

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



New Hall School held its annual Exhibition Day for Years 9-11. The Mayors Consort, Ian accompanied the Deputy Mayor to this event held on the front lawn of the school. There many awards presented to the year groups with several performances from the pupils throughout the ceremony. The Head Boy Samuel and Head Girl Felicity gave thoughtful farewell speeches before handing their chains of office onto the new incumbents.

www.newhallschool.co.uk



The Chelmsford Festival walking Carnival was a bright & busy event that the Mayor and her Consort were happy to join. They walked with Chelmsford CVS, holding some of the silk flags made as part of the C100 Chelmsford mobile celebration of community, creativity, environment and volunteering. There were 100 silk flags created to illustrate local stories, splendidly held aloft at the front of the carnival procession which started at Riverside Leisure Centre and culminated in Oaklands Park where everyone enjoyed food a large stage full of people, music, colour and a large range of food stalls.

www.chelmsfordcarnival.co.uk

Later the same afternoon as the carnival was the Civic Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the Mayoral year in Chelmsford Cathedral which included multi faith Sikh and Hindu prayers. Essex Dance Theatre performed a beautiful, enigmatic dance during the service as well as Baddow Hall Junior School choir singing 'Mr Blue Sky', 'I Am What I Am', and 'When I grow Up'.



The Mayor is very grateful to the Interim Dean of the Cathedral, The Very Rev'd Paul Kennington and the Chelmsford Cathedral Choral Foundation, Andy Drake, CEO of YMCA Essex, Mayor's Chaplain, James Bell, The Chelmsford Hindu Society Temple, Sikhs of Chelmsford, Baddow Hall Junior School choir, Chelmsford Air Cadets and Chelmsford Sea Cadets for their contributions to such a lovely service.

www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk



The Mayor & Consort, Ian met a group of Essex Wing Air Cadets on their water safety training evening at Paper Mill Lock, Ian joined the cadets on a paddle board whilst the Mayor chatted to Flight Lieutenant Elly Shipley about this training and how it builds resilience and encourages teamwork within the Cadets.

Sanfest was a celebration of music, drama and dance by students at The Sandon School which the Mayor attended with her Consort for the evening, son Joe Mascot. Headteacher Andy Weaver was justifiably proud of all the performances, thanks to the dedicated Drama, Dance and Music Teachers as well all the talented students who performed so well.

www.sandon.essex.sch.uk



The Mayor was particularly delighted to open the Baddow Hall Schools PSA Summer Festival on Friday as it's where she works in her 'day job' as Inclusion Manager. The sun shone on the many stalls and pupils in the choir performed as well as a talent show. Thanks to the PSA who organised the event, the many volunteers on the stalls and all the parents who attended to support the school.

www.baddowhall-jun.essex.sch.ukk/psa

The High Sheriff of Essex, Charles Bishop, and his wife Nellie hosted a Garden Party in Braxted on a lovely sunny afternoon with music by Essex Marching Corps. The Mayor and her consort enjoyed a pleasant afternoon hearing about the Essex Community Foundation which provides financial support for voluntary and community organisations which are charitable in purpose.

www.highsheriffofessex.com



Essex County Council Chairman, Cllr Jill Reeves held her Annual Reception on Friday in Benfleet which was attended by The Mayor and her Consort. The event was very well attended in a lovely garden setting

www.essex.gov.uk

The Mayor was delighted to revisit her own Infant School, Moulsham Infant School to officially open their Summer Fayre. New City Voices we're singing in the sunshine and the stalls were buzzing with people, the barbecue was particularly welcome as the Mayor was going on to 3 more engagements that afternoon. Well done to Moulsham Infants Smile (support Moulsham Infants Learning Experience) to putting in such a successful event to help enrich the children's school experience.

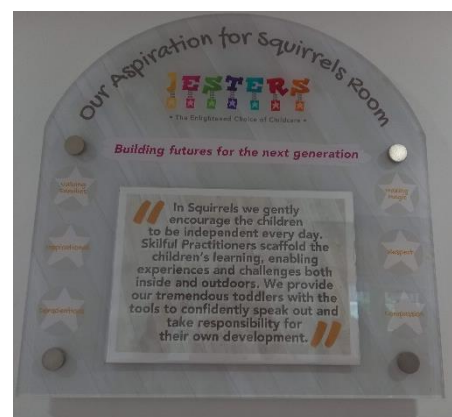
www.moulsham-inf.essex.sch.uk



Mahanaim City Church held their Annual ROAR conference at Sandon Village Hall on Saturday where the Mayor and her Consort were given a very warm welcome at this joyful event by Pastor Frederick Wireko. Cllr Mascot gave a speech and was presented with a lovely portrait sketched by Victor Mangbon which was gratefully received.

www.mahanaimcitychurchuk.com

Alison & her team welcomed the Mayor and her Consort to Jesters Day Nursery & Pre-School Beaulieu to help celebrate the 4 year old pre-schooler 'Deers' graduating from Danbury, Bicknacre & Beaulieu nursery settings. She was happy to meet Pluto and Poncho the Alpacas from All Things Alpaca and had some delicious carrot cake from The Dessert Kitchen. www.jesterskids.org/beaulieu/nursery-pre-school



Cllr Mascot was delighted to see great examples Of early years practice and looks forward to returning to read to the children in the near future.



ESAA English Schools Athletics Association held their 42nd Track & Field Cup Final at Chelmsford Sport and Athletics Centre schools event on Saturday which the Mayor & Consort were pleased to attend.

Congratulations to the winning schools who were presented with their trophies by Deputy Lieutenant Hugh Toler. www.esaa.org.uk

It was with sadness that The Mayor heard that her good friend, Youth & Community Pastor at Tile Kiln Church, James Bell and his wife Rachel will be leaving to take up a new post as Chaplain at Edge Faith Ministries in Chesterfield. Tile Kiln Church held a community day to celebrate and give thanks to James and Rachel which the Mayor & Consort were pleased to attend to wish them well. James will continue as the Mayor's Chaplain for the remainder of the annual term until May. www.tilekilnchurch.org.uk





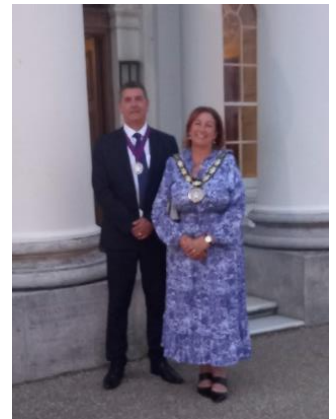
The Mayor and her Consort attended Chairman of Rochford District Council , Cllr Jack Lawmon's Garden Party at The Lawn in Rochford on Sunday where the raffle raised more than £500 for his charity SCAF (supporting carers and families). www.rochford.gov.uk

Essex Police held their Annual Awards ceremony for Contact Management staff at Essex Police HQ on Monday evening where the Mayor was delighted to help present the awards and thank staff for long service and commendations for outstanding service with Deputy Chief Constable Rachel Nolan.

Contact Management Staff & Officers in the Force Control Room carry out a crucial role as they are the first point of contact for 999 calls, supporting the people of Essex at their time of need, the Mayors expressed her gratitude on behalf of the residents of Essex for the outstanding service they provide. www.essex.police.uk



The Mayor and Consort were pleased to attend the Greater Essex Careers Hub Enterprise Awards Ceremony at Hylands House to recognise and celebrate the work that businesses and volunteers undertake to improve and deliver education, information, guidance and advice to young people in Essex Schools. www.greateressexcareershub.co.uk



The Chief Executive of Chelmsford City Council Nick Eveleigh joined the Mayor and her Consort in the Mayor's Parlour for tea and cake to present Certificates and thank previous City Councillors for their service to the residents of Chelmsford.

The Mayor was delighted to attend Chelmer Valley High School's vibrant performance of 'Matilda The Musical' where she received a very warm welcome. Everyone involved in the performance had worked hard and it was great to see how young people and teachers across the drama, music and art departments have produced such a brilliant show - the first whole school production since 2019, thanks to all involved. www.chelmervalleyhighschool.co.uk



The Mayor and Consort were pleased to attend The South Hanningfield Summer Show which the Mayor was honoured to officially open. The event is organised by local volunteers who are raising money to continue refurbishing the Village Hall. There were many gift, craft and refreshment stalls with Shenfield Model Railway display in the hall. There was a full programme of events going on



throughout the day which included Irish dancing, singing and wood turning demonstrations. The Mayor spent time talking to Rayleigh Air Cadets who did a good job of marshalling traffic. She spent an enjoyable afternoon watching the entertainment and buying homemade chutneys, earrings and a necklace from the craft stalls.



www.e-voice.org.uk/shanningfieldvillagehall

The Talent Pool Academy was started 14 years ago to support children who were struggling in education, Meena Kumar offers tuition for all ages from prep to A level and has recently expanded her business to Chelmsford sharing the space at Munch Cafe. The Mayor was pleased to watch students performing in a talent show and present awards for their achievements. www.talentpoolacademy.com



Muthamil Academy held a celebration event in Writtle Village hall where the Mayor and Consort were invited to hear about how they teach the Tamil language, arts and culture with singing, dance and yoga classes online to help unite the Tamil speaking people in a strong and supportive community. They enjoyed a delicious Indian meal and chatted to people who had travelled from neighbouring Counties to join this event. The Mayor joined others in lighting a candle to signify the start of the event with other honoured guests including Deputy Mayor of Croydon, Councillor Appu Srinivasan and Chelmsford City Cllr Vetri Pappa.



The Mayor & Consort had a great Sunday morning at the Hylands open day — a vibrant event with Urban Food Festival providing a large variety of delicious Street food on offer, music by Hotbox and children’s games and craft sponsored by Friends of Hylands House as a welcome addition to the other activities on offer. It was good to see such an iconic venue packed with all ages enjoying the entertainment. The Mayor took the opportunity to have a coffee at the shiny newly refurbished ‘Deli’ cafe in The Stables and couldn’t resist buying different items from the variety of stalls & Stables craft units, including hand poured candles by L.J Rayner and a handmade peg bag from Cosima’s www.hylandsestate.co.uk www.hylandsestate.co.uk/artiststudios



Essex Dance Theatre held their Annual Showcase ‘Dance is Who We Are’ at Chelmsford Theatre over 2 performances on Sunday. The Mayor and her Consort are no strangers to EDT as their son and daughter were both part of this welcoming dance community for many years, with their son Joe going on to gain a Performing Arts degree and become a professional dancer under the guidance of Principal Debbie Holme. The Annual show was flawless in its energetic performances from all involved across many dance genres and was thoroughly enjoyed by the Mayor Linda Mascot and husband Ian. Congratulations to all performers and choreographers for an excellent show. www.essexdancetheatre.co.uk



The Mayor and her Consort attended the Chelmsford Science and Engineering Society TEXPO Awards Evening at Anglia Ruskin University and delivered a speech on how Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths (STEM) solutions are helping to solve global problems and this competition serves to nurture new ideas to ensure a bright future of innovation. Essex County Council Chairman, Cllr Jill Reeves gave out the awards and congratulated all the prize-winners. www.cses.org.uk



Columbus School & College held their remarkable lives leavers ball at Pontlands Park on Wednesday evening with an award ceremony. Many students have been with Columbus since they were 3 years old and are now moving onto other provisions. The Mayor and her Consort were delighted to help celebrate all of their achievements so far and wish them the very best on their onward journey, as well as presenting awards to other young people who had reached unique and amazing milestones. www.columbusschoolandcollege.org



The Mayor and Consort were privileged to attend the 71st (City of London) Yeomanry Signal Regimental reception at Lincoln's Inn Arc.



The Deputy Mayor Jude Deakin and Deputy Mayoress Helen attended a joyous Multicultural Day with Redeemed Christian

Church of God. There was lots of singing and plenty of dancing. Jude gave a speech on the importance of heritage and diversity within the community and was presented with some flowers. It was a wonderful way to start a Sunday with Helen joining in some of the dancing.

www.rccgpojessex.org



Later the same day the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress paid a visit to Chelmsford Sports and Athletics Centre where they were shown around before cutting the ribbon to open the new running track. They stayed on to enjoyed watching some of the England Athletics Championships.

www.chelmsford.gov.uk

The Deputy Mayor was a guest of ARU at Chelmsford Cathedral for the graduation of some of their Business Students. Later that evening she chaired the Full Council meeting at Chelmsford City Council.

www.aru.ac.uk



The Deputy Mayor dropped into Melbourne Park to meet families who were there for Picnic in the Park. The children were involved in themed activities throughout the week and today it was dinosaurs. Fortunately, the weather was good, and it was a big success with everyone.

www.chelmsford.gov.uk

The final Thursday of July was the official opening of Tindal Square. There were lots of street artists performing in the area outside Shire Hall which attracted a crowd of people. The Deputy Mayor was delighted to be invited to make a speech at the opening of Tindal Square and was presented with a balloon key to the door of Shire Hall. www.chelmsford.gov.uk





The new Wickes store off Waterhouse Lane invited the Deputy Mayor to cut the ribbon and declare it officially open. Jude spoke to several staff and was shown around the extensive store. www.wickes.co.uk



Moving on from the store opening the Deputy Mayor went to Chelmsford Cathedral to attend the graduation of Essex and Thames Scitt newly qualified teachers, where she made a short speech congratulating the graduates. The ceremony was attended by staff and lots of family and friends. www.etpscitt.co.uk



Following the graduation ceremony, the Deputy Mayor moved on to spend lunchtime with some wonderful children. They were attending fun classes learning about their African heritage through a scheme provided by volunteers from the Chelmsford Community Support Centre. The children sang songs, asked questions and told her a little about what they had been learning before being presented with their certificates of attendance. The Deputy Mayor was presented with flowers and chocolates. www.chelmsfordcsc.org

The last Saturday in July the Deputy Mayor Jude and Deputy Mayoress Helen went to Hylands Park for the opening of Go Ape Chelmsford. After the ribbon cutting ceremony Helen tried out the Treetop Adventure Plus which she thoroughly enjoyed. www.goape.co.uk



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](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk) 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](http://www.ymcaessex.org.uk) or using the QR code below



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