

News from the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Chelmsford 2023-2024



The Mayor, Cllr Linda Mascot and her Consort, Ian popped in to the Fabulous Fandangle's Xmas Jingle singalong afternoon before Christmas at the Galleywood Heritage Centre for a sing and dance. Lucy runs this Dementia-friendly singing group and they all had great fun acting out the 12 days of Christmas. www.facebook.com/groups/556930279355117/

Mayor and Consort visited Hotbox and met with the owner Dave and Julie Taylor, representing the Liam Taylor Legacy. Hotbox now host a Bleed Control Bag behind the bar which had been donated. www.hotboxevents.com



The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at the Cathedral held on the Thursday before Christmas was the Mayor's 16th Carol Service of the festive season and featured the beautiful, poignant voices of the Cathedral choir. The Lord Lieutenant, Jennifer Tolhurst also attended - a lovely service where the Mayor was honoured to read the Fifth Lesson.

www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk




The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Jude Deakin was pleased to attend the Age Concern Christmas lunch. After the tasty Christmas meal, a singer sang some seasonal songs and the entertainment continued with Mr Magic. There was also a short quiz based around Christmas. www.facebook.com/AgeConcernChelmsford/

Jesters Kids Club in Bicknacre invited the Mayor to join the children for their Christmas party, which included a delicious home-cooked Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. The Mayor read 'The Rainbow Fish' to the out-of-schoolers and 'How to Catch a Star' to the toddlers. She really enjoyed the visit. Alison and the staff work so hard to give the children the best experiences. www.jesterskids.org



The Mayor was very pleased to introduce the City Sound radio pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk live on air on Christmas Eve. It was very funny and worth another listen www.citysound.radio

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The first engagement of 2024, the Mayor was pleased to join the Winning Women in Chelmsford networking meeting at Patch where she heard about the mutual support given to all participants in their chosen fields of work. She spoke to the group about local organisations who offer help and potential funding for some of the projects they were undertaking and recommended some like-minded. www.winingwomen.online





Chelmsford Rotary Clubs held their Young Musician competition at St. Cedd's School. The talented finalists in the vocalist and instrumental categories were really exceptional and the Mayor was delighted to congratulate and present trophies to winners Katherine and Cellist, Osaank who will



go forward to the District Finals in March at Brentwood Cathedral. www.chelmsfordrotary.org



The Mayor and her Consort, Son Joe Mascot, had a great night at the Bam Bam Boogies Hip Hop Panto at Chelmsford Theatre. The 60 strong cast of dancers aged from 6 to 53 years celebrated 50 years of Hip Hop in this vibrant performance of the best of street dance with joy resonating through the auditorium from this upbeat and joyous show. www.bambamboogies.com

Chelmsford & District Table Tennis League held their Annual closed Tournament Finals night at Old Chelmsfordians Sports Club which the Mayor and her Consort, Ian, were pleased to attend.

Seven matches were played - the Men's singles semi-finals, Men's singles final, Junior singles final, Veterans singles final, Men's doubles final and Ladies Single final which meant it was an action-packed evening of exciting competitions. The Mayor was delighted to present trophies to the winners and congratulated them on their sporting prowess and incredible fitness with some competitors taking part in 3 matches during the evening.



Baby basics Chelmsford is a registered charity run by Joelle and her team of amazing volunteers with the aim of supporting vulnerable families and their newborns by donating Moses baskets full of essential items for both the baby & mum to be.

The Mayor joined HM Lord Lieutenant, Jennifer Tolhurst at Moulsham Lodge Methodist Church on Friday for their 'Fanfare for the future' event celebrating 300 Moses basket donations and handing over baskets to referring professions.

Local knitters and crafters also contribute items and it was a real community event to celebrate the hard work of the volunteers during the past four years.

If you are able to contribute to the starter packs with baby items or toiletries email babybasicschelmsford@gmail.com or their wish list can be found here:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/baby-reg/3JGNZEXHSMH0X>

www.babybasics.org.uk



Essex Dementia Care launched its new activity group at All Saints Church, Christian Centre in Writtle. The Deputy Mayor was delighted to be invited to the inaugural meeting and enjoyed joining in with some of the activities. EDC will be offering support and fun activities in Writtle every Monday.

www.essexdementiacare.org.uk



The Deputy Mayor welcomed a group of overseas students from Frankfurt for a parlour visit, explaining the various aspects of the mayoralty and democracy. The students were due to spend time undertaking work experience.

Chelmsford Speakers Club, part of Toastmasters International, meet regularly at Anglia Ruskin University. The Deputy Mayor went along to their recent Speakathon and was interested to hear vastly different speeches from six speakers, all at different stages in their public speaking. Jude later gave out awards to some of the members and expressed her thanks for a very enjoyable evening. [Toastmasters - Toastmasters - Chelmsford Speakers Club :: Home \(toastmasterclub.org\)](http://Toastmasters - Toastmasters - Chelmsford Speakers Club :: Home (toastmasterclub.org))





The Mayor really enjoyed attending The Boswells School Year 7 production of 'We're off to see the Wizard!' These talented young people only joined the school last September and their performance was fantastic - so much fun and enthusiasm. She thanked all involved with the production for a lovely evening and is off to buy some red converse so she can tap her heels - 'there's no place like home'. www.boswells-school.com

The Mayor was invited by Jo, CEO of The Wilderness Foundation, to see how their therapy programmes are helping to transform the lives of vulnerable children, young people and adults through nature immersion. Projects and therapies educate and inspire people, highlighting the positive impact of nature and social wellbeing during challenging times in their lives. The programmes aim to equip and enable people to navigate their futures successfully. www.wildernessfoundation.org.uk



Hatfield Peverel Infant and Nursery School invited the Mayor to be their Mystery Reader, where she enjoyed reading 'The Rainbow Fish' to the two reception classes, handed out glittering sequin 'scales' and talked about the importance of kindness. She also spoke about her role as Mayor of Chelmsford and the children asked many questions which she was happy to answer. www.hatfieldpeverel.essex.sch.uk

Chelmsford Singers, conducted by James Davy, performed a Choral concert with a Chamber Ensemble and Soprano Samantha Hay, at Christchurch performing 'Annelies' by James Whitbourn. This powerful choral work contained translated excerpts from 'The Diary of Anne Frank' and the Mayor found it particularly poignant as it was performed on Holocaust Memorial Day. www.chelmsfordsingers.co.uk





Chelmsford Tamil Sangam invited the Mayor to join the Tamil Pongal Celebrations at St. John Payne School. She enjoyed watching all the traditional cultural performances and eating a traditional South Indian meal as well as hearing about all the educational programmes and youth groups supporting the Tamil speaking community in Chelmsford.

www.facebook.com/chelmsfordtamilsangam/

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor attended the Holocaust Memorial evening and it was an honour for the Mayor to speak and take part in the lighting of candles to remember those who lost their lives.

It was both interesting and harrowing to listen to Ruth Barnett MBE recount her memories of coming to England on the Kindertransport and so important to listen to the living testimony of survivors to help educate us and our young people.



Chelmsford Council for Voluntary Service (CVS) held its Charity Update and Networking Meeting which the Mayor not only attended, was privileged to present the CVS Chelmsford 4 Good Certificates of appreciation to local companies who have been outstanding in their support of good causes.

www.chelmsfordcvs.org.uk

Chelmsford Lions Club held a cheque presentation evening at St. Augustine's Church in Springfield on Thursday evening where many charities benefitted from receiving donations collected during December when the Lions took out their 'Santa Sleigh' around the streets of Chelmsford. The amazing amount of £12,500 was passed on to the charities, including £575, with £310 from Chelmer Ladies Club for the Mayor's Charity - YMCA Essex.



It was a lovely evening and the Mayor was very grateful to receive such a generous amount. Chelmsford Lions are a fun and friendly charitable club who will always welcome new members and do so much for their local community.

www.chelmsfordlionsclub.org.uk

CHARITY NEWS



On Saturday 10 February 2024, the Mayor of Chelmsford invites you to join them for an all singing, dancing, comedy spectacular variety show, promising a night of all-round entertainment. A cast of local talent, including queens from Hothaus Drag, dynamic performances from The Dance Exclusive and Young Gen, and the musical stylings from Joe Baker, George Bone and James Gold.

[The Mayor's Charity Concert - Chelmsford Theatre](#) All proceeds will go to the Mayor's Charity – YMCA Essex

A poster for the Caprice The Essex Wind Orchestra Spring Concert. The top features the orchestra's logo, which includes a treble clef and the text 'Caprice The Essex Wind Orchestra'. Below this, the words 'SPRING CONCERT' are written in large, bold, blue capital letters. To the left of the text is a large, detailed image of a golden French horn. To the right of the horn, the text reads 'Saturday 9th March', 'Chelmsford Cathedral', and '7.30pm'. Below this, it says 'IN SUPPORT OF' followed by the coat of arms of the City of Chelmsford. Underneath the coat of arms is the text 'YMCA ESSEX | Home for Young People Here for Communities Here for You'. Below that, it says 'TICKETS £15 from ticketsource.co.uk and Orchestra members'. At the bottom left, there is a Facebook icon and the website 'capriceorchestra.co.uk'. At the bottom right, there is a QR code with the text 'SCAN ME' below it.

If you have an event you are planning, please do not hesitate to get in touch as subject to availability at the time the Mayor may be able to visit. [Invite the Mayor to an event - Chelmsford City Council](#) or contact the Mayor's Office Mayors.office@chelmsford.gov.uk

The chosen Charity for 2023/2024 is YMCA Essex www.ymcaessex.org.uk To make a donation – reference Mayor's charity & name [YMCA Essex - JustGiving](#) or using the QR code below



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