

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



CHESS Homeless held an event to give an update on their exciting new project Turning Point. The project is to build 24 modular homes, at a capital cost of £2.7million. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Jude Deakin was delighted to hear that through various funds, grants and generous donations CHESS are now only £250,000 short of the total needed to complete the build. Speakers included The Lord Lieutenant of Essex, Jennifer Tolhurst, Michelle Brown, Chair of Trustees, Steve Crane a former service user and the Bishop of Chelmsford the Rt

Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani who all praised the continuing work of CHESS.

www.chesshomeless.org

The Deputy Mayor along with firefighter Lee Phillips (referee on Gladiators) and retired firefighter Michael Lewis (Saracen from the original series of Gladiators) were pleased to break ground at the Living Memorial site in Rettendon for a Memorial for Firefighters who died in service. The Mayor will attend the official opening on May 4th where Fire Services from across the UK will be invited along with members of Red Knights International Firefighters Motorcycle Club. Mark Moughton continues to raise funds to support this memorial <https://gofund.me/fe9cb036>





The Mayor, Cllr Linda Mascot was invited to attend Chelmsford Art Society's exhibition held at RHS Gardens, Hyde Hall on Friday, where she met some of the artists who were exhibiting.

The collection of art, glassware and painted silk was beautifully curated and the Mayor was very impressed at the standard and different mediums used to create such lovely artwork. www.chelmsfordartsociety.com

Chelmsford Studio was the venue for a high-octane show of local talent last month, as the Mayor's Charity Show featured such brilliant performers as CYGAMS - young gen, The Dance Exclusive, HotHaus Drag UK, Joe Baker, Lyndsey Cassidy, Oink Music, George bone and James Gold with Andy Poole compering. The Mayor was delighted to give thanks to all involved for giving their time and talent to support YMCA Essex, and especially Garry Ormes for co-ordinating the whole show so well. www.chelmsfordtheatre.co.uk www.young-gen.co.uk



www.thedanceexclusive.co.uk www.hothausdrag.co.uk



The Mayor and her Consort were invited to see a preview at their Meteor Way HQ of (Chelmsford Amateur Operatic And Dramatic Society) upcoming production of Kiss Me Kate. They really enjoyed the funny, action-packed and emotionally charged show with brilliant casting. www.caods.com

The Mayor was honoured to be invited to speak at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Alan Arnot, previous Mayor of Chelmsford in 2010. Alan was a well-respected member of Chelmsford City Council for a total of 16 years and will be sorely missed, a minute's silence was held at the Council meeting on 21st February as a mark of respect.

Our condolences to his wife Jackie and the rest of his family.





Reed in Partnership held their Winter Wellbeing event with more than 25 stakeholders in the community on hand for help and support. The Mayor and consort met with members of this support network and spoke with service users. They were both impressed by the level of help given to people in order to support their employment, along with employers who give them a chance to succeed. Great partnership working.

www.reedinpartnership.co.uk

During the half term holiday, the Mayor and Consort, Ian had a lovely morning playing table tennis at Chelmsford Sports & Athletics Centre with 'Bat & Chat'. There were about 58 people attending with 22 tables in use and is totally accessible and inclusive. Gordon and his son David amongst other amazing volunteers, work with the Chelmsford Table Tennis Club, Table Tennis England and Chelmsford City Council to offer fun, informal sessions on Mondays and Thursdays from 10-12 noon.



All equipment is provided except bring your own mug for the coffee break mid-morning! The Mayor was delighted to see many familiar faces, including Lucy who was supporting Peter, who is living with the challenges of dementia.

The Mayor & Consort were presented with some lovely photo mugs which they used for their drinks whilst chatting to participants. It was so much fun that Ian will be joining the Thursday club on a regular basis, all abilities are welcome, including beginners, phone 01245 605666 to book a place. www.chelmsford.gov.uk



www.rafa.org.uk

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor have been delighted to welcome members of the RAFA Club and the Chelmsford and District Welsh Society into the Mayor's parlour for a visit to learn about the mayoralty, the City Council and to view the artefacts.



www.chelmsfordwelsh.org.uk



The Deputy Mayor, accompanied by the deputy mayoress, Helen, were honoured and delighted to attend the 100th Birthday celebrations of Gladys (Glad) Brown whom she has met several times before. Glad is a lovely gentle lady who still has a mischievous twinkle in her eye and made them both laugh.

The launch of Beat the Street took place at Anglia Ruskin University. Many of the partners who worked together to bring this fun game to Chelmsford and South Woodham Ferrers were represented.

It involved taking a stroll around the university and tapped our game cards to earn points. The Deputy Mayor was pleased to be joined by the Mayor of South Woodham Ferrers to cut the ribbon.

They were joined by pupils from The Cathedral School who clearly loved the game and were comparing points earned.



Cllr Lynsey McCarthy-Calvert, Worshipful Mayor of Castle Point, held her Civic Service at Runnymede Hall on Wednesday. which was a lovely mix of local interfaith ministers and community singers. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor joined High Sheriff Charles Bishop, along with other mayors and chairs from around Essex for the evening.

www.castlepoint.gov.uk

Tees Law invited the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to a networking event at The Courtyard to celebrate International Women's Day by recognising women in business for their many achievements.

Lisa, Associate Solicitor, explained how Tees Law recognise the importance of supporting women in business and facilitate regular network meetings. The Mayor and Deputy were inspired to meet so many talented women who have achieved so much in their careers and continue to do so.



www.teeslaw.com

CHARITY NEWS

A busy time ahead raising money for YMCA Essex, something for everyone! Why not get involved.....



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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