

Welcome to the latest version of my column in which I tell you what has been happening recently in and around Your District Council.

It's been a few weeks now since I wrote my last column because of the recent election period.

The Elections resulted in the ruling Conservative Party gaining additional seats and increasing our majority to 12 seats over the Labour and Independent Groups. Unfortunately turnout was still low and we need to keep thinking of ways to improve the situation.

The election count itself was held at the North Notts Community Arena and went very smoothly. This Council supported venture continues to impress me and the hard work and dedication of Nigel Turner and his team is second to none.

With the election now over I have appointed my cabinet. I have decided to keep the same team in place as before, although Councillor Kath Sutton has swapped the Revenues and Customer Services brief with Councillor Chris Wanless. Kath now takes over from Chris as Portfolio Holder for support Services. Work now starts on delivering the exciting regeneration projects in both our towns.

Councillor Wendy Quigley finished her year as Chairman of the Council on Wednesday night. I know Wendy has enjoyed the job immensely and raised a lot of money for her two charities in the process. A big thank you to Wendy, her escort Marjorie Swallow and everyone who has supported her over the past year.

Councillor David Hare replaces Wendy as Chairman, with Councillor Helen Colton the new Vice Chairman.

Monday saw the introduction of new car-parking regulations across Nottinghamshire. The County Council, together with the seven District and Borough Councils (including this one) have taken over parking enforcement from the police.

Parking restrictions will remain the same, but teams of civil enforcement officers will issue penalty charge notices to motorists who flout the parking restrictions.

This applies to on-street parking and Council-maintained car parks. Further information is available on our website.

For the food lovers out there, next weekend will see the ever-popular continental market return to Worksop.

The market will concentrate on items of food (although there will be other items of interest), with stalls at the top of the pedestrianised area down to Newcastle Street. It will be open on Friday 23rd May and Saturday 24th May and will feature mainly French traders.

And finally I would just like to say a big thank you to of the 600 children who took part in the recent Bassetlaw Youth Games.

The event, organised by the Council's Sport's Development Team was another great success and long may it continue.