

## MAYORS REPORT FOR JULY 2018

1. The Rotary Hand Over for 2018/19 was held at Remedy Oak Golf Club this year. The venue is excellent with a really nice meal. Gary Hayter has taken the role this year from Ken Armstrong and I wish him well. A really nice evening.
2. I had the privilege to mark Armed Forces day and to submit two wonderful benches to the town. I was extremely pleased to have Andy, Norman and Roy there along with some members. A big thank you to Val, Andrew , and Steve Saville and all who made it a special event.
3. Clive and I attended the civic service at Swanage. This was a lovely traditional service followed by tea on the lawn serenaded by the Brass Band. A really lovely afternoon
4. The Weymouth Civic day started at the pavilion from which we were bussed to the Cefas Centre (Centre of Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science). This centre contributes to securing healthy and sustainable marine and fresh water environments so the current and future generations can prosper. What an interesting visit, excellent. We then moved on to Portland Castle for lunch then ended up at Portland Bill Lighthouse where we were given a tour of the lighthouse and visitors centre. Excellent Day.
5. Clive and I visited the Cherry Tree Nurseries at Northbourne. This is a lovely event made extra special this time by a lady called Julie who showed us around. The place meant so much to her and she was so enthusiastic about everyone and everything. A lovely visit.
6. We then went onto the Verwood Friendship Club and were made welcome by Ann and Lesley. This afternoon they had a buffet lunch that had been made by the volunteers, and was followed by entertainment. This club means so much to people who are unable to go out on their own as the Age Concern Bus picks them up once a month. A nice afternoon.
7. The Scouts Annual Review held in Ferndown. So many people give their time to making the Scouting Movement the success it is. The District Secretary Carol has decided to step down from her role after 30 years' service which was sad news; she will be a hard act to follow. The evening ended with a barbeque.
8. Queen Elizabeth School invited us to their Celebration and Creativity evening. These events are really special. It is absolutely amazing at the work they achieve whether in Art, Textiles, Music or performing arts. They have the confidence to stand up and express themselves at such a young age, a wonderful achievement. Excellent evening.
9. I was invited to the Guide hut to present Catryn with the Mayors Guide Sash for the coming year. There is always a lovely feel at these meetings and they all really enjoy the evening.
10. The Wimborne Civic Day was held in conjunction with the History Festival. We met in Allendale House and then made our way first to Sir William Hanhams House. This house has been in the same family since the 1500 and is magnificent. It is completely hidden and is only 5 minutes' walk to Wimborne Minster. Sir William showed us around and gave us a wonderful historic talk about the house and his family. After lunch we made our way to the playing fields of Allenbourn School where the History Festival was being held. This was all about the Great War. It was amazing to witness and observe the living history displays and activities. The Silent Soldiers were very moving; they gave us cards with names of soldiers who had been killed and then mimed to us so that we could understand the significance of the named soldier. My soldier was 30 years of age and the card had been given to me by his

son (the silent soldier) he had never met his father as he had been killed before he was born. This was really moving. It was a wonderful day.

11. My suffragette tea party went really well we sold 80 tickets and had a few more arrivals on the day. A huge thank you to all my helpers. It was so hot and every one worked so hard. We made a clear profit of £700 which is absolutely excellent.