

Mayor's Remarks *Full council 18th August 2017*

Catherine and I greatly enjoyed our visit to the Northfield Allotments Open Day. I want to thank the chairman, Keith May, for escorting us round the allotments so attentively. We were able to look at many of the plots and it was obvious how much care, skill and time people put into developing their own areas. It really is a very special community. During the same weekend Catherine and I were invited to the Old Hunstanton Flower Festival, together with the Borough Mayor and Consort. I would like to thank the Rector and Church Warden for inviting us and looking after us so well. More thanks also to Hunstanton and District Rotary Club for inviting me to one of their evening meetings; yet another opportunity to meet more people who do so much to help others voluntarily. This Sunday is their Kite Festival, one of the major annual events within the town.

On Monday 7th August the town welcomed the judges from Britain in Bloom. The weather was kind to us and the town looked fantastic. Results won't be known until October. Within the borough Catherine and I were pleased to be able to attend the last night of the King's Lynn Festival; a mesmerising performance by the Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. In the wider county we went to the County Council Chairman's Summer Reception at Gressenhall and as well as talking with other mayors we had the opportunity to look around the very interesting museum.

A very important occasion was the funeral of Harry Brown. This was a commemoration of the life of a very special man who, among many other feats, took part in the D-Day landings. It was an honour to be able to represent Hunstanton.