The Ruardean court assembles

Keen interest was shown on Wednesday evening of last week at a Ruardean meeting re-organising the Lord Mayor's Court. There was a feeling that tradition should continue.

Selected chairman and secretary for the meeting, Mr. D. Thomas, outlined the findings of previous meetings.

Mr. J. Whittington was the only genuine nominee for Mayor and the public meeting was called to sound out local feelings.

One break with tradition was that Mr. Whittington was not the tallest man in the village or Ruardean born.

But he has spent his life since a very early age in the village, and for many years has done a vast amount of voluntary work for the senior citizens of the area all the year round.

This made him as suitable a nominee as any and the public had been given every opportunity to put forward other names.

Mr. Whittington was proposed for the office and he accepted.

FOR LIFE

Traditionally, the elected Mayor was in office for life, but it was suggested by the Rev. L. J. Bowyer (rector), that the term of office should be put at 10 years. This would allow for new nominations or re-election to take place.

The mayor of Gloucester, Alderman Alf Rich, has offered his services for the inaugurating of the new Lord Mayor next April.

The landlords of two neighbouring public houses have offered donations once the Mayor has graced their taverns.

Annonymous donations have been offered and these are badly needed, for funds must be raised to buy the Mayor's regalia.

Officers at Court were elected treasurer, Mr. W. Griffin; sheriff Mr. T. Roberts; constable, Mr. R. Hawkins; clerk of court, Mr. G. man; foreman of jury, Mr. H. Lewis; master at arms, Mr. J. Weaver; bearer of mace, Mr. V. T. Scott.

All elected officers at court also become members of Council, Mr. W. Thomas secretary, with Mrs. I. Yemm, Mrs. B. Brain, Mrs. M. Barber, Mrs. N. Whittington, Mrs. A. Hale, the Rev. L. J. Bowyer and Mr. W. Yemm.