

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



The Mayor and Deputy Mayor were pleased to join the Royal Air Force Association (RAFA), where they were made very welcome for their regular quiz and buffet lunch, although they were well and truly beaten by the regulars there! www.rafa.org.uk



Ninja Warrior UK adventure park was opened by The Mayor with TV presenter Ben Shepherd and other Ninja Pro's including Beth Lodge who is the current Ninja Warrior UK champion.

The Mayor was pleased to hear about the inclusivity of the owners Prime Leisure - they offer SEN sessions every fourth Saturday and support employees with additional needs as well as providing a Changing Places facility for anyone with a disability. 'It's great to see a new venture in the city offering employment and fun physical activities to everyone aged 5 and up'.

www.ninjawarrioruk.co.uk/chelmsford



Essex Dance Theatre in Gt Baddow invited the Mayor and parents to a performance of The Lion King by their Summer Schoolers after 3 weeks of offering different musical theatre and creative childcare for local young people. The performance was full of energy and The Mayor was very impressed with how much confidence such young children displayed and thanked the Students at EDT for volunteering their time and expertise to teach during the 3 weeks.

www.essexdancetheatre.co.uk



The Mayor has visited several Play in the Park sessions where children and their families have been busy making slime, playing games, doing craft activities, and we're enthralled by the story-teller.

www.chelmsford.gov.uk/play-in-the-park



The Deputy Mayor spent the morning visiting the Echoes of History Show. Wonderful displays of uniforms and equipment representing USA, Russia, Germany and UK across the ages. Many enthusiastic clubs represented showing the items that they specialise in. There was something for everyone.

<https://www.echoesofhistoryshow.com>



Deputy Mayor spent several hours at the Inter Faith Triad Cricket Tournament at Broomfield Cricket Club. A wonderfully organised event by representatives from Chelmsford Cathedral, Chelmsford Muslim Society, and the event winners the Chelmsford Hindu Society ably supported this year, for the first time, by Essex County Cricket Club.

Presentations were made by Deputy Lord Lieutenant Sidra Naeem, Deputy Mayor of Basildon and Deputy Mayor of Chelmsford. This is always a great family event, and this year was no exception.

www.chelmsfordmuslimsociety.org

www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk

www.chelmsfordhindusociety.org





The Mayor and Consort joined families and passers-by at Summerballoo in Tindal Square enjoying a fantastic line-up of free activities and performances including stunt acts, a talking robot, pedalo rides and illuminated drummers. They then joined Danny Bounce DJ and Bam Bam Boogies dance crew at the City Garden Block Party in Bond Street for the 50th anniversary of

Hip Hop Celebrations. (photo Andy Morss Photography)
www.on-camera.uk



www.bambamboogies.com



A visit was arranged with Essex Community Foundation (ECF) to meet CEO Caroline and Chair of Trustees Nick to hear about the great work of the foundation in supporting the community and voluntary sector in Chelmsford.

www.essexcommunityfoundation.org.uk

Baycroft Care Home in Great Baddow held a barbeque for family and friends of their residents which the Mayor and Deputy Mayor were pleased to attend. They joined staff and residents in singing and dancing to local crooner Robert Jerome and were impressed to see the facilities on offer during a tour of the home. www.baycroftcarehomes.co.uk/great-baddow-care-home



The Mayor and her Consort attended the opening night of Bill Kenwright's award winning musical 'Blood Brothers' at Chelmsford Theatre. The sold-out show featured incredible performances from the cast and ended with a full standing ovation from the audience. www.bloodbrothersmusical.com
www.chelmsfordtheatre.co.uk



Lodge coaches held their annual coach and car vehicle show at their Good Easter garage. Lodge Coaches has been family owned since 1920 and their Director Robert Lodge runs the luxury coach business supplying vehicles for holidays, excursions, schools and restored vintage vehicles which feature in film and tv programmes.

www.lodgecoaches.co.uk



Robert is working with Graham Hayden and the Worshipful Company of Carmen to provide ambulances, other vehicles and supplies to war-stricken Ukraine. www.thecarmen.co.uk

The Mayor and her Consort enjoyed seeing all the vintage cars and meeting presenter of 'Bangers and Cash' Derek Mathewson.

The YMCA run local summer holiday camps in conjunction with Active Essex for eligible children aged 5-11 as well as working with families who need extra support. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor have a particular interest in the work of the YMCA as they are the chosen Mayor's charity for the year. They visited two of these at Braintree Sport & Leisure Centre and Larkrise School in Great Baddow to see the fun activities provided and were pleased to hear from Head of Childcare & Youth Services, Ben and Youth Services Manager, Becky how they plan sports, crafts and teambuilding challenges as well as providing a nutritious hot meal for the children every day.

www.ymcaessex.org.uk



Chelmsford Ice Hockey Academy held their Ice Hockey children's camp at Riverside Leisure Centre where the Mayor and Deputy welcomed three Swedish coaches who had travelled to Chelmsford especially to coach the young people and enrich their experience, they also supported the Chelmsford coaches with their knowledge and insight of the game. The Mayor and Deputy watched a game on the ice at the end of a session with the Mayor dropping the puck to start the games. All the children had a great time and really enthused about the camp and the skills they learnt. www.chelmsfordiha.co.uk



Abberton Rural Training (ART) held an open day at their premises behind Moulsham Mill which the Mayor and Deputy Mayor were pleased to attend. CEO Jacqui explained that in 2022/23 467 people attended courses learning new skills, improving Mental Health, improving the environment and gaining qualifications.

ART support 100% wounded and injured Armed Forces personnel and their families in the process of medical discharge and recovery, including mental health support and debt advice. They have also had a direct hand in suicide prevention of 14 people and supported 27 into employment: 79.5% of employees have a disability or are Carers for someone with a disability.

The Mayor and Deputy heard that the demand for services had never been higher, and ART provide an important and much-needed service for improving and saving

lives of our residents. www.abbertonruraltraining.org



The Mayor was invited to see the Reed in Partnership Restart Scheme for participants who are unemployed and referred by the Job Centre. Partnership Manager, Ian explained how they offer a comprehensive Employment Adviser Meeting and a personal plan with mutually agreed steps, access to bespoke Skills Academy training, a Wellbeing Centre for emotional support, an Online Careers Centre & Financial Support which includes a grant for suitable interview clothing. The one-to-one support continues at least fortnightly with monthly reviews. The Mayor spoke to employees and Service users who all agreed this was a much-needed service to support Chelmsford residents.

Tesco have also kindly donated clothing available for unemployed participants and their families. www.reedinpartnership.co.uk



Chelmsford District Scout Council invited the Mayor to their AGM in Writtle where Young People who had taken part in Scouting Trips abroad presented their experiences from South Korea, USA and Jersey. The Mayor was impressed by their presenting skills and pleased to hear of their resourcefulness and resilience during these trips. They had all made new International friends and brought back life-affirming experiences. She was delighted to present a long-service award to Roger Cole, Chair of Trustees for 50 years of dedication to Scouting. www.chelmsfordscouts.org.uk



Mayor's Quiz Night – Saturday 14 October 2023

7.15pm for a prompt 7.30pm start

Great Baddow Parish Hall

Why not come and join us for a fantastic, fun and frivolous evening of Trivia in aid of the Mayor's Charity – YMCA Essex

Teams of up to 8 people or book as individuals

Tickets £8 per head

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

Tea and Coffee available

Tickets available from www.mlct.org.uk/mayors-quiz-night

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/mayors-office) 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](https://www.justgiving.com/ymca-essex) or using the QR code below



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