

Mayors Diary March – April 2018

Friday 6th April: Alan and I enjoyed a fascinating day in Dorchester. We saw the restored Old Shire Hall which is about to open as a Heritage Centre. It was fascinating to see the old cells and the court where the Tolpuddle Martyrs were tried. After a splendid buffet lunch, we enjoyed a short film about the unlikely friendship between a drama teacher suffering from Parkinsons disease and a young man with problems at school who participates in a dangerous activity. In the afternoon we visited the Dorset County Museum and saw “Dippy on tour”. It has had a great effect on footfall in Dorchester. The day ended with tea and cake in “the Horse with the Red Umbrella”.

Sunday 8th April: Verwood Mayor’s Civic Service conducted by the Rev Deborah Matthews at St Michael and All Angels. It was lovely to welcome members of the Chain Gang, and especially the new High Sheriff of Dorset Mrs Jacqueline Swift DL to such a joyful service. Many thanks to Deborah for her first Civic Service in Verwood, which was very much enjoyed by everyone present. I have been busy copying and distributing cake recipes since this day>

Sunday 15th April: The East Dorset District Council Chairman’s Civic Service at the URC Longham. This was a lovely service to celebrate Derek Burt’s term as Chairman and 50 years as an East Dorset District Council. The service was followed by tea in the Dennis Bussey room. The lovely cakes were all made by Mrs Janet Burt.

Wednesday 18th April: We drove to Bridport in glorious sunshine and enjoyed a fascinating day as guests of Anne and Dave Rickard around the town. Alan and I were impressed by the renovations/remodelling which has taken place in the Town Museum and Literary and Scientific Institute. We were also impressed with the activities which are taking place and the use of the Youth and Community centre, taken over by a Trust supported by the Town Council.

Saturday 21st April: Accompanied by Mrs Ally Child, I attended the Verwood Concert Brass concert. It was a splendid evening with contributions from the Town Band and Training Band as well as the Concert Brass and some special solos and smaller group contributions