

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



Midsomer Norton Music and Arts Festival

On Saturday the 3rd June, along with several Town Councillors, I attended the Midsomer Norton Music and Arts Festival held at our Town Park.

A much more laid back event than the morning's procession to Bath Abbey, the 'real' Mayoral chains and robes were safely put away for an afternoon of fun in the sun.

This was perhaps the most successful event in Midsomer Norton for some time with an estimated 3000 people visiting over the course of the day.

My most heartfelt thanks to everyone for organising and volunteering for this fantastic advert for our town and community.

Specifically, The Community Trust, Beth and Alex, Richard from Somer Valley FM and most of all, Martyn Plant. You guys rocked it!



Clrs Tim Wells and Martyn Plant



Clr Alun Pughe



Somerset Lieutenancy Gathering

I had the privilege of meeting Mr Mohammed Saddiq, His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset at my first official engagement on Thursday the 25th May at a gathering to discuss the King's Award for Voluntary Service (KAVS) at the Canalside Conference Centre in Bridgwater

The KAVS is the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK and was created in 2002 to celebrate the anniversary of The Queen's Coronation. It is the MBE for volunteer groups. The announcement of awards is made in June each year.

It's so very important to recognise the amazing work volunteers do in our communities. Midsomer Norton is all about community and we have an army of incredible volunteers. I'd urge anyone who has benefited from charities that provide a truly exception service, to consider submitting a nomination.'

For more information about the KAVS and details of how to submit nominations are on the Somerset Lieutenancy's website.

Mayor of Bath

Julia and I attended the ceremonial Mayor Making service at Bath Abbey on Saturday the 3rd June where Cllr Dine Romero was appointed the new Mayor of Bath.

We joined with Mayors, Mayoresses, civic leaders, senior dignitaries and regimental representatives, from far and wide, to assemble in Bath's Guildhall before parading through crowded streets to arrive in Bath Abbey where the Annual Meeting of Charter Trustees was held.

The ceremony started with the election of Cllr Romero who has represented the Southdown ward for some twenty years. While the Mayoral party retired to exchange robes and the Collars of Office, the congregation were entertained by performances from the Bath Strings Academy Quartet and Zenith Youth Theatre Company.

After the new Mayor returned, adorned in her official robes, Cllr Rob Appleyard, the outgoing Mayor of Bath made his resolution of thanks before Cllr Bharat Pankhania was duly appointed as the new Deputy Mayor.

Concluding the ceremony, Andrew Brownsword CBE was admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the City of Bath to recognise his charitable work in the city before the Civic Procession then returned through the streets of Bath, bathed in all its Georgian glory, back to the Guildhall for a formal reception with the new Mayor.



The Mayors of Salisbury, Wells, Midsomer Norton, Glastonbury and Chippenham



The new Mayor of Bath, Cllr Dine Romero

S&D Railway

I had the pleasure of meeting Steve Jones, Director and head of events at the S&DRHT Company Board on Sunday the 28th who showed me round the latest facilities at the station and we discussed their plans for the future.



Bath BID

I was kindly invited by Allison Herbert to attend the Spring meeting of the Bath Improvement District on the 24th May at Hilton to learn more about how BIDs work what they do to help businesses in the city.

Meet the Architect

On Wednesday the 31st, Sean Redmond of PH3 Design met with me and other Councillors in Unit 14 to discuss the plans for the Town Hall and the economic benefits that phase two of the project could bring.