

MAYOR'S REPORT 6

December 2018

Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils (Wed 21st November)

Cllr Bell and I attended and did remarkably well. The lovely Miriam joined us too. The winners for a second year in a row was Asheldham & Dengie PC in a question off with Southminster PC. Another great social event. Thank you to every Council who attended.



Barrie and I attended a super evening hosted by Natalie Bettany, conducting The fabulous **Harmony Modern Choir**. This was very well supported indeed and they raised £350.00 for a charity called Remap who designs and custom makes equipment to help disabled people live more independent lives.



I had a super afternoon with **The Women's Guild** at URC Church where I spoke about being the Mayor and answered questions and took areas of concerns from a few residents.

The EALC invited to me speak at the elections course they were holding for clerks and councillors about community engagement and encouraging councillors new and existing to stand in Mays election. I enjoyed it immensely and had positive feedback.

Burnham Primary Christmas Fayre was very good indeed. And yes I did have my photo taken with Santa. Lots of stalls and things to do. Charlotte and Edward R decorated two Christmas plates for me, thank you.





Then it was our Council event: **lighting of the Christmas tree.** Churches together conducted a lovely service and we all looked forward to Santa and Mrs Claus arrival for presents. It was a super event, thank you to everyone who attended and the office staff for all the hard work.



Thank you to Deputy Mayor Cllr Louise Pudney for attending **St. Marys Schools Italian visit**.

I attended the **funeral of Nancy Crisp**, very moving indeed. RIP Nancy.

Next was a great morning spent at the **Decaf Dementia Group**. We played games you won't be surprised to know I did a lot of cheating. Cllr Calver came along to and we sang songs.

I represented Burnham town council for the **light up a life service** with Farleigh Hospice at St. Marys Church. It was lovely and joyous with lots of singing.

Friday I popped along and supported Woodfords Garage for their event to support **Alzheimer's Society** where I won an ELF. Well done indeed.

Saturday was the fabulous **Christmas Fayre** where I dressed up as the Ice Queen with my family and the elf's and met the kiddies off the special santa train. Thank you for all the hard work organising this.



Santa visited on his magnificent sleigh in the afternoon and brought huge smiles to everyone's faces, no matter what age. Well done to the Carnival Committee and all the volunteers.



I popped along to support **Knightswood Christmas Fayre** which was heaving. The children sang beautifully.

We then had our own **Carol Service at St. Marys**. This was excellent and another event very well organised and voices rang out, including my tone deaf one.

Last night I was interviewed on Ray Clark's **BBC Essex radio show** as The Mayor along with other honoured residents who contributed in filling the three hours slot talking about our wonderful town.

I also attended the sad annual anniversary of the horrific stables fire. Many residents supported the large number of horses and riders from **Elmwood Equestrian Centre** as they rode down Maldon Road along Wick Road and up the High Street. This was professionally organised and planned, thank you. Hopefully this will be an annual event.



And finally I will be attending the **Burnham Day Centre** Christmas luncheon and the **RNLI Carol Service** at St. Marys Church.

Happy Christmas everyone

Wendy
Burnham on Crouch Town Mayor