

Mayors Report for March 2019

1. Clive and I attended the Parish Tour and Annual Reception at Corfe Mullen. This was a lovely event which gave a huge insight to the history of this wonderful area. The evening ended with a superb buffet and evening entertainment.
2. Toni's Vintage Style Gala Dinner was a superb evening. So much work goes into these events and it was a real success. A really enjoyable evening.
3. The Civic Service at Wimborne Minster was lovely. Everything was so appropriate for the situation at present, and the hand over of the crest really made it special. It was so lovely to see so many of our local schools taking part. A really enjoyable afternoon.
4. Commonwealth Day was held on 11th March and I would like to thank all our First Schools who came along to celebrate the event with us.
5. It was lovely once again to welcome 14 students and their teachers from Hillside School. It is fascinating to hear how these young people, from all year groups discuss and agree on issues within the school. The trying of the robes is always a special event which they love to do. It is always a pleasure to welcome our schools into council.
6. The Gillingham Civic Day was an excellent event. This started with a history talk on Milton Church which gave us an insight before we made our visit in the afternoon. We then went onto the Riversmeet Leisure Centre. This is a superb facility and definitely one which we would all love to have. After our lunch we had a tour of the Thorngrove Garden Centre. This centre provides stimulation and education for special needs adults. A wonderful place to learn and meet up with friends.
7. Emmanuel's Got Talent, what can I say. What a superb evening. The students really excelled in every way and it was a really difficult decision to choose a winner. Emmanuel definitely has got talent.
8. The Community Leaders event was organised by Liz West from The Wimborne Academy Trust and Martin McLeman head of QE School. This brings people from all organisations together, to work towards a shared vision and collaboration to enhance the lives of young people in our area. A wonderful initiative.
9. I was invited along to Ferndown Upper School by The Head Teacher Mr Jones for the John Thornton Achievers Foundation Awards Ceremony. This is always a special event with young students applying for grants to help them achieve their dreams. Peter and Linda Thornton started the charity after the death of their son and up to now have given grants to the value of £150,000 over the past 11 years to Ferndown Upper School students. An absolutely wonderful legacy.

