

MAYOR'S MONTHLY REPORT TO VERWOOD TOWN COUNCIL

April 2010

Jenny Porter Singers

On 10th April I attended a concert at the Verwood Methodist Church by the Jenny Porter Singers. This was another excellent performance by this group and the large audience were understandably delighted. A varied selection of pieces based on a Spring/Summer theme featured solo performances, both vocal and instrumental, as well as choral arrangements of popular songs.

St Gabriel's

On 15th April I invited Mr Roger Browning, Chief Executive, and Mrs Sally Brown, Director Learning Services, both of Dorset Healthcare NHS Trust to discuss the current state of the St Gabriel's closure plan. The meeting was also attended by members of the Friends of St Gabriel's and relatives of residents. The meeting was very useful in identifying the current position of the project and views on behalf of residents were expressed.

Yeovil Civic Day

On 16th April I represented Verwood and Three Legged Cross at the Mayor of Yeovil's Civic Day. This included a tour of the Western Gazette office and the helicopter manufacturer Augusta Westland.

Sturminster Newton Civic Service

On 18th April I represented Verwood and Three Legged Cross at the Civic Service at St Mary's parish church in Sturminster Newton.

Swanage Civic Day

On 21st April I represented Verwood and Three Legged Cross at the Civic Day hosted by the Mayor of Swanage. The day included visits to the Swanage railway, Coastguard Station, and the lifeboat base. All these things I highly commend and would encourage people to visit them this summer.

EDDC Civic Day

On 22nd April I represented Verwood and Three Legged Cross at the Civic Day hosted by the Chair of East Dorset District Council. This day included a tour of Superior Seals, a local family-owned company in Ferndown who have earned the Queens Award for industry. There were also visits to Moors Valley Country Park and Kingston Lacy House, both of which I recommend as attractive local sightseeing destinations.

Bridport Civic Evening

On 22nd April I represented Verwood and Three Legged Cross at a Civic Evening hosted by the Mayor of Bridport. The evening showcased local aspects of Bridport and Dorset.

Verwood Concert Brass

On 24th April I attended a concert by Verwood Concert Brass at the Verwood Hub. The performance of the band was of its customary high standard, enjoyed enthusiastically by the full audience.

Weymouth Civic Service

On 25th April I represented Verwood and Three Legged cross at a Civic Service in Weymouth Methodist Church.

St Gabriel's

On 26th April I attended the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of St Gabriel's in Verwood. The bulk of the meeting was taken up with a presentation by Mr Roger Browning, Chief executive of the Dorset Healthcare NHS Trust and a lively discussion with residents' families.