**MAYOR'S DIARY - NOVEMBER 2018**

**Friday 2 November Visit to Royal Northumberland Yacht Club**

I was invited, together with other Councillors and our guests to visit the RNYC Clubship LV50. We met with the Friends of LV50 and were given a tour of this historic lightship - and homemade cake.

**Saturday 3 November Fireworks Event**

An estimated 20,000 spectators attended this year's Fireworks Event at Blyth Beach. Metro Radio provided coverage, there was live music, a funfair, street entertainment and plenty of food stalls.

**Sunday 4 November Submariners' Remembrance Service**

I attended the Blyth & Wansbeck District Remembrance Service at the memorial in Elfin Walk and laid a wreath on behalf of the Town Council. After the service I was presented with a picture for the Council of HMS Tiptoe, a submarine that was once based in Blyth and finished its life in Spain.

**Thursday 8 November St Cuthbert's Church Poppy Sculpture**

Myself and other Councillors were invited to view the Poppy Sculpture and meet members of the Church who had been involved in creating it. We stayed for lunch at met members of the community who attend lunch club run by volunteers.

**Friday 9 November Remembrance Service - Bede Academy**

I attended the Remembrance Service at Bede Academy and visited the poppy sculpture that the students had created from drinks bottles collected in the school.

**Saturday 10 November Newsham & New Delaval Remembrance Service**

I laid a wreath on behalf of the Town Council at the Newsham & New Delaval War Memorial. The Memorial has undergone some restoration work as part of the Town Council's project to refurbish all of the war memorials.

**Saturday 10 November Blyth Rotary Club**

I was invited to Blyth Rotary Club dinner at the Village Hotel in Shiremoor as guest of honour along with representatives from the Royal British Legion.

**Sunday 11 November Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph, Ridley Park**

This year the Lord Lieutenant the Duchess of Northumberland attended the service at Ridley Park. I attended along with Ronnie Campbell, MP and other Councillors. An estimated 2,000 attended the service this year at the newly refurbished war memorial.

**Sunday 11 November Service of Commemoration at Hexham Abbey**

I was invited by the Lord Lieutenant the Duchess of Northumberland to attend the County Service of Commemoration to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice. This was held in the afternoon following the service in Blyth.

**Wednesday 14 November Showmen's Guild Dinner**

I attended the dinner at Ramside Hall hotel with my wife and some other invited Councillors were we had the opportunity to meet members of the Guild and other organisations.

**Friday 16 November Christmas Light Switch-On Event**

The Light Switch-On event was a great success with an estimated 5,000 people turning up on a cold night. I was given the opportunity to switch on the lights with Reggie & Bollie who performed at the event and street entertainers, The Bread & Butter Theatre Co.

**Monday 19 November 'Push the Boat Out'**

I was invited by the Civic Head of Northumberland County Council to an event held at the Boathouse restaurant on Blyth Quayside. Proceeds from the raffle and donations went to the Blyth Branch of the Royal British Legion.

**Thursday 22 November Launch of 'Seas the Day'**

I attended, with my wife Eileen, the launch of the Port of Blyth's own beer 'Seas the Day' which is now the house beer of the Commissioner's Quay Inn.

**Wednesday 28 November Afternoon Tea - County Hall**

The Civic Head of Northumberland County Council hosted afternoon tea at County Hall. There was an indoor craft fair selling local products including wine, cheeses and biscuits. Donations from stallholders and proceeds from the raffle were for the Royal British Legion.