

Mayors Report Full Council 25th June 2018

Fellow Councillors, it has been very busy in my first month as Mayor.

Mayor Making was a lovely day and I would like to acknowledge the support from the Civic Manager Joyce Lewis, my predecessor Cllr. David Fenn and from my Deputy Mayor Cllr Singh Kang.

I have attended 15 events since the 20th of May.

- The UK Equality Exhibition
- Community Iftar
- Newbury Spring Festival
- ROC 10k Event
- Wreath laying at Falkland Memorial for 375th Anniversary of 1st Battle of Newbury
- Lord Lieutenant's 'At Home' Cocktail Party at Welford Park
- Celebrating 'Volunteer Week' at VCWB
- Opening of Mabel Luke Alms-houses
- Opening Speen Fete
- Rotary Club Boules Competition
- Annual Town Council v Newbury Bowls Club match
- Dine in the Dark Event held by Guide Dogs for the Blind
- Committee meeting for Newbury Twin Town Association
- Charity Coffee morning for Eight Bells Mental Health Charity
- Launch of Newbury in Bloom in Parkway Newbury

Two unusual events have been laying the wreath at Falkland Memorial on behalf of the people of Newbury to commemorate the 375th anniversary of the 1st Battle of Newbury, where I inspected some of the troops of the Marquis of Winchester Regiment and 'Dine in the Dark' organised by Guide dogs for the Blind and hosted by David Wilson Homes which entailed eating a two course meal with sight impairment glasses on and learning the everyday difficulties of being sight impaired from a lovely lady and her gorgeous guide dog Harley.

I am looking forward very much to the Mayors Drive which this year takes place at Chieveley Manor on July 4th and to two of my own Charity Events, The Mayor's Classic Car Meet on Sunday 22nd July and my first Charity Coffee morning on Saturday 28th July.

Cllr Margo Payne

Mayor of Newbury