

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



The Mayor & her Consort visited the Royal Air Force Association (RAFA) stall in High Chelmer last month to meet the volunteers and hear about the welfare support and care it offers to their members. Such a vital service for our Veterans and their families.

www.rafa.org.uk



Springers put on a spectacular performance of Disney's 'The Little Mermaid' at Chelmsford Theatre which the whole Mayoral party attended the Saturday afternoon for the matinee. The performances, costumes and scenery projections were brilliant and so well produced. The Mayor was delighted to see the performance was captioned on screens at either side of the stage for anyone with a hearing impairment.

www.springers.co.uk

The England Athletics Under 20 & Under 23 championships were hosted by the Chelmsford Sports & Athletics Centre and welcomed more than 2,000 athletes, coaches and visitors to the stadium including former Olympic sprint & hurdler Tony Jarrett and Dwain Chambers, one of the fastest European sprinters in the history of athletics.

The Mayor & her Consort enjoyed watching track & field events on Sunday afternoon and said it was great to see such a high standard of Sport at such a prestigious event in our City. Comments from visiting athletes & coaches were all positive - saying how good the facilities were as well as the efficiency of staff on duty. A great weekend - well done to Centre Manager Justin Hubbard and all staff involved for staging such a successful event.

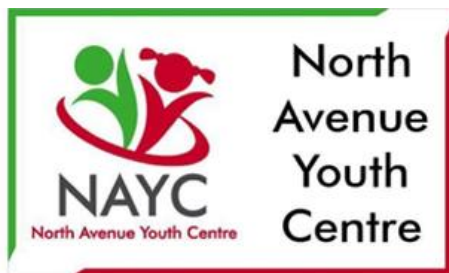




Chelmsford City Council was proud to raise the Armed Forces Day Flag above the Civic Centre during a special ceremony led by the Mayor, Cllr Linda Mascot. The raising of the flag honours Britain's Armed Forces of the past, present, and future during Armed Forces Week 2023.



The Mayor and Deputy Mayor were pleased to attend the Southend on Sea Council Civic Service with Mayor of the City of Southend, Cllr Stephen Habermel, and really enjoyed hearing The Music Man Project with Southend Vox Choir performing 'Music is Magic'.



The Mayor attended the North Avenue Youth centre AGM where Lady Rosemary Ruggles- Brise, Deputy Lieutenant of Essex, presented awards to the inspirational young people who attend. Thanks to Charlie, the trustees & volunteers for the great work and opportunities they provide at the Youth Centre.
www.northavenueyouthcentre.co.uk

Around 85 walkers set off on the Summer Solstice Stride on either 5K or 10K options, including previous Mayor, Cllr Sue Dobson. The regular walk was arranged by Chelmsford City Council's Anthony Bensley as part of the Heart & Sole initiative and saw the many volunteers set off from ARU whilst raising for the Mayor's Charity, YMCA Essex.





Chelmsford & District Junior Schools Music Festival at Chelmsford Theatre took place last week with 23 Primary schools participating over 4 evenings and was aptly titled 'Back for Good' after not taking place for the previous 4 years.

The Mayor really enjoyed the show conducted by Musical Director Natalie Thurlow. All the children sang joyfully with big smiles on their faces.

The Mayor enjoyed attending the NHS Pride Picnic on the garden area behind Broomfield Hospital, it was great to meet staff wearing a wonderful array of rainbow colours to celebrate the inclusion & diversity of their employees. Hospital radio providing a musical backdrop.



The Mayor and her Consort enjoyed a very pleasant evening at the Chelmsford Lions dinner at Ivy Hill hearing about and celebrating the great work they do in their local community. Recent projects include helping Farleigh with recycling Christmas Trees, creating a new garden project at Riding for the Disabled, providing stewards at charity events, and many more in the wider & global communities. Congratulations to Andrea Cooper for 2 very successful years as President and best wishes to Vice-President Jim who takes over as President on 1st July.

www.chelmsfordlionsclub.org.uk

Moulsham Lodge Community Trust (MLCT) held a Health & Well-being event on Saturday showcasing local services to support health & wellbeing in the local area. The Mayor & Consort found it very interesting.

www.mlct.org.uk



Pride is one of the Mayor's favourite events having attended for more than 10 years and on Saturday 24th June it started with a fabulous parade of colour and joy through Chelmsford City Centre into Central Park. What a brilliant event, thanks to Garry Ormes & the Pride committee for their hard work and commitment to making Chelmsford such a vibrant, diverse, inclusive and welcoming place to be.

www.essexpride.org





Chelmsford City Opera put on a fabulous performance recreating a night of Viennese music at 'An Evening in Vienna' (it was actually St. John's Church in Moulsham Street but the audience were transported there through the excellent music). The Mayor attended with her Consort and thanked Conductor Gerald Hindes, the Orchestra, soloists and chorus for an excellent concert.

The Mayor attended the Essex Council for Voluntary Youth Services (ECVYS) AGM & celebration of work.

During the event, they officially opened their Memorial Garden for Sharon Sellens, and heard from some of their amazing members & organisations about their work with the young people of our county.

It was a such a great event to be invited to and to hear all the marvellous work our youth volunteers do up and down the county. www.ecvys.org.uk



The Mayor & her Consort were honoured to have been invited to the Remus Horse Sanctuary's 40th Anniversary celebration with a Royal visit by their Patron, HRH Sophie, the Duchess Of Edinburgh. The High Sheriff Charles Bishop and Deputy Lieutenant Vincent Thompson were also in attendance. (photo credit: Christopher Rushton)

Sue Burton, owner and founder of Remus has dedicated her life to rescuing and giving a permanent home to many different mistreated animals including horses, donkeys and goats. www.remussanctuary.org

Behind the Rainbow exhibition at Chelmsford Museum Co-curated by Pride Essex & the Museum - exhibits of memorabilia, moving testimony and artwork as well as a timeline of milestones including changes in law to support the LGBTQ+ community.

The Chelmsford Science and Engineering Society Annual Technology competition for schools (TEXPO) saw teams of students from local schools competing with their ideas and prototypes Anglia Ruskin University. The Mayor and her Consort found it both interesting and informative speaking to the students about their projects which ranged from re-using crisp packets for insulation to a device with sensors that warns of overhead railway lines sagging. It was great to see such emerging STEM talent & teamwork from young people.





At the Annual Skills Festival run by Chelmsford City Council and hosted by Writtle University College the Mayor and her Consort saw first-hand how the event was inspiring around 1,000 year 8 pupils before they choose their GCSE options and gave them hands on experience of many different jobs with fun activities from 50 employers and organisations.

The Deputy Mayor attended the funeral of the former Mayor of Chelmsford, Trevor Miller. The service attended by his widow Maureen and close family and friends was poignant for Jude as she had served as Trevor's Deputy Mayor in 2013-14.

The Mayor really enjoyed watching Writtle CARDS performing 'Murdered to Death' on Friday evening. This murder mystery drama was very funny, full of red herrings, had excellent characterisation and was very well cast. Well done to all involved with the production.

www.writtlecards.webs.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

The chosen Charity for 2023/2024 is YMCA Essex www.ymcaessex.org.uk

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