



# 10th Anniversary Celebrations

On 27th April 2007, Newbury Town Council became 10 years old. It was 1997 when the the Town Council was created to cover issues concerning the area of Newbury Town. This was a brand new institution at its inception without residence or funding but ten years on, it is quite a different matter. The first decade of Newbury Town Council was celebrated in style with a reception in the Town Council Chamber



The Council Chamber was adorned with many reminders of the successes achieved by Newbury Town Council in its ten years of existence.



Chief Executive Graham Hunt and Civic Manager Joyce Lewis toast good health for the next ten years. Joyce has been in residence as the linchpin of the civic department with the Town Council for the whole of its existence.



Many people who have been associated with the Town Council over the past ten years were invited to celebrate the occasion.



This included many familiar faces, notably Mike Rodger, a much missed local Councillor who returned from Carlisle for the reception.



Councillors and staff with ten years service to the Council pose for



Town Crier, Brian Sylvester, congratulates honorary staff member

photographs along with the Junior and Deputy Junior Mayors.

Rod Thomason on his recognition for ten year's service as Mace Bearer.



Chief Executive Graham Hunt expresses his gratitude to all who have helped the Council become as successful as it is over the last ten years.



The administration team, always happy to celebrate in their finery. From left to right, Karen Hutt-Accounts Assistant, Margaret Gore - Committees Officer, Sue Page-Administration Assistant and Michael Seckington-Office Manager



The boards were filled with information concerning the achievements of the Town Council over the last ten years. Here the success of Newbury's Young People Council and the Civic contribution of Mayoral duties.



Here, the ever popular Newbury In Bloom competition, now in its tenth year; community events and the huge growth of allotment rental and open space redevelopment.



Newbury's Mayor, Councillor Gillian Durrant, cuts the cake alongside Town Crier, Bryan Sylvester. A particularly poignant moment as Gillian is standing down after ten year's service to Newbury Town Council, one of only six original councillors.



This beautiful celebratory cake was made by Delicious Dial-A-Cake, and tasted just as good as it looks!

A very enjoyable evening, which reunited many familiar faces from the last ten years of service to the town of Newbury. The next ten years promises to be just as good, if not better with our new services department, and the advent of new councillors due to be elected this week. A new start with fresh faces and, hopefully, some tried and tested members of the whole team, will see Newbury

Town Council flourish for the next ten years. Cheers!!

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