

Chairman's / Mayors Report for the meeting 12th August 2026

It is fitting for the council to formally acknowledge and pay tribute to the passing of two prominent local figures who dedicated much of their lives to public service in our community:

Jim Harrison, A dedicated town councillor and former Mayor of Oakham in 2007, remembered for his steadfast commitment to the town and its residents.

Peter Ind, A distinguished public servant who served as Chairman of Rutland County Council, former Mayor of Uppingham, and Deputy Mayor of Oakham for 2017/2018.

Their significant contributions to local governance have left a lasting legacy across both Oakham and the wider county of Rutland.

Merchant Navy Day Ceremony, 3rd September, 10:30 AM, Oakham Castle

Rutland County Council will be hosting a commemorative ceremony to honour Merchant Navy Day. All members of the public are welcome to attend and pay their respects as are members of the council.

On 29th July, I had the pleasure of attending a VIP preview of the Circus at Gates Garden Centre alongside a local resident, following an invitation. The event provided a wonderful opportunity to engage with a neighbouring community and enjoy the local attraction. Thank you to the Chairman of Leicestershire County Council who granted permission for me to wear the civic chain over the border.