

The last Mayor for Borough of Cowbridge

THE new Mayor of Cowbridge, Coun. William Selwyn Davies, at his installation ceremony, referred to the new local government re-organisation plan as, "a vast impersonal monster swallowing up Cowbridge."

He said: "Although this is a very proud day for me, it is also a very sad day as I will be the last Mayor of Cowbridge as a borough. Changes are inevitable, but Cowbridge is being swallowed up by a vast impersonal monster. We know we are down but we will not be trodden on and we cannot do without the help and support of the council and

affairs in the busy year ahead.

"The highlight of last year's council was the visit of Prince Philip to Cowbridge, which Coun. Davies initiated. I am therefore extremely happy to propose Coun. Selwyn Davies as Mayor of Cowbridge for the ensuing year."

Coun. D. R. Tilley said: "It is my privilege to be asked to second the proposal. I am very pleased to do so, because Coun. Selwyn Davies is an old boy of Cowbridge."

"My family have had long connections with the borough and the council and

Coun. Greenwood said: "I would like to thank you for electing me Mayor of Cowbridge. I enjoyed every moment of my term of office. I am pleased to tell you that in the local government re-organisation plan Cowbridge will have a community council headed by a town Mayor."

"The highlights of last year for me included starting off for me included starting off Ald. McNeil's son-in-law in a charity walk from Cowbridge to Tenby. He raised over £600. Then there was the royal visit which proved to be a memorable day for the

first time he attended Cowbridge Borough Council: "At the first meeting of Cowbridge Council I attended I was so impressed that I thought to myself I would sooner be Mayor of Cowbridge Council than Lord Mayor of London. Well, they did not make me Lord Mayor of London but I have had my wish."

"I was not born in Cowbridge, but in Cardiff. I was brought up in Cowbridge, however, and am the third one of my family to become Mayor."

He continued: "Future projects for the borough are to include, we hope, self-contained flats for pensioners with resident wardens; an adventure playground and car parks. I would also like to see a clean borough and I appeal to heads of schools and youth organisations to see that their boys and girls are kept clean."

'Nostalgia'

Coun. Collwyn Treharne Jones, who proposed Coun. Davies as Mayor said: "I feel

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The new Mayor then signed a declaration of acceptance of the office and proceeded with the retiring Mayor, Coun. W. V. B. Greenwood, and the Town Clerk, Mr. J. Thornly Taylor, to the Mayor's Parlour to don his scarlet robes and chain of office.

Ald. MacNeil was chosen as the Deputy Mayor.

Royal Visit

Ald. K. A. George proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring Mayor for his services during the past year, and said: "It was my privilege to nominate Coun. Greenwood Mayor last year. He has proved to be far and beyond all

his part. Many people forget that the Mayor of Cowbridge has no staff, and any function he holds, he has to organise himself, which includes putting up the decorations to sweeping up after it is all over."

like to thank all the council for the patience and tolerance they have shown during my year of office, and to wish success to the present Mayor.



Mayor

Mayor Elect of Cowbridge is 67-year-old Coun. Selwyn Davies.

Mr. Davies, of "Preswells," High Street, Cowbridge, is likely to be the last Mayor of Cowbridge under the local government re-organisation. He was born in Cardiff but was brought up in Cowbridge from an early age.

Mr. Davies retired from service with Cowbridge District Council three years ago, and since then has been employed with Bridgend and Cowbridge auctioneers, Messrs. John David Watts and Morgan as a clerk.

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EX-MAYOR and Mayoress, Councillor and Mrs. Sandy Greenwood, toast Councillor Selwyn Davies, the new Mayor.



COUN. Selwyn Davies, delivers his first address as Mayor in the Council Chamber.



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THE ancient borough of Cowbridge will be swallowed up by a "large impersonal monster" under local government reorganisation next year, it was claimed yesterday.

"But although the town will, in a sense, be knocked down everything possible will be done to see that it is not trodden on," said the new Mayor, Coun. Selwyn Davies (pictured above signing the declaration).

Coun. Davies, aged 69, a retired local government officer, said after being installed that there were a number of important projects to be tackled. These included self-contained flats for the elderly; the maintenance of the historic Old Hall in the High Street; and increased parking facilities in the town.

He was the third member of his family to receive the chain of office.

He follows his great uncle, Ald. John Williams who was mayor in 1902, and his cousin, Mr. William Batt, in 1953.

Coun. Davies received the chain of office from the retiring mayor, Coun. Sandy Greenwood.



COWBRIDGE,
GLAMORGAN,
S. WALES

MAYOR Cllr. W. S. Davies

October 23rd 1973

Dear Sandy Margaret -

Thank you very much for all the help you gave me on Sunday in connection with the Freedom Ceremony. Sandy's inspiration in appointing Norman as Chairman for the occasion was brilliant as is evident by the tremendous success of the whole affair. Thank you Margaret for the help you gave in arranging the wonderful floral display.

My warmest regards

Ever yours

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BOROUGH OF



COWBRIDGE

Mayor's Ball

THE MAYOR OF COWBRIDGE
(Councillor SELWYN DAVIES)

requests the pleasure of the company of

Councillor Mrs J Greenwood

at the above to be held at

THE TOWN HALL — COWBRIDGE

on

WEDNESDAY, 28th NOVEMBER, 1973

Dancing—9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

to the music of MIKE PINCOMBE AND HIS BAND

Licensed Bar 9 p.m. to 12 midnight

Buffet

Tickets — £1.60 (*inclusive*)