

## Message from the Mayor

It is an honour to again be Mayor of this great Borough and I am enjoying it as much as I did when I was previously Mayor in 1999-2000.

I have already met many of the people that make Spelthorne tick since my appointment in May and look forward to meeting many more of you in the months ahead.

We are going through difficult times nationally but I know that the residents of Spelthorne will do their best to maintain normality and to ensure that the Borough flourishes as it has always done.

My chosen charities this year are Daybreak Respite Care, Staines Brass Band and Midas Plus which supports charities in Spelthorne and I look forward to supporting and helping them raise much needed funds in the coming months.

I send my good wishes to you all and look forward to meeting you as I visit various parts of the Borough.



Photo: Vic Kettle

**i** Call the Mayor's office on **01784 446275** or e-mail **mayor@spelthorne.gov.uk**

## Licensing reviews

If you live near a place that has a licence to sell alcohol or provide entertainment or hot food late at night, you have the right to ask the Council to review the licence if there are problems such as noise or antisocial behaviour. This can't be done anonymously and some residents are understandably reluctant to take this action by themselves but the Licensing Act has been changed to allow Borough councillors (not County councillors) to object to applications or ask for a licence review on residents' behalf.

**i** If you are interested in finding out more, please contact the Council's Licensing team on **01784 444202**.

## news in brief

### Support for families facing eviction

Families facing eviction from social housing in Spelthorne for serious and persistent antisocial behaviour, who have at least one child under 16, will now have the support they need to improve their circumstances.

The A2Dominion Family Intervention Project will help families who are experiencing a wide range of difficulties including school exclusion, unemployment, substance misuse, poor physical and mental health and child protection issues.

In conjunction with other organisations such as Spelthorne's Housing Team, Social Services and the Police, the Family Intervention team will help the families to deal with and overcome their problems to prevent them from being evicted.

**i** Kate Faulker, Family Intervention Project Manager on **01483 519058**.

### Queen's Award for voluntary service



Age Concern in Spelthorne and Runnymede have jointly been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the 'MBE' for volunteer groups. The Queen's Award is for locally run voluntary groups and was presented on behalf of the Queen by the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey on 21 July. Sue Metcalf (Chief Officer) and Stephanie Cliffe (Volunteer) from Age Concern Spelthorne and representatives from Age Concern Runnymede attended a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace. A certificate was also presented to Age Concern by the Council at the full

**i** Council Meeting in July.

For more information please contact Age Concern Spelthorne on **01784 444200**, e-mail **ageconcern@spelthorne.gov.uk** or visit **www.ageconcernspelthorne.org.uk**

### Surrey County Council's Local Committee in Spelthorne

The dates for the next Local Committee meetings are: **Tuesday 21 September and Monday 11 October 2010, Monday 17 January and Monday 14 March 2011**.

All the meetings will be held in the Council Chamber and will start at 7pm, with an informal public **i** question time at 6.30pm.



For further information call Elaine Bennett on **01932 795119** or Yvette Ortel on **01932 795120** or visit **www.surreycc.gov.uk/committeepapers**