in the High Street or a farmers market or improving Windle Brook for example."

"We want to work with people of all parties and none. If you would like to help, please get in touch."



Local Lib Dems want the whole community to be involved in developing a Village Plan for Bagshot.

Notcutts money should be spent in Bagshot



Cllr Meurig Williams is campaigning for the money received from the Notcutts developers to be spent on schools in Bagshot.

Local Lib Dems are calling on Surrey County Council to spend the money received from the developers of the Notcutts site on Bagshot schools.

As a result of the development's approval, Charles Church are required to give the County Council funds for education.

Lib Dem Councillor Meurig Williams who is a Governor of Bagshot Infant School has written to the Council requesting that this money be spent on Bagshot schools.

Cllr Williams said, "If the development is to go ahead then it is only right and proper that the monies which the Council receive from the developer are spent on schools in Bagshot."

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