

## Mayors Report Full Council 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019

I would like to thank all those who attended Mayor Making friends, relatives of us all, fellow councillors and the Civic team. You all contributed to it being a memorable day. A special thank you to the Civic Manager and CEO for their organisation given that it was a new administration and there was not a mayor elect. I have been struck by the number of people who have commented on the Civic Ceremony. The people of Newbury clearly value the tradition and were proud to be part of it.

I have attended the following events: -

1. Catenian Annual Fund-Raising Dinner Newbury College.
2. Newbury Spring Festival Closing Concert, Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.
3. Roc 10K Race
4. Iftar celebration at Newbury Mosque.
5. Charity Coffee Morning – Berkshire Grandparents Support Group

The Deputy Mayor attended the official opening of The Regus Site in Newbury.

Since taking on the role I have become very aware of the importance local charities, business, schools and other organisations attach to the mayor attending their events.

I will just highlight a few points from the engagements. We had a delicious meal at Newbury College prepared and served by students all of whom are hoping to find work in the area. The restaurant is open on Wednesday and Friday lunch times and Thursday evening. I whole heartedly recommend it.

The Spring Festival was wonderful and a delight to see many of our councillors in the choir.

The Roc 10K involves hundreds of people from all age groups from under 5 to plus plus. Thanks to Newbury Athletics Club and Roc Technology. Lovely to see all the tots running and the determination of teenagers.

I have been attending Iftar celebrations for many years I know the mosque were very happy to have so many councillors attending this year. We were given an informative talk, supper and little gifts.

The coffee morning was of course the first I attended as Mayor. I must say this one had the most scrumptious cakes. Please do drop in for coffee/tea and cake whenever one is on and encourage friends and family. All these events are raising funds for our local charities.

I will be arranging 2 or 3 coffee mornings look out for dates and get out your cake recipes. There will be other funding raising events any suggestions welcome. Keep in mind Mayors Drive on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. drivers needed.

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Mayor of Newbury.