

Mayor's diary January – February 2018

Tuesday 30th January 2018: Jane and I visited Ferndown Upper School to witness Democracy in Action. The students were voting for representatives from Dorset for the Youth Parliament. It was very well organised and interesting to see the way the groups took part. We met the candidate from the school, Stasia Smith, who was acting as a Poll Clerk despite the considerable difficulty she was experiencing due to damaged ligaments in one arm. Stasia was elected as one of the deputies.

Wednesday 31st January 2018: A group of Councillors, including me, took part in a photo shoot for Dorset rape crisis support centre outside the Town Council. The Dorset rape crisis centre is trying to establish a presence in Verwood to enable rape victims to obtain support.

Friday 9th February 2018: The Trinity School Council visited the Town Council. Cllr Sandra Grove and I explained what the Town Council does and described some of its meeting. We also “dressed the Mayor” in the robes. The School Council asked us many questions and we were impressed by the quality of these – some of them were quite hard to answer! The visit ended with a tour of the Town Council premises including going into the safe which I suspect was the highlight of the visit for one or two of our visitors.

Sunday 18th February 2018: I attended the service of celebration and commemoration to mark the refurbishment of the United Reform Church. It was a lovely service and I was made most welcome by Rev Julian and Mrs Dorothy Macro and also by everyone I spoke to after the service over a cup of tea in the Church Hall. Sadly a number of people who would have liked to be there were not able to do so due to illness including the organist. However, music was supplied electronically by a member who had arrived home from holiday only the previous day.