

Mayor's Diary

April 24th - Civic Service in Upton. This annual event was attended by a number of visiting Mayors and dignitaries from neighbouring areas along with Sir Michael Spicer, Upton town councilors and a number of representatives of various Upton organizations. The sun shone warmly on us as we paraded to and from Church, and following a delightful service at St Peter & St Paul's, we enjoyed a wonderful tea back at The Memorial Hall. My sincere thanks to our Rector, to Fr. Dominic and to Rev. Sim for conducting our service, to Mark Mumby and his attending pupils from our Primary School who added a special dimension to the proceedings, to Mrs Bullock and her colleagues for some excellent catering, to our Clerk for her support in organizing the event, and to all who supported me by attending.

April 26th - Chaired the Annual Town Meeting at which we heard annual reports from many of Upton's clubs, societies and organizations. Following this part of the meeting an open debate followed in which discussions were heard about policing, crime and vandalism in the Town. It was agreed that steps would be taken to establish/resurrect an active Neighbourhood Watch scheme, enquire of the costs and viability of CCTV in parts of the Town, and seek information about establishing a regular youth activity programme.

May 1st - Accompanied by the Mayoress, Deputy Mayor and Mayoress, I attended the Annual Folk Festival Service, following which we "speed walked" back to the Memorial Hall to try to get ahead of the Parade to be able to salute it as it paraded past, and on towards the riverfront.

May 3rd – Opened the Annual Council Meeting, at which point I stepped down as Mayor, having completed a year in post, and had the pleasure to hand over the role to the Deputy Mayor, Cllr. John Thompson who was unanimously voted into the role by his fellow councillors in attendance.

So, there you have it, the final instalment of my diary as Mayor of Upton Upon Severn for the past year! I've had a most enjoyable time (almost always), and have been proud to represent Upton at every available opportunity. I am most grateful to so many people for their support and guidance in helping make the time and new experiences pass so smoothly. I'm delighted to hand over to John Thompson whom I've no doubt will do an outstanding job, supported by his deputy Mayor, Cllr. Sheena Walsh.

Sincerely,

Mark Kerrigan, 19th May 2005.