

## **Newbury Mayor Making Ceremony Sunday 23 May 2010**

The tradition of more than 400 years was continued this weekend when the annual Mayor Making ceremony was held in the Corn Exchange on Sunday 23 May 2010.

The incoming Mayor, Councillor Ian Grose, was elected unanimously by his fellow councillors and received the chain of office from the outgoing Mayor, Kuldip Singh Kang.

Mr Singh Kang had earlier given a report of his year in office thanking the many people who had helped and supported him throughout the year and acknowledging the people and organisations he had had the privilege of meeting and the events he had attended. He was delighted with the support he had received for his charitable events, particularly the Diwali Extravaganza which was a first for Newbury and was particularly pleased with the amount of money raised for the Mayor's Benevolent Fund and 'George Goes Green' his chosen charity.

On his appointment as Mayor of Newbury, Mr Grose announced that he plans to be a 'Mayor for All'. He hopes to encourage the young people, who are our future and is aware of the huge amount of Volunteering that is carried out in this town and will encourage new Volunteers as well as congratulating current Volunteers. His chosen charities for the year would be the Newbury Methodist Church Renovation Project, Naomi House and Citizens for Change which aids the street children of Kenya in addition to the Mayor's Benevolent Fund. Mr Mayor, who is a keen cyclist, will do his best to encourage everyone to give up 4 wheels for 2 wheels for at least one short journey a week.

It was announced that, Mrs Carol Macgregor, will support him as his Mayoress for the year and received the Mayoress' pendant. Reverend Andy Warren is to be his Chaplain until he leave in August, and his successor will take over, and was presented with the Chaplain's Stole.

The Councillors having elected Councillor Jeff Beck for the position of Deputy Mayor, he received the Deputy Mayor's pendant and agreed to support Councillor Grose throughout his year.