

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



The Mayor of Chelmsford, Cllr Linda Mascot, accompanied by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Jude Deakin had the privilege of opening The Range in the High Street at the beginning of December. www.therange.co.uk



The Mayor and Deputy Mayor were pleased to join Honorary Freeman, Freda Mountain and other volunteers supporting Marie Curie Nurses in Chelmsford City Centre. www.mariecurie.org.uk

A beautiful maple tree has been planted to mark Cllr Linda Mascot's time in office as Mayor of Chelmsford. The 2023–24 mayor chose to plant a Norwegian Maple Princeton Gold tree in her local park, Chelmer Park. Look next time you're visiting and see it grow and change throughout the seasons! 🌳



The Mayor Elf from the North Pole dropped into the Christmas Fair at Baddow Hall Infant and Junior Schools to make sure the rest of Santa's helpers were doing a good job in spreading Christmas cheer. She was pleased to see everyone there having a lovely time and thanked volunteers from the PSA and staff for helping to raise funds to benefit both schools. www.baddowhallinfant.co.uk/psa



The Mayor was very happy to officially open the 'Back Room' of Hot Box Live which will be used for community events and activities including competitive dominoes ! The Mayor spotted original artwork from many of the brilliant [#concretecanvass](https://www.instagram.com/concretecanvass) artists including My Dog Sighs and The London Police.

Hotbox is a not-for-profit venue in Chelmsford which is inclusive, accessible and staging original music, drag, comedy and poetry. The Mayor thanked MD and chief tea drinker David Hughes for supporting new music acts and

live performances in Chelmsford. www.hotboxlive.co.uk

It was great to see Dave Whitehead and Gloria Nichols at the Chelmsford Cathedral Christmas Market, Chelmsford Town Twinning Association stand. www.chelmsfordtwinningpartnership.co.uk



The Mayor was very happy to officially open the Christmas Tree Festival at the Church of our Saviour in Chelmer Village. The trees were all beautifully decorated in very different ways with prizes for the best decorated and most ecologically friendly, which was a great category to provoke thought, discussion and planning in the groups participating. It was a lovely afternoon watching JD Dance School and the local Brownies performing whilst buying some lovely craft items and eating homemade cake.

www.churchoos.org.uk



It was a pleasure for the Mayor and her Consort and the Deputy Mayor and her Mayoress to attend the Chelmsford Theatre for the press launch of Jack and the Beanstalk. A wonderful production with a very talented cast...Oh yes it was 😊 Make sure you book your tickets, it's a fabulous, fun-packed adventure with plenty of audience participation! Great family fun for all ages. www.chelmsfordtheatre.co.uk

Broomfield Hospital's Renal unit patients who are either undertaking dialysis or have had kidney transplants held their annual Christmas party at Writtle University College. The Mayor and her Consort joined Nurses, patients and their families and heard what a great support network they are for each other. Money raised from the raffle will fund a day out for them all to Felixstowe. www.mse.nhs.uk/renal-services



The Mayor and Deputy were delighted to meet Santa and wave off his fundraising sleigh from Beaulieu Community Centre as he set off to visit children in Beaulieu, Channels, Boreham, North Springfield, Ford End and The Walthams. Chelmsford Mildmay Rotary helper elves were on hand to accompany Santa and collect money for The Childrens Society, Wilderness Foundation and other local charities, what a lovely community-minded group of volunteers to spread the Christmas spirit. www.rotary-ribi.org
www.childrensociety.org.uk
www.wildernessfoundation.org.uk

The Mayor and Deputy enjoyed spending a short time with the residents of Cherry Wood Grange for their Christmas light switch on and festivities.
www.cherrywoodgrangecarehome.co.uk



The City of Chelmsford Mencap held their annual Christmas Concert at Chelmsford Cathedral with wonderful and joyous performances from The Waltham Singers, conducted by Andrew Fardell, and performances from CCM volunteers, service users and the brilliant Awesome Beats Collective. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor joined DL Julie Abel-Smith, High Sheriff of Essex Charles Bishop and Chair of Trustees Antony North for the uplifting service.
www.cityofchelmsfordmencap.org.uk

The weather was not kind, it was pouring with rain but that didn't dampen the spirits of the Mayor and her son, Joe, as they joined walkers, volunteers and cycle marshals for the Yuletide Stride starting at ARU. Walkers were guided through the twinkly lights of Chelmsford High Street, Moulsham Street, the market square and around the Cathedral grounds. The walk was just over 5km in length and took in the best Christmas sites around Chelmsford. Kind walkers donated £5 to cover the event cost and the rest go to the Mayor's chosen charity for this year, YMCA Essex. www.chelmsford.gov.uk





The Mayor took a trip down memory Lane at Moulsham Infant school to watch the Years 1 & 2 performing their Christmas Show - Babushka.

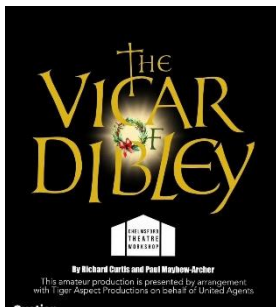
She stood on the stage there 57 years ago to perform her nativity and had watched all her children do the same.

It was such a pleasure to see Headteacher, Mrs Landa-Arrese who taught several of her children. What a joyous show, they all sang and read their lines beautifully.

www.moulsham-inf.essex.sch.uk

What a lovely morning for The Mayor and her daughter Izzy at St Michael's Church Galleywood with fabulous fundraiser Beryl and Rev David Cattle at the Christmas Tree Festival. It was great to see all the local groups had decorated their trees which adorned the church and gave it such an inclusive community feel. A big shout out to Beryl who did such a good job organising their 2nd tree festival, and all the volunteers making and serving refreshments.

www.stmichaelsgalleywood.org.uk



Chelmsford Theatre Workshop (CTW) put on a brilliant Christmas-themed production of The Vicar of Dibley which the Mayor and her Consort really enjoyed. The casting was perfect, and it was no surprise that the show sold out. Congratulations to all involved in the show for a great evening's entertainment. www.ctw.org.uk

The Mayor, her Escort and Deputy Mayor had great pleasure in attending the Salvation Army Christmas Carol and Nativity Service at the Chelmsford Citadel in Baddow Road. The service was very well attended with the Salvation Army band, choir and timbrels providing a lively and joyous festive feel.

www.salvationarmy.org.uk/chelmsford





The Mayor and Deputy called in to see Paul in Kings Road with his spectacular Christmas lights and thanked him for raising so much money for charity over the years and putting a smile on everyone's face. This year he is raising money for Essex & Herts Air Ambulance as Paul said 'you never know when you might need them'. www.ehaat.org

Bethel Ministries, Telugu Church held their Christmas celebrations at Old Chelmsfordians Association Hall in Roxwell Road on Sunday evening. The Mayor and her Consort enjoyed watching the choir, a lovely nativity and learnt about how the church was founded and has expanded from Revd Salomi Sukesh, the founder and Pastor. The Mayor wished the congregation a very Happy Christmas. www.bethelTeluguchurch.co.uk



The Mayor really enjoyed The Boswells School Carol at All Saints Church in Springfield on Monday evening. Revd Sally Croft welcomed students and parents with musical performances by the Boswells Orchestra, Community Glee Club and Boswells Choir. Headteacher, Stephen Mansell thanked the packed congregation for attending and hardworking teachers and pupils for making the concert such a success. www.boswells-school.com

Blesma, The Limbless Veterans charity held their Christmas Carol Service at Chelmsford Cathedral on Tuesday evening with HRH The Duke of Gloucester, HM Lord Lieutenant, Jennifer Tolhurst and Essex High Sheriff, Charles Bishop in attendance as well and the Mayor and her Consort. There were uplifting performances from The Essex Police Community Choir, soloist Naomi Kilby accompanied by Nigel Foster, with Boston Mwense and David Bousho from St. Alban's Roman Catholic Church in Hornchurch performing a duet. Blesma is a much-needed, specialist Service charity, based in Chelmsford, which supports veterans with disabling injuries to help them reach their fullest potential. www.blesma.org



Rivermead Rotary club held their breakfast meeting at Pontlands Park Country Hotel in Great Baddow which the Mayor was honoured to attend. Rotary are a fantastic organisation who provide community service to local and international communities. The Mayor thanked the Rotarians for supporting each other and their communities - Rivermead Rotary club are currently raising funds for Essex Dementia Care. www.rotary-ribi.org
www.essexdementiacare.org.uk

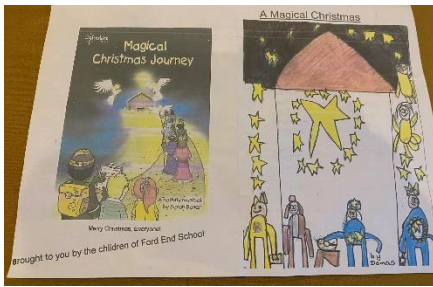
The Deputy Mayor joined residents of John Henry Keene Memorial Homes based in Broomfield Road, for their delicious Christmas lunch. She and had very enjoyable afternoon. www.keenehomes.org.uk

JOHN HENRY KEENE
Memorial Homes
Founded 1933



Chelmsford City Councillors kindly donated items from the Chelmsford Foodbank Christmas list. It was the Mayor's pleasure to be able to deliver these to the warehouse in Beehive Lane. www.chelmsfordfoodbank.org.uk





Ford End Primary School had their first performance of A Magical Christmas Journey with their EYFS & KS1 children. The children did so well to remember their lines, stage directions and all the songs. The Deputy Mayor was delighted to attend and spent a lovely afternoon with some very proud parents and carers watching the performance. www.fordendschool.com

New Hall School invited the Mayor and her Consort to their Advent Carol Service in their Chapel on Wednesday evening. The students voices were beautifully amplified in the chapel during a lovely, festive service.



The Mayor and Deputy made a quick visit to the Police contact centre (control room for emergency calls) to wish all the staff a very Happy Christmas. Best wishes to all front-line workers who are on shift during Christmas and New Year to keep us all safe and well.

When Dr Paul Craven retired as a GP, he set himself the challenge of walking through all the County Towns of England. The Mayor was pleased to meet Paul outside the Civic Centre after he had walked from Hertford to chat about his endeavours and how most people plan to retire and take it easy! www.newhallschool.co.uk





Every Christmas Farleigh Hospice hold a service to remember someone special. The Deputy Mayor attended Light Up a Life which was held in Chelmsford Cathedral. It was a beautiful service with music from the Salvation Army Band and songs from the Farleigh Hospice Choir. www.farleighhospice.org

The Mayor and her Consort had a wonderful time at Columbus College for their Student Assembly and Christmas market. The performances were brilliant and the Mayor thanked all the staff for their hard work and dedication to the students
www.columbuschoolandcollege.org



The Mayor unveiled a lifesaving, catastrophic bleed box outside the clubhouse of Chelmsford City Football Club in Melbourne, donated thanks to Julie Taylor's fundraising for the The Liam Taylor Legacy, after the tragic loss of her grandson , Liam in 2020. These public-access specialist first-aid kits include items which could save a life until help arrives. The Mayor thanked Chairman of CCFC, Steve Shore for agreeing to have the box on prominent display and hoped it would act as an anti-knife deterrent. www.chelmsfordcityfc.com



The Mayor's Annual multi-faith Civic Carol Service was held in Chelmsford Cathedral on Friday attended by HM Lord Lieutenant, Jennifer Tolhurst and High Sheriff of Essex, Charles Bishop who later enthused that the Mayor 'smashed it with a vibrant service including brass band (Chelmsford Salvation Army), Choir (New City Voices) and dancers (Essex Dance Theatre)' Thanks to all involved in filling the cathedral with song and dance to celebrate the festive season - including Andy Drake from the YMCA Essex with a very plausible Scrooge impression! An evening of pure joy. You can watch a recording on YouTube www.youtube.com/watch?v=xUQYkX3730c



www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk
www.newcityvoices.co.uk

www.salvationarmy.org.uk/chelmsford
www.essexdancetheatre.co.uk

The Mayor and her Consort popped in to the Royal Air Force Association (RAFA) Christmas Party in Hall Street for a cup and tea, a chat and to draw the raffle with the veterans, their families and volunteers. The Mayor thanked the volunteers for supporting this lovely group and wished them all a very Happy Christmas.

www.rafa.org.uk



Springfield Parish Centre was the venue for the Muthamil Academy's cooking competition which saw 12 entrants using healthy ingredients to cook traditional and unique sweet and savoury dishes. The Mayor sampled all of them and was glad she wasn't judging as they were all delicious. The Muthamil Academy promotes and educates the Tamil language through language, arts and culture with values including integrity, support, positivity and motivation.

Essex Police Band and Community Choir held a jubilant Christmas Concert at Christchurch which the Mayor and Deputy were pleased to attend along with Chairman of Essex County Council, Cllr Jill Reeves and Chief Constable B. J. Harrington. The rousing performance from the band and choir was enhanced by their festive outfits during the second part of the concert.



The Mayor and her Consort were delighted to meet Santa at the well-attended Hylands Estate Open Day which included a Christmas Craft Market in the Grand Pavilion where Hazel Clark and other charity volunteers raised £218 for the Mayor's Charity, the YMCA Essex.

www.hylandsestate.co.uk



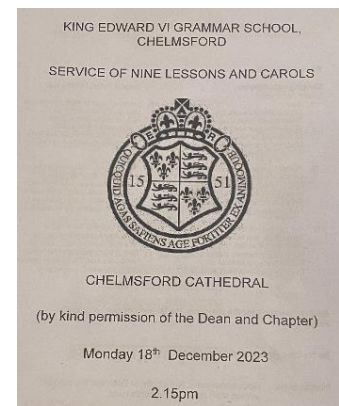


St Mary with St Leonard, Broomfield, invited the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to their village Carol Service on Sunday. Vicar, Rev'd Carolyn Tibbott led the enjoyable service with readings from different members of the community. The Mayor and Deputy were then shown the newly restored majestic fresco by artist Rosemary Rutherford in the tower of the church.

www.stmarybroomfield.org

The Deputy Mayor had the pleasure of attending Chelmsford Cathedral for the KEGS Service of Nine Lessons and Carols. The soloist and choir sang beautifully, and the church resounded with happy young voices.

www.kegs.org.uk



The Mayor had a difficult task choosing the design for her Christmas Card. Maddison, age 10 was the successful winner. Maddison attends the South Woodham Ferrers [YMCA Essex](#) Youth Clubs. A budding artist in the making.



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. Tickets are on sale and may make a last-minute Christmas gift? All proceeds will go to the Mayor's Charity – YMCA Essex

<https://www.chelmsfordtheatre.co.uk/events/the-mayors-charity-concert/>



The Mayor of Chelmsford,
Councillor Linda Mascot,
and her Consort, Ian Mascot,
wish you Season's Greetings
and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

December 2023



The Mayor of Chelmsford's Charity
2023 - 2024

YMCA ESSEX | Here for Young People
Here for Communities
Here for you

The card has been designed by Maddison, Age 10, YMCA Youth Club

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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