

## Mayors Report for November 2018

1. Clive and I were invited by the Verwood Arts and Craft Society to the Annual Exhibition of the Arts, Crafts and Gifts Fair in the Memorial Hall. It was an amazing event with some beautiful items made by such talented people.
2. Dorset's Legal Service is always a special service with many involved in the Administration of Justice in the County coming together. A very nice service.
3. Aurora Boveridge College invited us to the commemoration service for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of WW1. This college has been open for a short while and provides education to special needs youths. When we arrived, we were shown the exhibition the students had put together, with many artefacts coming from family members. The short service incorporated a poem written by a young lad of 16 called Bailey. This lad until recently had not ventured from his bedroom, but with the help from the college and staff he was able to write and then stand in front of approx. 50 people and read it to us. What a remarkable success story and a remarkable young man. The morning ended with the planting of a cherry tree and a time capsule in the grounds. A lovely morning.
4. My Evening of Song went off really well and we have had excellent feedback. Thank you to all my family, my lovely 9 ladies and their partners.
5. Our Civic Service of Remembrance was a real privilege to be part of. The poppies which had been knitted and displayed were a wonderful sight. The whole day was a real success and thanks to Val and the girls for the magnificent timing.
6. Clive and I were invited to the Lighthouse on the afternoon of 11<sup>th</sup> for the performance by the Symphony Orchestra of Always Remembered. This was a wonderful afternoon of music, recitals and letters written to family members from WW1.
7. In the evening of the 11<sup>th</sup> the Hub were showing a film called 'Journeys End'. We were invited along by Chris Inman who had arranged this event. It was very well attended but was a very poignant and graphic film which really brought the real horror of war to the surface.
8. Yeovil Civic Day was a lovely event. We toured the Leonardo Helicopter company to see how the helicopters were built. This company has a real success with apprentices as many of the Managers came through the apprenticeship scheme, and have worked their way to a very successful career. In the afternoon we visited the Yeovil Innovation centre which has not long been opened.
9. The Fireside Theatre group presented Peace in our Time at the Woodlands Village Hall. This is a wonderful group of people who get together and read, research and perform. A really pleasant evening.
10. Clive and I attended Hillside School Walking Zones project. This is a project aimed to reduce traffic congestion around the school, and encourage families to walk at least part of the way to school.

11. Clive and I were invited along to the funeral (in an official capacity) of Pam Reeks. This is a huge loss for her family and Verwood. She will be sorely missed.
12. Colehill Chairman's reception is a really nice event. It is a casual affair which enables people to chat and get together, with a wonderful buffet provided. A really nice evening.
13. The Fayrewood Singers Afternoon of Song was lovely. The songs sang were well known songs with carols, which enabled us all to join in. The soloist this time was a young man called Joe. Joe is 16 years old with a wonderful baritone voice, he has performed in many theatre shows and is off to America for more training within the performing arts.
14. Clive and I attended the East Dorset District Scout presentation evening at Ferndown Middle School. The Scouting movement is really special, with so many volunteers giving time and commitment to enable youngsters to achieve their goals. Two long service awards were given this evening to volunteers who have given their time and commitment to the movement for the past 30 years. A wonderful achievement.