

Welcome to my monthly Mayor's Newsletter! Each month, I'll be sharing updates on how your Town Council is enhancing life in Wareham, along with exciting events worth noting.

Your Councillors, along with myself, were elected in May 2024 to represent Wareham over the next five years, and they are:

**Zoe Gover (Deputy Mayor)**

**David Budd**

**Andy Dallimore**

**Sue Dean**

**Vera Green**

**Molly Tighe**

**Doreen Cleaton**

**Ian Davey**

**Martin Hill**

**Lucia Kirk**

**Sue Wheatley**

**Keith Critchley**

**Bob Dean**

**Ryan Holloway**

**David Robinson**

Your Town Clerk is Nicola Gray, who is also the Responsible Financial Officer, and her team of staff are:

**Sam Dickins (Deputy Clerk)**

**Keith Burt (Grounds Person)**

**Katy Babbs (Admin Officer)**

**Tom Hannam (Grounds Person)**

**Katie Seal (Museum Co-Ordinator)**

**Warren Humphrey (Grounds Person)**



## WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON IN THE LAST MONTH?.....

Welcome to my final newsletter as my term of Wareham Town Mayor draws to a close. I have had a truly wonderful year serving Wareham and its residents. I have met some interesting people and attended some wonderful civic events throughout Dorset. I would like to say a special to Mr Charles Donnelly for being my escort for the past year. As I conclude my mayoral duties, I remain committed to serving Wareham and look forward to continuing our shared efforts to enhance the well-being of our community.

### Civic Events

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April I attended a Civic Day in Wimborne, where the Mayor set a quiz that led us around the town and we had a fascinating visit to the Town Museum. On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April I had a visit to Ferndown for their civic day, I was taken to Superior Seals Ltd, where we had a tour of the factory and were shown some of their robotic production line. On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April I attended the Civic Community Service in Poole, where local residents were presented with awards for their service to the community. Donations were taken for a local food bank.

### Welcome to the French

On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April we welcomed our friends from Conches-en-Ouches. The Twinning Association organised a group day trip to Beaulieu and they were offered a walk of Wareham Saxon Walls, and a climb to the top of the tower of The Priory Church of Lady St Mary. On their last night in Wareham a horse racing night was organised at Carey Hall along with a buffet. The evening was great fun and enjoyed by adults and children alike.

### World Parkinsons Day

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April marked World Parkinsons Day. I attended The Purbeck Parkys information and support afternoon in the Corn Exchange.

### 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday visit

I was proud and privileged to pay a visit to Audrey Cowen on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Audrey and her husband moved to Wareham from Surrey in 1977. Audrey has enjoyed doing charity work and was a keen golfer. I met her son who was over from America for the occasion.

### Easter Egg Hunt

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April I hosted an Easter Egg Hunt at Hauses Field and was delighted to see many local families having fun. Despite the slightly damp and cold start, the children still had fun finding the clues hidden across the field and were delighted with their egg that was given after completing the hunt.

### Charity Sky Dive!

On the morning of Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April I took on the challenge at Old Sarum Air Field, Salisbury and jumped from a plane at 10'000 feet, and did a 30 second free fall at 125mph!! It was a wonderful, calm sunny morning and an amazing experience. I would like to thank everyone for their generous sponsorship as the total raised to date is £1960!!!!

### Vinyl Night

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May I hosted my last charity Vinyl night at Carey Hall for the Air Training Cadets. Once again DJ Keith Burt took to the decks producing non-stop dance music during the evening. Thanks again to John Lowry for the amazing disco lights.

### Wareham Rangers FC

On behalf of the Town Council we would like to congratulate the First Team on not only winning two cups this season, Division 1 League Cup and the Dorset FA Intermediate Cup but also on their promotion to the Dorset Senior League next season! Also, good luck to the Reserves Team on their upcoming semi-final. Well done on such an amazing season!!!

Sadly, there has been some vandalism again at Carey Playground to the surround of the trampoline. This is really disappointing to see as it has prevented the younger children from being able to use the equipment safely.