

Newbury Town Council

Mayor's Report for Full Council Meeting on 26 June 2017

Thank you for electing me as Mayor of Newbury. Not only was 14th May an important day for the community of Newbury but a much appreciated day for our family. The singing by Falkland School Choir was excellent. Many letters and positive comments have been received. I would like to re-iterate our appreciation to the staff and children who helped get my Mayoral Year off with an all age community spirit.

This report covers the seventeen engagements I have attended, many of the accompanied by my wife, Marion, the Mayoress.

My first appointment, for dementia week, was during my first week of being Mayor in the pouring rain. I met carers (who do an invaluable job) and dementia sufferers.

Our NTC 20th anniversary reception went well. Thank you to the committee involved.

Fund raising events included seeing off three Round Table members, on their fund raising trip for the Rosemary Appeal, to the Monte Carlo Rally, coffee mornings for Eight Bells for Mental Health and the Sandham Singers. The Mayor's coffee morning was well supported and raised over £230 for the Mayor's Benevolent Fund.

Victoria Park is looking splendid after its refurbishment and is featuring some sporting events. I threw the first bowl at the re-opening of the Bowls Club which has attracted at least 6 new members. Jonathan Overend accompanied me for the opening of the newly marked tennis courts. Jonathan spent some time engaging with the public and playing 'a game of tennis' with me. Thank you to the officers who have enabled Victoria Park to attract so many people to its excellent facilities including play equipment, splash park and skateboarding/scootering. The following week I presented the medals to the under 7s who played in a brilliant football tournament, on the newly laid pitch, in Victoria Park, organised by Councillor David Fish. I started and presented trophies and medals at the Bayer 10K race. Rotary Boules in the Market Place was another fun and well attended event.

We attended the Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra Spring Festival concert, High Sheriff's reception, Lions Lunch and Buzz Connect networking event.

Our last two events have seen ages range from 2 and a half to 101, having visited St George's Pre-school and the Argyles Care Home.

I wish Joyce a speedy recovery from her accident.

Please support my next coffee morning on 15 July in aid of the Rosemary Appeal.

David Fenn

Newbury Town Mayor