

## Derek Done (1932 - 2016)



### **Derek Done**

(13 November 1932 - 8 December 2016)

With the greatest sadness I have to report the death of Derek Done, a long-time member of our Society. I understand that Derek passed away on Friday 9 December and was found on 12 December sitting peacefully in his chair at home.

Derek had been scheduled to present a question to the Wycombe District Council on the 12th and I was privileged to step in, on his behalf, and ask the last question that he had raised on local government issues, a topic close to his heart.

Derek was, in addition to his long list of civic responsibilities, including Town Mayor and District Councillor, a hardworking and loyal member of the Society.

I could always rely on his advice and guidance on a wide range of issues. He will be sorely missed.

Martin Blunkell, Chairman

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At a meeting of Marlow Town Council on January 10th 2017, councillors remembered Derek with a minute's silence. Current Marlow mayor, Cllr Bob Johnson, commenced the tributes to Derek, who used to be chairman of the planning and development committee at Wycombe District Council.

He said: "One of our past mayors and councillors passed away and I would like us to observe a minute's silence in acknowledgment of his contribution. He was one our most regular, prolific member of the community who attended our meetings, certainly in all the time I have been a councillor. If anybody expressed an interest in what was going on, he did."

Cllr Roy Cadman added: "He was a wonderful attender of local organisations and contributed to them greatly such as the Budavar Twinning Society."

George Lawrence, Marlow Society secretary, said: "Derek and his wife Margaret were long-standing and active supporters of the Marlow Society. Derek had served on the executive committee and continued to help the Society generously with his expertise in planning, through his work as an elected member at WDC, and with transport issues

drawing on his professional life He continued to represent the Society in the public gallery at Town Council meetings and served on the Court Garden management committee.

His wife and "soulmate" Margaret, also a former Marlow mayor, sadly died on August 4 2016. The pair were together for 50 years after meeting while on holiday at a Methodist Guild holiday home in the Wye Valley and both worshipped regularly at the Marlow Methodist Church.