

MAYOR MAKING 2010

NEW MAYOR: The new Mayor John Aitken and the new Deputy Mayor Amanda Pope were elected unanimously at Mayor Making on 26th May 2010, in Ludlow Assembly Rooms. During the robing ceremony, John & Amanda donned their civic gowns, and then lead the councillors in a procession headed by Ludlow's Common Sergeant and Mace Bearer.

Mayor John Aitken thanked outgoing Mayor Martin Taylor-Smith and Mayoress Rosanna Taylor-Smith for their hard work.

In Britain, the civic office of mayor brings with it over 800 years of tradition. Mayor Aitken made an inspiring speech revealing his zeal for promoting this 'gem of a place' in his role as the first citizen of Ludlow. The mayor is often seen as a symbol of an open society because the role is no longer restricted to an elite group within the population. The 'first citizen', as they are sometimes known, can come from any class, gender or ethnic background and has a key democratic role to play. John also outlined some of the improvements that had been identified by councillors and residents in the ongoing process of compiling the new Town Plan, called 'Ludlow Future'

Mayor Aitken invited the assembled guests to enjoy refreshments in Oscar's.

NEW DEPUTY MAYOR:



Deputy Mayor, Amanda Pope pictured in her robes of office with (l-r) her sister, Mrs Sarah Clarke, her mother, Mrs Margaret Leake, Mayor Aitken, and her partner Mr Colin Reeves.

RETIRING MAYOR: Retiring Mayor Martin Taylor-Smith spoke eloquently about the real progress made by Ludlow Town Council in the past year and presented a cheque to Working Together, his Mayoral Charity, for which he raised £6,000 in total.

Retiring Mayor (standing) pictured with (l-r) retiring Deputy Mayor Derek Davies, Town Clerk, Veronica Calderbank, Mayoress Rosanna Taylor-Smith and Common Sergeant John Coxill.



The New First Family: Mayor of Ludlow, John Aitken, the new first citizen of Ludlow accompanied by his wife Mayoress, Pam Aitken and his daughters Maria (left) & Zoe (right)



Mayor John Aitken & Mayoress Pam Aitken with Veronica Calderbank, Town Clerk (far right) and some current staff

