

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



CYGAMS (Young Gen) put on a dazzling performance of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat which the Mayor, Cllr Linda Mascot and her Consort, Ian Mascot had the pleasure of watching at Chelmsford Theatre. The talented local young people wowed the audience with this popular show which included the well-known and amazingly sung classic songs 'Any Dream Will Do' and 'Close Every Door to Me'. The production was stunning with fabulous costumes and superb choreography. Well done to all involved in this brilliant show which had a well-deserved standing ovation! [www.young-gen.co.uk](http://www.young-gen.co.uk)



Boreham Primary School invited the Mayor to open their brand new library. The Headteacher, thanked all those involved from funding to design and decorating this welcoming space for children to foster their love of reading. The Mayor was delighted to chat to the pupil Librarians about the importance of books and the authors that were on display. [www.boreham.essex.sch.uk](http://www.boreham.essex.sch.uk)

The Mayor had a meeting with Julie Taylor, representing the Liam Taylor Legacy, time was spent speaking of community work and the importance of the bleed control bags.



The Mayor was very happy to start her Christmas shopping with a dress and some mugs at the Farleigh Shopping event in their Gloucester Avenue shop. There was already a queue for all the bargains as the Mayor officially cut the ribbon at 9am and she enjoyed chatting to all the Elf volunteer helpers who do a great job throughout the year supporting Farleigh Hospice.

[www.farleighhospice.org](http://www.farleighhospice.org)

The Mayor enjoyed her time spent at the Moulsham Lodge Community Trust Christmas Event.

[www.mlct.org.uk](http://www.mlct.org.uk)



Springers' production of Urinetown at Chelmsford Studio is very funny with catchy songs and great choreography. The Mayor and her Consort really enjoyed their visit, they laughed their way through the production and congratulated the cast, crew and musicians on a triumph of a production. Don't

let the title put you off, this musical will have you laughing, tapping your feet and loving the larger-than-life characters.





The Mayor, Cllr Linda Mascot, as Patron, was pleased to attend the AGM of the Chelmsford French Circle at Sandon Village Hall. She was encouraged to hear that their membership was increasing and particularly with some students from a local secondary school. Many social events and talks have been held during the past year with plans to continue this going forward. The evening continued with conversation over cheese and wine tasting which the Mayor and her Consort really enjoyed. [www.chelmsfordfrenchcircle.org](http://www.chelmsfordfrenchcircle.org)



On Saturday 11 November, the Mayor and her Consort joined veterans and passers-by at the war memorial to mark the two-minute silence on Armistice Day.

The Mayor was delighted to be invited to St. Mary's Church, Broomfield to unveil a Blue Plaque to celebrate and commemorate the artist Rosemary Rutherford who was the daughter of the wartime Vicar of Broomfield Church Revd John Findlay Rutherford. She studied art in Chelmsford and London and painted the fresco in the church tower as well as stained glass windows in the church.

Chelmsford City Council run the blue plaque scheme to recognise important local people who have made a significant contribution to their field and to society, it enables the City to honour these people and with the guidance of Dr James Bettley of the Essex Women's Commemoration Project and other dedicated people, this has culminated in the Rutherford Project. [www.stmarybroomfield.org](http://www.stmarybroomfield.org)



Chelmsford City Racecourse held a special Remembrance Raceday event which the Mayor and her consort were pleased to attend. Armistice Day was marked with a wreath-laying ceremony, one-minute silence and a traditional bugle fanfare of The Last Post. The Mayor was honoured to read the Exhortation before the bugle and the Kohima Epitaph after. The racecourse partnered with The British Legion and donated all profits from general admission tickets to the charity, armed forces personnel were given complimentary access with entertainment provided by the Military Wives Choir. [www.chelmsfordcityracecourse.com](http://www.chelmsfordcityracecourse.com)

The Mayor proudly presided the annual Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade, which, as always, was very well attended despite the rain. [www.chelmsford.gov.uk](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk)



The Annual Pride of Essex awards were started by Susie Cornell MBE DL in 1994 to recognise and reward exceptional achievement over adversity. This year's awards showcased truly inspiration people of all ages and the Mayor was very pleased to attend and meet the winners and highly commended in all of the categories. Congratulations to all the winners [www.prideofessexawards.org.uk](http://www.prideofessexawards.org.uk)

It was a pleasure for the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Jude Deakin to officially unveil the new Broomfield Village Sign. The winning design for the sign was by Alexandra Bennion a pupil at Chelmer Valley High School. Alex, her family, head teacher, art teacher and representatives from the parish council all attended the ceremony.

[www.broomfield-pc-gov.uk](http://www.broomfield-pc-gov.uk)  
[www.chelmervalleyhighschool.co.uk](http://www.chelmervalleyhighschool.co.uk)



Friends of Chelmsford Museum's Biennial Open Art Exhibition was held on Friday evening with a large selection of different artwork displayed from local artists. World-renowned, award-winning Sculptor, Billie Bond, who lives in Great Waltham had selected the artwork and highly commended a selection of her favourites. The exhibition is on until February 2024 with many pictures being for sale - the Mayor has already purchased one and would recommend visiting to view the work of these talented artists. [www.chelmsford.gov.uk](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk)

[www.billiebondart.com](http://www.billiebondart.com)



St Andrew's Church in Boreham invited the Mayor to open their Frost Fair Christmas Market which brought the community together to raise money for essential repairs to the Church. Margaret Holden, Social Club Lead and Revd Emma Wylie spoke to the Mayor about the importance of community events in the village and how they support local residents.

[www.borehamchurch.org.uk](http://www.borehamchurch.org.uk)



The Mayor was delighted to join Sadiq Ahmed MD of Kaani Kaana in Duke Street Chelmsford to celebrate being voted Best Takeaway Food In the UK. Sadiq told the Mayor how they now employed 30 local people after a year's trading and we're about to take on 2 more workers. Their success has been due to their delicious and unique Bangladeshi and Indian dishes coupled with exceptional customer service. The Mayor congratulated them and agreed with their customers - the food was delicious.

[www.kaanikaana.com](http://www.kaanikaana.com)

What a brilliant day in Chelmsford for the Christmas Light Switch on - non stop entertainment across 2 stages packed with talented local choirs, dancers and singers. Roaming mariachi santas, Chelmsford Theatre Panto characters, Chelmsford Lions Club UK with Santa's sleigh, a very grumpy Grinch and 2 familiar Elves were just a few things going on before the big switch on and firework finale. The Mayor was honoured to open the main stage at 2pm with Sara Tupper and Will Richards before chatting with very happy visitors. Thanks to Chelmsford For You for bringing the joy and Christmas spirit to this great City. [www.chelmsfordforyou.co.uk](http://www.chelmsfordforyou.co.uk)



Essex Hindu Samajam held their Diwali celebrations which the Mayor and her Consort were pleased to attend. The Mayor presented awards to talented Young People who had excelled in their education and they joined the Hindu community in watching traditional Indian dancers in vibrant costumes, sparkling jewels and bright make-up as well as talented singers. Diwali is the celebration of light over darkness and good over evil, the Mayor participated in Lakshmi Puja (the act of worship), which is performed to the Goddess Lakshmi to bless all with prosperity.

Ashram Patel MBE, internationally renowned breast cancer surgeon, received the award of Honorary Doctor of Health Sciences at a graduation ceremony alongside other Anglia Ruskin University (ARU) students graduating from a variety of healthcare courses. The Mayor and her Consort joined Chancellor of ARU Lord Bernard Ribeiro, CBE, FRCS, and Vice Chancellor, Professor Roderick Watkins DL, for the ceremony. [www.aru.ac.uk](http://www.aru.ac.uk)



Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre (CSAC) invited the Mayor to officially open their newly refurbished gym on Friday morning. She was pleased to hear from Centre Manager, Justin Hubbard about how inclusive the facilities are with equipment for all abilities from beginner to elite athletes. The Mayor met Council Officers and contractors involved to thank them for their efforts and looks forward to using the equipment in the future.

[www.chelmsford.gov.uk](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk)



The Mayor and her Consort, son Joe Mascot, really enjoyed the opening of the Enlightened light trail in Hylands Park last Friday. As well as new, mesmerising lights, illuminated fountains and animations the catering village in and around the stables was a bit hit with a great variety of food on offer a chance as well to shop. Don't forget to leave room for the delicious Dutch pancakes at the end of the trail. [www.hylandsestate.co.uk](http://www.hylandsestate.co.uk)

Regal Kitchens has been trading in Chelmsford for 15 years and the Mayor was pleased to officially open their new showroom in Beehive Lane. Masterchef finalists Anurag Aggarwal and Yui Miles cooked up a storm in the demonstration kitchen along with Emma, Regal's Business Development Manager. Regal are a family run, award winning local business who make Customer Service a priority for all new customers, this extends to team member Emma going the extra mile by spending a day cooking in all new customer's kitchens to demonstrate how to use their new oven & hob. website [www.regalkitchens.co.uk](http://www.regalkitchens.co.uk)







Sikhs of Chelmsford invited the Mayor and her Consort to Gurpurab festival at Essex Cricket Club. This festival marks the anniversary of the Sikh faith's first Guru - Guru Nanak Dev Ji. They were very pleased to join the Chelmsford Sikh community to learn more about their religion, celebrate with them and join them for a delicious lunch.

Talented Students from The Boswells School Performing & Creative Arts Faculty put on a dazzling performance of Dolly Parton's 9 to 5 the musical which the Mayor and her Consort really enjoyed. The Mayor thanked all the students involved in the show - performers, back stage crew, front of house and musicians, along with the teachers and parents who have supported them. [www.boswells-school.com](http://www.boswells-school.com)



The Mayor joined volunteers, stall holders and lots of visitors at Galleywood Heritage Centre for their Christmas Market on Sunday. Happy children met Santa whilst the Mayor found out she needed to make more of an effort to be good if she wanted to be on his nice list! [www.galleywoodheritagecentre.org.uk](http://www.galleywoodheritagecentre.org.uk)



The Mayor was invited to Barrow Farm, Riding for the Disabled, to officially open a wonderful new Sensory garden which has been created in memory of Charlotte Jessop, a young rider who sadly passed away a few years ago. It has been funded by her grandparents and Chelmsford Lions who have created the garden with help from other volunteers, including GoodGym, Men's Sheds and Barrow Farm's own volunteers. Martin Wood, Lead Trustee for Barrow Farm RDA (also a Lion) spoke about the work of Barrow farm and Lion President Jim Thomas thanked all who have joined Chelmsford Lions in this collaboration, particularly their Past President

Andrea Cooper who has designed the garden and worked tirelessly to create such a tranquil and beautiful outdoor space. [www.barrowfarmrda.org.uk](http://www.barrowfarmrda.org.uk) [www.chelmsfordlionsclub.org.uk](http://www.chelmsfordlionsclub.org.uk)

It was an honour to attend a very moving evening at Chelmsford City Racecourse to unveil a bleed kit presented by Julie Taylor from the Liam Taylor Legacy.

[www.chelmsfordcityracecourse.com](http://www.chelmsfordcityracecourse.com)



Life Mid-Essex Schools (Ford End, Margaretting and Roxwell Primary Schools) invited the Mayor to their Christmas Carol Service at Chelmsford Cathedral where the pupils and staff sang Christmas songs, played the piano, played brass instruments and ukulele. It was a lovely evening - all children and staff performed brilliantly.

[www.lifeeducationtrust.com](http://www.lifeeducationtrust.com)

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](mailto:Mayors.office@chelmsford.gov.uk)

The chosen Charity for 2023/2024 is YMCA Essex [www.ymcaessex.org.uk](http://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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