



## **Report from the Town Mayor 2015/16**

I can report that I have once again had a wonderful year representing the town at many events, both in Bridport and in other towns. I repeat what I have said several times in the past. These get-togethers are not just an excuse to spend money. We learn a tremendous amount from each other in our various towns and make good friends at the same time. For instance, the Wareham Wailers were singing in Bucky Doo last Saturday. This was partly due to me having a conversation with the partner of the Wareham Mayor, after they entertained us last summer on our visit to Wareham. They hope to come again and maybe Tinkers Cuss could visit them. A good example of friendship.

There have been some really special occasions this year. The High Sheriff Jennifer Coombs came here for our blue light service and very sportingly sang one of the verses of The Twelve Days of Christmas. She then returned for the Apple Wassailing day, as she hadn't been to one before. Her other wonderful event at Sherborne Abbey was a gathering of all the legal personnel in their full regalia, a very impressive event. In fact I feel that she threw herself into her year of office which started at her house near Blandford with a garden party. All the money raised went to her charity which helps young people in need.

Here in the town I have attended all the yearly activities- Melplash Show, Carnival in a lovely vintage car, various prizegivings, dinners, AGMs, carol services, other church services, walking part of the Stations of the Cross until my leg gave up and the Hat Festival which the other Mayors just loved. The also went away with bulging bags, as I gave them a free hour in which to explore the artists etc in the Alleyways.

The Mayor's quiz night made some £800, which was a wonderful result and I shall be handing over the monies raised during the year on Sat 14<sup>th</sup> May, just before I end my year.

As always, I have been supported at all times by our hard working staff at Mountfield. We are so lucky with such a splendid bunch, who go the extra mile and never grumble.

I hope to see many of you when we beat the bounds on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> April. New people moving here don't always know which parish is which. You might after walking it!!

Cllr Sandra Brown  
Town Mayor  
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