



Mayor Making Sunday 18 May 2008



Mayor and Mayoress for 2008
Councillor Phil Barnett and Mrs Vera Barnett



The Mayor, Councillor Phil Barnett
congratulating Deputy Mayor Councillor
Kuldip Singh Kang on his appointment



The Mayor, Councillor Phil Barnett making his first speech as Mayor

The tradition of more than 400 years was continued this week when the annual Mayor Making ceremony was held in the Corn Exchange on Sunday 18th May 2008.

The incoming Mayor, Councillor Phil Barnett, was elected unanimously by his fellow councillors and received the chain of office from the outgoing Mayor, Councillor Adrian Edwards.

Mr Edwards had earlier given a report of his year in office acknowledging the people and organisations he had had the privilege of meeting and the events he had attended. He offered thanks to those that had helped him during his term in office including the Civic Staff, Officers and fellow Councillors of Newbury Town as well as thanking his Mayoress, Mrs Edwina Cooper and Reverend Dr David Stone his Chaplain for all their support. He mentioned the events which he had arranged to raise funds for his chosen charities and thanked so many people for their support of these events.

On his appointment as Mayor of Newbury, Mr Barnett announced that his chosen charities for the year would be the St John's Church "Golden Appeal" and the Mayor's Benevolent Fund, which aims to help those in need in our community.

It was announced that his wife, Mrs Vera Barnett, will support him as his Mayoress for the year, she received the Mayoress' pendant. Cannon Bernard Dagnall is to be his Chaplain and was presented with the Chaplain's Stole.

The Councillors having elected Councillor Kuldip Singh Kang for the position of Deputy Mayor, he received the Deputy Mayor's pendant and he agreed to support Phil throughout his year.

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