

## **Cllr Keith Craze, RIP**



Members and Officers of New Milton Town Council are deeply saddened by the news of the sudden death of Cllr Keith Craze, former Mayor of New Milton and Chairman of the Council.

Our sincerest condolences are offered to his family at this time, especially to Madalaine, his wife and fellow Councillor currently serving as Deputy Mayor and Vice Chair of the Council.

Cllr Keith Craze was a well-respected member of the New Milton Town Council, and also a member of the New Forest District Council and will be remembered for his public service.

We will fondly remember his Welsh wit, HR experience and his strong family commitment.

Keith was brought up and educated in Wales, the eldest of 4 children. He studied History (Russian and Chinese) and International Politics at Aberystwyth University. Completing a full time IPM (CIPD) Course, Keith subsequently spent 40 years in HR for various companies.

Married to Madalaine, (who he met in Cardiff) they had 3 sons: one, an ex-Cathedral chorister based initially in London then Buenos Aires and now Chile. Their other two sons are UK-based.

Keith was elected to NMTC in 2015 and NFDC in 2019 both representing the Barton Ward; he was Town Mayor of New Milton and Chairman of New Milton Town Council in 2021-23.

Keith was also involved with local education for some time as a Governor at New Milton Junior School and Vice-Chair of Directors at The Gryphon Trust (Arnewood and Eaglewood schools).

Keith is survived by his wife Madalaine, their 3 sons and 6 grandchildren (3 in Chile, 3 in UK).