



MAYOR MAKING 21 May 2006



Councillor Gillian Durrant

The tradition of more than 400 years was continued this week when we held the annual Mayor Making ceremony in the Corn Exchange on Sunday 21 May 2006.

The incoming Mayor, Councillor Gillian Durrant, was elected unanimously by her fellow councillors and received the chain of office from the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Val Bull.

Councillor Bull had earlier given a report of her year in office, acknowledging the people and organisations she had had the privilege of meeting and the events she had attended. She offered thanks to those who had helped her during her term in office and highlighted some of the events she hosted including Mayoral Receptions, a Quiz Night, a Ball and three concerts, enabling her to raise funds for her chosen charities, Asthma UK, the Newbury branch of the British Red Cross and the Mayor's Benevolent Fund. A vote of thanks was offered by Councillor Peter Greenhalgh.

On her appointment as Mayor of Newbury, Councillor Durrant announced that her chosen charities for the year would be the Community Furniture Project and the Mayor's Benevolent Fund, both charities aiming to help those in need in our community.

Gillian announced that her husband, Stuart, will support her as her Consort for the year and received the Consort's pendant. Reverend Andy Warren is to be her Chaplain and was presented with the Chaplain's Stole.

As her main aim during her term of office, Councillor Durrant plans to visit the primary schools within the parish and help them to learn more about local democracy and why it is important – she is hopeful that some of her enthusiasm will rub off.

The Councillors then elected Councillor Adrian Edwards for the position of Deputy Mayor, he was presented with the Deputy Mayor's pendant and he agreed to support Gillian throughout her year.

To read the new Mayor's welcome message [CLICK HERE](#)

Next year's ceremony will take place on Sunday 13 May 2007.

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