Newbury Town Council

Mayors report to full Council Meeting on Monday 24th January 2021

This is my third report since 18.10.2021

I won’t subject you all too a detailed report, but I welcome any questions

There have not been many coffee mornings due to COVID, but hopefully thing will change in 2022.

On the 19th October I was invited to talk to St John the Evangelists infant School with Cllr Coulson and gave a talk about being Mayor of Newbury. I also had a lot of questions from the children.

On the 20th October, we held a Local Democracy Presentation with Falklands Primary and the Willows Schools.

On the 21th October I was invited to the Newbury iCollege Celebrating British Values, Careers and Businesses in the Community.

On 21st October, I was invited to the Licensing Service of the Revd Raymond Obin, at St Marys Church, Shaw.

On the 21st, Cllr Norman Deputised for me at a Local Democracy Presentation with Speenhamland School.

On the 1st November, Cllr Norman, Elisa Mullen and I visited Christ’s Hospital School. We had a tour of the School and after a very nice School lunch we listened to the School band playing, which was excellent.

On the 4th November I

we held a Local Democracy Presentation with John Rankin Jr School.

On the 11th November I attended Newbury War Memorial Armistice Service of Remembrance to lay a wreath.

On the 14th November, I felt truly privileged to be part of Service of Remembrance, taking the salute from the service men and women, both active and retired and all others who marched through the town to take part in the service and then on to laying the of many wreaths.

On the 15th November, I attended a service of Remembrance to lay a wreath at RAF Welford.

On the 15th November, Cllr Norman Deputised for me at Louise Purton Toy Appeal at the Newbury Furniture Project.

On the 20th November, I had the privilege of switching on the Newbury Christmas lights, along with the help of the snow Princesses and Father Christmas, what a great event.

O the 24th November, I attended a celebration for Sue Campbell, who has served for 40 years as a volunteer at the volunteer centre. As I have said many times, the people of Newbury are kind both in financially help and in the time they give in volunteering.

On the 24th November, I was a guest at the Guildhall in London at the Rifles bi-annual awards Dinner.

On the 27th November, I hosted a coffee morning for the over 80s parcel fund.

On the 28th November I attended the Santa Fun Run and started the race and gave out medals to the winners.

On the 4th December, I visited the NWN offices for the over 80s parcel distribution day, and helped load up lots of Christmas parcels.

On the 11th December, I hosted a coffee morning for my charity, SPEAKABILITY.

On the 15th December, I attended the Christmas Tree Festival at St Johns Church, and saw many well decorated trees.

On the 16th December, I hosted a Mayoral Festive Afternoon Tea for the over 75s, in lieu of missing the Mayors Drive, lots of comments and happy faces.

On the 19th December, attended a Christmas Carol Service at St Nicholas Church and Civic Reception in the Town Hall, beautiful singing.

On the 25th December, Cllr Norman Deputised for me at St Georges Church for a Christmas Day Event.

On the 31st I was invited to St Nickolas Church by the bell ringers, to bring in the New Year, really nice bell ringing, finished up with mince pies and a glass of mulled wine.

On the 1st of January, I attended the Newbury Soup Kitchen in the Newbury town square, where they gave out bacon and egg butties cooked by the Vineyard hotel, 60 mince pies, 30 cheese scones from Angelica’s Terrace Café, based at Camps and cups of tea or coffee from the Soup Kitchen who do an excellent job in Newbury.

On the 6th January I opened the new season of exhibitions at the Base in Greenham. The first artist was by Clarke Reynolds, Decoding Braille, Decoding Me. Also, they do a really nice coffee and cake.

On the 20th January, I was invited to St Bartholomew’s School to unveil a Blue Plaque in honour of Miss Jane Esther Luker, the first Headmistress of the Newbury Girls Grammar School, where the School was first opened at the technical institute in Northbrook Street 1904.

Cllr Billy Drummond

Mayor of Newbury