

## **The Town Reeve's Report September 2017**

Since we last met for a full meeting way back in June, Bungay and I have had a very full summer. During June, I attended, alongside the Town Mayor, the unveiling of the new cricket sight boards at Bungay Cricket Club. A very entertaining afternoon which included lunch, suffice it to say, the BCC were delighted with the donation to purchase the boards. Tony and I were invited to a first night at the Southwold Theatre for the performance of Communicating Doors by Alan Ayckbourn which was most entertaining.

On 1 July was the culmination of the Proms activity with the event at St Mary's Church bringing in an audience of approximately 250. The music was indeed everything I had hoped for and a standing ovation at the end was the icing on the cake, and for several weeks after was congratulated on the event - it raised a total of £2048 for the Ditchingham Mens Shed.

I also attended the NSPCC AGM at Somerleyton Hall in both my TR capacity and NSPCC Secretary for Bungay.

The duck race at Falcon Meadow was a first for me and made, or maybe lost friends, judging the best dressed duck. On three consecutive weekends I presented prizes to the junior five a side teams at Bungay Football Club. The raising of the flag for the Bungay festival was a real pleasure as was the opening the Flower Show at St Marys Church - such great expertise for the club members involved.

Tony and I attended many of the festival events including the talks in the old Priory and the Circle 67 Measure for Measure evening at the castle. The arts and antiques fayre seemed to pull in many visitors yet again and all too soon the festival was over and I felled the flag on the final Saturday. I have to say that most of the comments this summer have been as to how beautiful the town has looked - it seems that the money spent on the new baskets was well worth it - well done Simon Thomson and crew.

We have also attended several musical events in St Marys Church throughout the summer months

During August we attended a charity cheese and wine evening with a medieval tour of the museum at Bury St Edmunds which proved to be very enlightening. I also attended Bungay Library which marked the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the library in its current premises and the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary

of the friends of Bungay Community Library and many talks and meetings held throughout the town in the last few months.

I held a Hog Roast at Martons on 6 February which raised £400 For the Library and £400 for Ditchingham Mens Shed. The mens shed is going from strength to strength as they are now building their own premises so this will be an ongoing project for many years to come and one which I will continue to be involved in.

September has been a little slower, thank goodness which has allowed me time for a short break but by the look of the October Diary I don't think I will be saying the same for that.

I can hardly believe I only have a couple of months left in this post, especially as I am just getting the hang of it. Thank you to all who have attended events which I have organised and attended during the summer and suffice it to say I haven't finished yet