

(For Full Council 23rd February 2018)

Mayor's Remarks

Cllr Adrian Winnington

Since our last meeting I have attended numerous events as Mayor, mostly accompanied by Catherine. Many of these are mentioned in my remarks for March Town and Around and so I won't mention them all here. However, although I have attended grand ceremonial occasions such as the opening of The Mart in King's Lynn which was very enjoyable, I have most enjoyed meeting people, young and old, here in Hunstanton. We were welcomed once again to Somerset Villa for their Dignity coffee morning and then to the Tea Dance and later the Day Club at the Community Centre. It is lovely to chat with some of the older members of our community but also to be given the opportunity to say thank you to staff and volunteers who do so much for them. At the younger end of the scale I have been privileged, along with the borough mayor, to be able to support Hannah Burton, just 9 years old, with her marvellous fund-raising for "Children With Cancer". Next week I am reading a story in assembly at Hunstanton Primary School as part of Children's Book Week, and then meeting a lot of those children again on Friday evening at the monthly disco at the Community Centre.

I think that the siting of our town's Cenotaph war memorial must be one of the best in the country. The sea and large sky add something extra to our memories. When a group of residents, accompanied by two members of the USAF 67th SOS, assembled at the Flood Memorial on 1st February it was definitely atmospheric, with a strong cold wind and heavy rain; however, somehow it made the ceremony more meaningful. There will be another short ceremony in the gardens at 10.00am on Monday 12th March when the Commonwealth Flag will be raised for Commonwealth Day – everyone is invited to be present.

I am sure that everyone is aware of the Love West Norfolk promotion taking place this year. During the afternoon of Tuesday 27th March there will be an opportunity for us here in Hunstanton to declare what we love about West Norfolk (especially Hunstanton!)