

Burgess Hill Town Council

PRESS RELEASE

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCE PHILIP, THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH

I am sure I speak for the whole of Burgess Hill when I say how sad we were to hear today of the death of His Royal Highness Prince Philip, The Duke of Edinburgh.

It is often said that behind every great man there is a woman but we all know that with our own dear Queen, behind a great woman there has been a great man. A man who became the longest serving Consort to the longest serving Queen. A man with a distinguished Naval Career established in the Second World War. A man who helped our Queen steer the successful course of her monarchy.

We all know that he had a sharp sense of humour but he also had that endearing quality of being able to laugh at himself. As the following remark he made during a speech to the General Dental Council in 1960 illustrates. He jokingly coined a new word Dontopedalogy. "It is the science of opening your mouth and putting your foot in it, a science which I have practised for a good many years."

As our beloved Queen will surely miss his love and support, I am sure we will all miss his distinctive character and charm. All our lives will be the poorer for his loss. Our thoughts at this time are with the Queen and her family to whom we send our sincere condolences.

Roger Cartwright
Mayor of Burgess Hill

Members of the public are welcome to pay their respects to Prince Philip by placing flowers at the War

Memorial Garden in Church Walk. Owing to the current Covid public health situation residents are invited to sign an online e-Book of Condolence which should shortly be available at www.royal.uk.

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