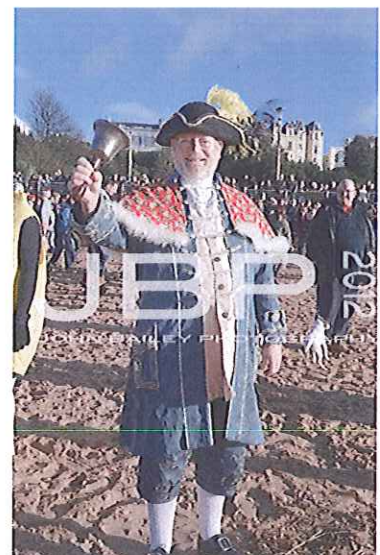




TOWN CRIER REPORT



A report of 2012/13 by Roger Bourgein





As a society we seem sometimes to be almost besieged with bad news so the friendly, cheerful face of your Town Crier who has the time and interest to listen is important.

Although my work is a mix of events and town patrols, I am certain the core of my role is to be part of the hustle and bustle of Exmouth. For the visible pleasure I bring to peoples faces as I stroll, slowly and sedately, through this town I love, convinces me I am right. Greeted by all in our shops, cafes, restaurants, in town and beach I have enjoyed countless chats and discussions with Tom, Dick and Sir Harry - families and children.

Activities 2012/13

1. I have journeyed around the Town and beach on 40 weekends.
2. On my own or with our Mayor or Deputy Mayor or Councillors, I have attended 101 events.
3. I have been guest speaker for the Exmouth Stroke Assoc and Withycombe Raleigh WI.
4. I enjoyed our Town Crier Competition during the Christmas Cracker event and your Crier has won 'Best Dressed Crier' at Topsham and 'Best Cry' and 'Best Dressed Crier' at Hatherleigh Town Crier Competitions. I've brought visiting Criers to our Town Carnival.



Future: The Garth Gibson Memorial Town Crier Competition is to be held during Exmouth Festival week when 22 Criers and Escorts will parade 'bells up' round Strand before competing on stage in Manor Gardens.

Shadowing the Mayor of Exmouth and Deputy as often as possible.

Increasing the number of events I visit outside of my Saturdays.

Thanks: Mandy, the Mayor's secretary, is my rock! Without her efficient professionalism I could not function. Colin, Town Clerk, offers welcome encouragement, in particular our Mayor John is always supportive, as is Bill, Deputy Mayor and Steve Gazzard amongst Councillors.