



PRESS RELEASE

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For immediate use

Retford royally celebrated the Coronation on Sunday 7th May 2023.

On Sunday 7th May, Retford Town Hall rang with the sound of bagpipes announcing the arrival of a procession of Bassetlaw Chairman, Cllr Madelaine Richardson; Retford Mayor, Cllr Sue Shaw; Bassetlaw Youth Mayor, Bronagh Wall; and 'guardsman' Becci Mason from Debutots; all lead by piper, Connor Cooley.

Entertainment in the Ballroom was provided by local performers Retford Ukelele Group, Hannah Harris, and Jessica Mary Brett, all supported admirably by D J, Russ Brett, who even joined in with some brilliant duets. Retford really does have some superbly talented musicians. There was a raffle with an amazing set of prizes donated by BCH (Bassetlaw Christian Heritage), Bookworm, Jurassic Toys, Retford Business Forum members, Table Top Café and Ten Green Bottles.

The children's entertainment provided by Debutots and The Joker in the Council Chamber, and Kether's facepainting in the bar area, was superb and the team was kept busy all afternoon with a constant stream of incredibly happy young people. The crown-making competition created a range of excellent crowns, and the winner won an excellent creative paint set donated by Ryman.

In the Buttermarket, the crafters provided their usual high standard of wares and the WI served up their excellent range of cakes and refreshments as well as keeping the Ballroom served with the same. Outside there was a children's ride which was very popular, and the Retford Lions sold their river-racing ducks in preparation for their event on the following day.

Retford's Coronation Celebration was planned and delivered by Retford Business Forum (RBF) in partnership with North Notts BID, Bassetlaw District Council, and Retford Charter Trustees. RBF is very grateful for the help provided by its partners and supporting organisations, stallholders, performers, and everyone who came to support this event.

The next RBF events are **Retford Big Market Days on 20th May, 17th June, and 15th July, followed by Retford Healthy Sunday on 16th July 2023**

Notes for editors.

Retford Business Forum relies entirely on its members, donations, and grants, and is not regularly funded by anyone. Members include individuals, businesses, and organisations, from in and around Retford, and information about Retford Business Forum can be found at www.retfordbusinessforum.org.uk

Photographs are from the Retford Coronation Celebration on Sunday 7th May 2023