

Town Mayor's Report 29 June 2015

Since the mayor-making ceremony on May 17th 2015 I have attended twenty two events.

I have attended in chronological order an Alzheimer's Party at Camps, the Ladybirds Pre-school , the Bayer 10km run, Victoria Park charity flower bed completion, a Peace and Integration Forum at Fair Close Day Centre, the opening of the Hanover Mead meeting Room, Carers Drop-in Event at the Town Hall, Newbury AFC annual prize giving ceremony, The Newbury Society Annual Garden Party, Newbury Camera Club Exhibition at the Town Museum, Visit to RAF Welford, Art Exhibition at St Mary's Church Hall at Speen, Trinity School's Sports Personality of the year event, and St Barts School Art Exhibition and Parents Summer Festival. I was also present at three charity coffee mornings at the Town Hall.

I attended a presentation by the South East Reserve Forces' and Cadets Association at Sandhurst where we were told of the importance of the part-time forces and cadets for our future safety and the need for people to come forward to ensure sufficient numbers are in training to supplement our professional service men and women.

On the 20th June I attended the 130th anniversary of the Newbury Choral Society at St Nicholas's church. A wonderful evening of Gilbert and Sullivan productions with both the 100-strong amateur choir combined with three professional singers giving superb renditions of many well-known songs. On the 23rd I attended a Citizen Making Ceremony at Shaw House where 4 people became citizens of the United Kingdom. A simple but poignant event for new citizens.'

Lastly was Armed Forces Day on the 28th of June to celebrate the men and women that keep us safe at home and abroad. A time to thank all those involved for our protection and safety.

After 40 years of living in Newbury it has been an enlightening time visiting places I had not visited before and meeting a host of interesting people.

Howard Bairstow, Mayor Of Newbury 2105-2016