

Mayor's Diary April – May

Wednesday 25th April: Alan and I attended Gillingham Civic Day which included visits to Langham Church, North Dorset Rugby Club (lunch), Neal's Yard and Moto Corsa. We were entertained before leaving Gillingham Town Council by a talk about John Constable's links to Gillingham and singing by one of the local primary schools. The transport for the day was a London bus which made everyone smile all day!

Wednesday 25th April: Dorset Guiding Presentation evening which I attended with Alan. There was a very interesting illustrated talk about life in the Falklands Islands which was followed by presentations to Guiding adults.

Sunday 29th April: With Alan, I attended the Chickerell Civic Service with music by the Mayor and Mayoress' son Alistair, a professional musician. A lovely service held in an ancient and beautiful Church and followed by a very enjoyable tea in the Willowbed Hall.

Sunday 6th May: Accompanied by Mrs Margaret Millburn, I attended the Wimborne Civic Service held in the beautiful Minster Church. This was followed by tea in Minster House. Margaret and I enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon.

Thursday 17th May: Alan and I attended Weymouth and Portland Borough Council Mayor Making. It was an unusual ceremony as all committee Chairmen and Vice Chairmen were also elected during the evening and some positions were contested.

Saturday 19th May: Accompanied by Alan, I attended Salisbury City Council Mayor Making. This was a very large and colourful ceremony including a parade from the Guildhall to St Thomas Church. As the ceremony was attended by a wide variety of Officials, there was a great variety of robes on display. As a 17th Great granddaughter of a notorious medieval Mayor of Salisbury, John Halle, it was a special experience for me to be part of the parade and attend the ceremony to elect the 758th Mayor of Salisbury.

Monday 21st May: Verwood Mayor Making – the election of Cllr Sandra Grove to succeed me as Mayor. It was an honour to hand over the chain to Sandra and wish her well as Mayor for 2018/19.