



THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR,  
TOWN HALL,  
SCARBOROUGH

COUNCILLOR MISS I. C. SLARKE, B.A.

THE MAYOR OF SCARBOROUGH - 1972/73

When Councillor Miss I. C. Slarke was elected to the office of Mayor of Scarborough on 18th May, she became only the second lady Mayor of the Borough in Scarborough's long history.

A native of Warwickshire, Miss Ida Cartwright Slarke was born in Sutton Coldfield. She was educated at King Edward's School, Handsworth, Birmingham, and at Birmingham University where she took a B.A. degree in French. On leaving university, she entered the teaching profession and her first post was as French Mistress at the Ashby de la Zouch Grammar School. She later studied at the Ecole Normale d'Angouleme in France, before taking up an appointment at the Yarm-on-Tees Grammar School where she spent three years.

Miss Slarke came to Scarborough in 1928 when she joined the staff of the Scarborough Girls' High School as senior French mistress. She was appointed Deputy Headmistress in the early 1950s, a post she held until her retirement.

A life-long Liberal, Miss Slarke was first elected to the Scarborough Borough Council in 1962 for the Falsgrave Ward, having been unsuccessful on two previous occasions in the Woodlands Ward. She has represented Falsgrave ever since, having successfully fought two elections and twice having been returned unopposed.

She is Chairman of the Scarborough Safety Council, a former President of both the Scarborough and District Branch and the County Association of the National Union of Teachers and of the Scarborough and District Standing Conference of Women's Organisations. She is a member of the local Council of Social Service and the Divisional Education Executive, a Governor of Scalby County Modern School and a member of the visiting committees of Friarage, Gladstone Road, Hinderwell and Childhaven Schools.

Until assuming the mayoralty, Miss Slarke was President of the Scarborough Women's Liberal Association, Vice-President of the Scarborough and District Liberal Party and Vice-President of the Yorkshire Federation of Liberal Parties and she will take up these posts again at the end of her term of office.

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An active member of the Methodist church, Miss Slarke devotes a great deal of her time to church work and is also fond of travel. Among the countries she has visited are the West Indies, Canada, the former French Cameroons, Tunisia and Malta, while she has made countless visits to France.

Miss Slarke has let it be known that she wishes to be addressed as "Madam Mayor".

Miss Slarke's Mayoress is her younger sister, Miss Kathleen Slarke, S.R.N., S.C.M. Miss Slarke spent her entire working career in the nursing profession and trained at the Birmingham Women's and Birmingham General Hospitals, where, in 1928, she won a gold medal as the best student of her year. She later studied midwifery at Birmingham Maternity Hospital and was subsequently appointed Assistant Matron at the New General Hospital, Southend-on-Sea. Miss Slarke was later Matron of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Folkestone - where her period of service coincided with the Battle of Britain - and of the Chesterfield Hospital. Miss Slarke's last appointment before her retirement was as Matron-in-Chief of the Bournemouth group of hospitals.

Like her sister, Miss Slarke is a member of the Methodist church and she devotes a great deal of her time to social and welfare work.

Although Miss Slarke retired in Bournemouth, she has owned a cottage at Ravenscar, Nr. Scarborough, for four years and knows the area well.

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