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New Year messa

Busy — but fulfilling

AS we enter the New Year my wife and I wish to thank the many people of Waltham Abbey who made 1987 a great year for the town.

My second term of office is now over half-way through and has been very busy and fulfilling.

Waltham Abbey saw much progress in 1987 and will continue to prosper in 1988.

The new war memorial will be completed soon and ready for dedication. It has been made possible thanks to the co-operation of the Royal British Legion.

Ninefields' Community Centre will be in operation before long and will be of great benefit to the people of the area thanks to the two clubs which have agreed to take it over.

It has been difficult administering a building, the major part of which has been closed for so long, but work is now in progress and the situation should improve in the near future.

It is very sad that RARDE (the gunpowder factory) is being withdrawn from Waltham Abbey, after so many centuries as a gunpowder town.

This will make significant differences to the local employment situation and the character of Waltham Abbey generally.

There is continuing local concern in respect of

Councillor John O'Reilly



hospital services and the question mark which is now hanging over St. Margaret's Hospital at Epping is very worrying for the people of the area.

The people of Waltham Abbey are in receipt of the dirty end of the stick yet again having lost two local hospitals during the past few years.

With public transport services deteriorating and the service between Waltham Abbey and Harlow virtually impossible, every effort must be made to preserve what little health services we have left.

A further case for concern is the ever worsening incidence of flooding and/or undermining in parts of

Stoneyshots, Rosebank, Eastbrook Road and Broomstick Hall Road, not unconnected one would imagine, with the development over the years north of Honey Lane and with the construction of the M25.

The correction and eventual eradication of this problem is the direct responsibility of the Thames Water Authority, who should do something about it, rather than just hoping it will go away, because it will not.

It is good to see the new hotel now well under way at the Honey Lane-M25 intersection. This will be a great asset to the town and one advantage of the M25, which nobody wants on their own doorstep, but which is not entirely bad for Waltham Abbey.

On behalf of the Waltham Abbey Town Council I want to wish all the residents of the area the very best for 1988. We hope it will be a good year for the town and everyone who lives here.

Facilities for and old

ONE of my privileges this past year has been to observe closely the work of the central control alarm system.

It is a system of which Broxbourne can be justly proud. A facility that brings security and peace of mind to the elderly is something that all of us can admire.

In the months ahead we look forward to the opening of the Marks and Spencer/Tesco superstore at Brookfield Farm, and I am confident that this will be a welcome major addition to shopping facilities in the borough.

While we are reasonably happy about what we try to do for the more mature citizens in the borough, the leisure services department is entitled to take some pride in the dry sports

amenity it is about to provide at Grundy Park. This will be of tremendous benefit to the younger people in the borough.

The provision of adequate health service facilities is an ever-present challenge to the members and officers of the council.

To this end, maintenance of services at the Cheshunt Cottage Hospital is a most important consideration.

The fulfilment of a promise by Mrs Edwina Curry to give the provision of "adequate medical facilities in the Lea Valley top priority" is awaited by all of us who have this cause at heart.

Gambling machines are broken into

THIEVES broke into two gambling machines and a vending machine at the Plough pub in Plough Hill, Cuffley, last week. It is not known how much money was stolen.



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