

Sunday 1 July - Open Garden Day



Wild meadow flowers in a Bradwell garden. © 2018 Wendy Stamp

I attended Councillor Richard Dewick's open garden day at his Bradwell home on behalf of the Farleigh Hospice.

Councillor Dewick is the Maldon District Councillor for Bradwell and chairs the South East Area Planning Committee, which holds its monthly meetings in the council chamber. (See the Town Calendar for meeting dates.)

We picked up some super ideas on wild meadow planting which Cllr. Bell and I are discussing with MDC.

It was a super day and I will be attending another one in July.

Saturday 7 July - Burnham Sailing Club Dinner



The Mayor takes control in the presentation of the St Mathew Cup. © 2018 Barrie Stamp
Cllr. Vanessa Bell and I attended the dinner. I presented the St Mathew Cup and watched a very interesting presentation on the history of the Squib - a fleet of one-design, Bermudan-rigged, open racing yachts designed in Burnham. The food and company was excellent again.

Sunday 8 July - Burnham Civic Service

Burnham Town Council hosted its annual Civic Service at All Saints Church in Creeksea.

It really was a superb event. Reverend Vera Wadman delivered a wonderful service with lovely readings performed by guests and me. The collection at the service raised £340 for the Mayor's Charity in aid of the Farleigh Hospice.

Then off to the Royal Corinthian for the reception, where the food, service and company was very good.

Thank you, Sarah Grimes, for your exemplary organisation and attention to detail.

It was slightly different to other years. Happily, we had numerous comments about how good it was.



Me and Barrie, my husband, on the balcony of the Royal Corinthian for a romantic summer sunset.

Tuesday 10 July - Ormiston Rivers Academy Special Achievements

I was honoured to be invited to Ormiston Rivers Academy for their special achievements award.

Mrs Costello and her team of hard-working teachers must be so very proud. The school was rated in the top 20% last year and Mrs Costello was very happy to announce they have just received the accolade of rising now to the top 10%. Wow how fab.

The students and achievements were outstanding and I really want to be more involved with all our schools in the future with the support of all our members.

Thursday 12 July - Co-op Re-Opening

I went to the opening of the recently-refurbished Co-op and had pictures with the manager, Mr Hammond, and the golden ticket winners.

The new shop layout is far better and they now have M&Co clothes - which will include clothing for men, women and children.

Saturday 14 July - RNLI Open Day



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The RNLI open day was so much fun.

It was very well attended despite the heat and the hospitality was excellent.

Thank you Dave and everyone else who volunteered for this – the RNLI is our 4th emergency service.

I nearly lost the centre part from the Mayor's Chain into the water under the pontoons, so I found myself clutching it tightly as I walked around for the rest of the day. It must have looked like I was frightened of getting voted out as Mayor!

Sunday 15 July - Close to Home Summer Fete



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I also visited this summer fete with the little children and won a raffle prize!

Sunday 15 July - Knightswood Open Day

Then I shot to Knightswood, the day care centre for the elderly in Asheldham, for their open day for non-residential patients.

They were forced to reduce the length of the event due to the World Cup and Wimbledon finals.

Cllr. Pratt also attended and was well into the tea and cakes when I arrived!

Sunday 15 July - Dengie Rocks against Dementia

Then I raced to meet Councillors Nick Skeens and Vanessa Bell for this wonderful event on the Quay.

Councillor Skeens was compering the event, which was, in the main, music presented by some of Burnham's finest musicians plus a stall providing information and gifts. There was also a charity auction. The day raised over £2,200.

My warm thanks to the many volunteers who helped.

I judged the fancy dress competition and face painting. A fabulous day.

Tuesday 17 July - First Aid Training

I took a first aid qualification at the Essex Association of Local Council - and passed! It's been decades since I last did First Aid training - a lot has changed.

Friday 20 July - Burnham in Bloom prize-giving

I had the honour of presenting the prizes for this hotly-contested competition.

It was a lovely event, with some new winners and old friends.

Thank you. A great evening.

Apologies for July

Sadly I didn't manage to attend the Scouts event or the Citizens Advice Bureau invitation. I offer my apologies to those organisations.