

Marlborough Town Council



PRESS RELEASE

16 January 2024

Mike Tupman, MBE

It is with deep sadness that we are letting you know that our Town Crier, Mike Tupman MBE, died on Saturday 13 January.

Mike took up the Town Crier role on 7 March 2016 when Alfie Johnson stepped down and passed the bell to Mike. Later that year, in August, Mike won a Town Crier competition – having only attended with the intention of picking up tips about the role.

Mike brought dignity, humour and kindness to every event, and we know he will be sadly missed by the wider community as well as all at Marlborough Town Council.

Before taking on the Town Crier role, Mike was a well-known and much loved Special Constable in the town after a long career in business at Cadbury. In 2013 he was awarded an MBE for services to Policing and the Marlborough community.

Mike's daughters, Carole and Helen, have asked us to share the details of his funeral which will take place at All Saints' Church, Burbage on Monday, 5 February at 11am. The service will be followed by a cremation at North Wilts Crematorium, Royal Wootton Bassett and then a wake at Marlborough Golf Club.

"The town has lost one of its great characters" said Marlborough Mayor, Nicholas Fogg. "As a long-serving Special Constable he was always available, always fair, always firm. As Town Crier he had the most resonant voice I recall ever hearing, bringing his sense of humour to every occasion. We will miss him deeply".

Mike – or "Tuppers" as we knew him - touched so many people, he will be very sadly missed.

Richard Spencer-Williams

Richard Spencer Williams, PSLCC
Town Clerk

Notes to editors

More stories:

15 January 2024: announcement of death

<https://www.marlborough-tc.gov.uk/news/news-articles/2932-mike-tupman-mbe>

May 2020: coronavirus lockdown. Watch a video of one of Mike's shouts: a cry for peace to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day, recorded in his garden and broadcast online while public events were not allowed

<https://www.marlborough-tc.gov.uk/news/news-articles/2236-a-cry-for-peace>

August 2016: winning a Town Crier competition

<https://www.marlborough-tc.gov.uk/news/news-articles/1473-marlborough-s-marvellous-mike-tupman>

March 2016: appointed Marlborough's Town Crier

<https://www.marlborough-tc.gov.uk/marlborough-town-council-news/1365-town-cryer-press-release>

2013 honours list:


https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/5a78e6f240f0b62b22cbdb4b/NY13_Honours_Queens_List.pdf



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