

Report from The Mayor June 2017

It's been quite a busy first month as Mayor!

Civic Events

I have been proud to attend several civic events, the first being the Bury St Edmunds Civic Dinner on the 18th May. It was a very interesting evening, making new acquaintances and having the opportunity to speak with other newly elected Mayors and Chairs!

My husband Chris and I were in very good company at The Town Mayors Civic Parade in Southwold on the 21st May and met The High Sheriff of Suffolk, Geoffrey Probert and his wife Nella, plus several other county civic leaders including Cllr Richard Stubbings, Mayor of Beccles and his deputy **Elfede** Brambley Crawshaw plus many other Mayors and Chairs. Bungay was well represented as The Town Reeve, Mary Sprake was also present.

I spoke with DCC Steve Jupp who is interested in arranging a meeting to discuss policing – I have contacted his secretary and am waiting for a date to be confirmed.

Many thanks to Cllr Mike Lincoln and his wife who attended the Eye Mayors Parade on Sunday 28th May.

I attended the Bury St Edmunds Civic Service and parade on Sunday 4th June.

On Thursday 18th May I waived off a happy band of canoeists from Bungay who were raising awareness within the Broads Authority and promoting the river between Beccles and Bungay, and opportunities exploring the Upper Waveney.

Mike Lincoln and I were delighted to be invited to the Library on 26th May for an evening with the author Nicola Upson – it was a really engaging evening and provided a magical insight into the world of writing, research and publishing. I can highly recommend both Nicola's books and author evenings at the Library!

The Town Reeve and I were invited to open the new cricket sight screens on Sat 3rd June at the sports centre at The Maltings. We were treated to lunch and drinks and during the speeches the council received huge thanks from all at the club for our donation and support.

The Town Crier, The Reeve and I also attended the All Hallows Garden Party on Saturday 10th June. It was a well organised, fun packed day, with over £2000 raised.

On Saturday 17th June, I attended The Great Get Together in memory of Jo Cox at Bungay Library.

I have rung the local primary schools with offers of visits and have also offered to serve teas and coffees and meet with residents at All Hallows soon.

Meetings with:

- Mark Ross – `Grounds Manager, Waveney Norse
- Robert Scarle – Tree Surgeon, Waveney Norse
- Angela Bruce – Housing Officer Suffolk Coastal
- Mark Kerridge – Suffolk CC

July is already shaping up to be a busy month with 10+ dates in the diary. Saturday 8th July is the start of The Bungay Festival and over the next year Bungay will host many other events run by local groups, volunteers and community programmes.

The continued success of these events is so important, not only to our community, but to the promotion of our town. I ask that where possible we support and help the groups that invest much time and effort into these events over the next year.

Lastly, the Town Reeve's and Town Mayors Ball is being held on Friday 14th July at 7.30pm. It would be really good to see Bungay Town Councillors in attendance and supporting this years chosen charities. If you would like tickets, just let me know!

Mary

