



## **Statement by the Speaker for Chief Pleas on 7 May 20 - Retiring Bailiff**

The current Bailiff of Guernsey, Sir Richard Collas, retires as Bailiff on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May, with his successor Richard McMahon, being sworn into Office at 2.30 PM on the same day. The new Deputy Bailiff, Jessica Roland, is the first female appointed to that role and she will be sworn in on Monday also.

Richard Collas was appointed as Deputy Bailiff, straight from Private Practice, in 2005 and was then appointed Bailiff in 2012. He was knighted in June 2014. Sir Richard has always been a good friend to Sark and has taken a keen interest in the Seneschals Court and has been of great assistance to the current Seneschal and to me in that role previously. He has always been available to the Seneschal and Speaker when they have technical issues to resolve.

He has also been a great supported of our Liberations Day activities and has joined in with the Chelsea Pensioners and Gurkhas at every occasion that he could manage. He considered our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations to have been exceptional and is most disappointed that he cannot attend this year due to the Coronavirus Pandemic which has meant the cancellation of most of the activities both in Guernsey and Sark.

I am sure that we will see Sir Richard on Sark many times in the future, after lockdown ends. On behalf of Chief Pleas, I would like to wish Sir Richard well in his future endeavours.

**Lt Col RJ Guille MBE**

**Speaker**