

## Mayor's Diary 20th January – 19th March

**Fri 20 January** – At the Hall dealing with urgent mail, during our Clerk's well-earned holiday.

**Mon 6th February** – Sat in on a meeting of Upton Community Pride, called to discuss arrangements for the Youth Showcase event, which will be staged on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Community Pride is a body which has evolved from the Town Plan committee and it is good to see such enthusiasm from a wide range of local people. More of their novel ideas will be on show at the Annual Town Meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Tues 14th February** – With Cllr Mike Morgan and Barbara Morgan, Deirdre and I enjoyed a light-hearted St. Valentine's dinner at Evesham supporting Frances Smith, the Mayor of Evesham, in her charity fund-raising.

**Tues 21st February** – Full Council meeting. Councillors Mair and Drake appointed to serve on the Finance Committee. Heard that the County Council will be submitting revised pedestrian safety proposals towards the end of March. Announced that Upton's annual Civic Service will be held in the parish church at 3 p.m. on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April (St George's Day).

**Tues 28th February** – With Councillors Mair and Perry, and Mr Peter Webb of the Tourism and Trade Association, I attended the District Council meeting, which was to decide the future of the smaller toilets in Upton, Malvern and Tenbury. Public participation speeches by Town Councillors and others from all three towns were unanimous in opposing closure. After a somewhat confused debate, the District Council members voted 17-17 and the Chairman used her second, casting, vote to approve closure.

**Tues 7th March** - Meeting of the Finance Committee, chaired by Simon Wilkinson. Councillor Mike Morgan was elected vice-chairman of the committee. Discussed ways in which the main hall and council chamber could be more widely used. Councillors Sheena Walsh and Chris Mair are investigating the possibility of regular cinema programmes.

**Mon 13th March** – Heard that Mary Wilkinson, our tireless District Councillor, has obtained sufficient support from other members of MHDC, to force the District Council to consider reopening the town centre toilets. Their meeting will take place at Malvern on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

