

Mayor of the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil 2007 - 2008

Councillor Allan Jones

The Past Mayor Councillor Allan Jones (also fondly known as Salty) 2007/08 represents the Penydarren Ward and is highly regarded in his constituency and indeed throughout the County Borough.

Allan was born at the old Gwaunfarren hospital in June 1944 where he then resided in Horeb Street, Penydarren. He moved to Penybryn Estate for about 4 years from where he married Anne in 1972. Allan was the oldest sibling to brother Grenville, Manager of the Design & Print section within this Council and his late sister Linda.

Allan attended County Grammar School, leaving to start his career as a local government officer with Merthyr Borough Council in 1961. He remained in local government for 34 years. He then became a Teachers Assistant in the Pupil Referral Unit for 7 years leaving on becoming a Councillor.

Allan has been married for 34 years to wife Anne who retired at the end of 2006 having worked as a Chief Cashier at the Barclay and Lloyds TSB banks. They have two children Rhian and Rhodri; Rhian is a Solicitor and lives in Cardiff and married Gareth and they are now the proud parents of Ffion who was born in September 2007. Rhodri who works for WAG also lives in Cardiff.

It was Allan's strong community spirit that made him stand for Council in 2002.

As well as being a well respected member and Deacon of Horeb Congregational Chapel, in his spare time Allan's other love is his football. During his childhood, together with his brother Grenville, he played for Horeb AFC where he was Secretary for 17 years. For the last 24 years Allan has been General Secretary of the Merthyr Tydfil Football League and an ardent Merthyr Tydfil Football supporter and voluntary helper. You will quite often hear Allan's voice over the tannoi during the Saturday home matches at Penydarren Park.

Allan's dedication and support was recognised when he was awarded a Football Association of Wales long service medal for 40 years service to football.

He is a past Chairman of the South Wales Football Association and currently a Council member of that organisation.

Allan's Appeal was for an Ultrasound Scanner for Prince Charles Hospital which he has managed to purchase and this was presented to the Hospital on 20th May 2007. The extra money raised is being used to purchase a Phototherapy unit and a probe and we are currently looking at purchasing other vital equipment with the rest of the money raised.

Through Allan's determination and hard work, this year he has managed to raise over £49,000 for the appeal and he and Anne are very, very grateful to the people of Merthyr Tydfil County Borough who have helped him to raise this phenomenal amount.