

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



The new Mayor, Cllr Linda Mascot and her Consort, Ian Mascot, were delighted to cut the ribbon and open a much larger and improved Home Bargains shop at Riverside retail park as their first official engagement.

The new store boasts 14 aisles and includes a large garden section, bakery, frozen food area and improved section for pet supplies.

There are an additional 45 new staff employed at the new store doubling the total to 90 employees. The Mayor couldn't resist stocking up on just-baked croissants from the bakery which were delicious.



It was a sunny Saturday afternoon at the Bond St Bowl which was buzzing with music and creativity as the Mayor, her Consort, and Deputy Mayor visited the Chelmsford For You Concrete Canvas collaborative Street festival.

The Mayor and Deputy took advantage of a 'bird's eye view' of the High Street and then toured the artwork and chatted to the artists, many had travelled from Europe to be part of this exciting venture. Artist Chaz Barrisson, who travels the world creating his distinctive Street art of 'Lads' with Bob Gibson as The London Police, has been instrumental in attracting a diverse group of artists and told the Mayor how delighted he was that more and more well-known artists are becoming involved to bring this great cultural event to his home City. All ages were joining in, creating fantastic artwork which can be seen all around Chelmsford, there is a Street art map on the Chelmsford for You website.





The third engagement of the day was at the Chelmsford Theatre watching a joyful and enthusiastic performance of Trinity Methodist Music and Drama's Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. The Mayor and Consort sang along to well-known favourites including 'Truly Scrumptious' and 'Toot Sweets'. The Mayor was delighted to meet the cast afterwards to pass on her congratulations at such a triumphant performance

Stow Maries Aerodrome hosted their annual Wings and Wheels festival on Bank Holiday Sunday where the Mayor and Consort enjoyed seeing a wide variety of different cars from Corvettes to Aston Martins and motorbikes from the Norton Owners Club - Essex Branch. They enjoyed walking round the hangars, learning about the history of the airfield and watching a variety of different aircraft performing an outstanding aerobatic display which had them on the edge of their seats! A thoroughly enjoyable day at this historic WW1 airfield.



To finish up the first week as Mayor and Deputy, they held a meeting was held in the Mayor's Parlour with the Mayor's Chaplain, Pastor James Bell and the Interim Dean of Chelmsford, The Very Rev'd Paul Kennington to discuss arrangements for the Civic Service, to be held on Sunday 2 July.

The Mayor, Cllr Linda Mascot & her Consort Ian Mascot were delighted to be invited to the Farleigh Open Gardens in Springfield on a bright and sunny Sunday morning. They enjoyed walking round all the open gardens and seeing the array of flowers in bloom, appreciating the amount of gardening time spent in making them look so lovely. Thanks to Angela for the tea & delicious cake.



The Deputy Mayor Cllr Jude Deakin attended the Commemoration of D-Day 79 on 6 June at the Living Memorial at Rettendon Common. Jude said it was a beautiful service in which she read 'A Quiet Peace'. She later spent time talking to veterans, armed forces representatives and their families. At the end of the service, she was presented with a 'We will remember them' cushion. #lestweforget2023.



She then went on to Melbourne Park to watch the Primary School Mini Games. Lots of very enthusiastic year 2 pupils were having fun trying their hardest in all the activities. The Deputy Mayor presented that day's winners with their medals. The event takes place over several days with lots of schools taking part. The overall winners will be announced after the last group of schools finish their event later in the week.



The mayor was pleased to meet up with the Mayor of Towcester to wish him well on walking 125 miles solo along the route of Boudica's revolt to raise money for his charities. Cllr David Torbun started his walk in Colchester and will continue his journey through London, St. Albans and Dunstable finishing back in Towcester on 11th June.

This was followed by the Mayor and Consort Ian having a great time at Young Gen's production of '13 The Musical' at Chelmsford Theatre on 7th June. The mayor has a particular interest in musical theatre and really enjoyed this lively and fast-moving show with brilliant performances from all involved.



Chelmsford Community Radio 104.4FM hosted a Radio Drama Festival recording at Essex Records Office which the Mayor was pleased to attend on Friday evening. There were two recordings, the other written & narrated by John Mabey, were very enjoyable.



One Saturday evening the Mayor and her Consort attended the Annual Welsh Society Concert at Chelmsford Cathedral with the fabulous voices of the Cor Godre'r Arun Welsh Male Voice Choir who had travelled from North Wales to bring their vocal joy to the audience with their wide selection of music. The Mayor and Consort thoroughly enjoyed the evening, particular thanks to the soloists and musical director Eirian Owen.

The Curve Foundation hosted their first charity 7 a side football competition during a very hot Sunday afternoon at Moulsham High School. The Mayor heard all about the mission of Curve to educate, motivate and inspire children and young adults on mental health issues. This tournament brought together local businesses, organisations and the local community to raise awareness of their mission. **Congratulations** to all the teams who took part and particularly the winners Dandara & runners up Inter Springfield who were presented with the first Curve Ball Cup by the Mayor.



The President's Sporting Club & The Essex Disabled Sports Association held their annual sports event for 500 disabled children from all over Essex at Chelmsford Sport and Athletics Centre in Salerno Way. The Mayor & her Consort Ian met sporting legends Sir Trevor Brooking, Peter Shilton O.B.E & President of the Charity Frank Bruno M.B.E. The children had a great time with opportunities to try many different sporting activities both inside the Sports Centre & outside on the playing fields.



Volunteers were on hand to help the young people from Chelmsford City Football Club and students from Felsted School. Mike Jackson is Chairman of the Charity and It's aims are to increase their self-confidence, physical development and self-esteem to help them meet challenges that they may face later in life. There was a wonderful atmosphere with the children's laughter ringing out during the day, such a joyful and worthwhile event.

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

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