

MAYORS REPORT

OCTOBER 2019

It's been a challenging time since my last report not only as a councillor but on also on personal grounds.

I attended Mental Health First Aid awareness half day course in Southminster – free of charge. This is a course I would encourage everyone to attend if they hold another half day course.

Then EALC held their AGM where Chief Executive Joy Darby announced her retirement at the end of March. Joy has worked tirelessly to support clerks and councillors providing excellent training courses, best practise & legal advice plus much more. Not always received positively at this council – sadly. But at least now we do have Financial Regulations, Publication scheme, standing orders and policies. We still need to carry out a little more work towards being awarded the foundation and quality awards scheme. Something I hope we have achieved before my term ends in May. A special mention to Sarah our clerk who has worked tirelessly and will be bring further policies to the next meeting where I hope members read them and send in any queries BEFORE the actual meeting.

It is an absolute honour being the Mayor of Burnham on Crouch but extremely challenging being the chairman.

I popped along to support two Macmillan coffee mornings.

Creeksea Church hosted the Barty Bear Club where I had lovely cake and met the gorgeous Thomas Harvey. They raised over £400 Excellent.

The picture is by Alice Harvey.

I then popped along to the Doctors where Rosemary and hubby hosted coffee & cake from the Patients Practise Group. Thank you too.



Well we all know it was the Burnham Carnival and despite the rain trying to dampen us all – it didn't! It was a great success and a special thank you to everyone who worked hard to deliver it. The Queens tea was lovely but sadly not as many as last year as some Carnivals have folded. We all must support Burnhams Carnival so it doesn't happen to us. Hopefully BTC will enter a float next year – how about it?

The next event being organised by the committee is the festive fayre on 7th December which is also when we will be lighting up our tree. Well I have said it now CHRISTMAS is coming very fast lets all get behind the town and support our high street, clubs, groups and each other.

Sadly the Essex sailing competition involving all our clubs which also took a huge amount of organising was cancelled due to the inclement weather.

Its very difficult when more than one event is held at the same time in Burnham but we ALL need to work together after all it benefits our lovely town.

I attended a meeting as I a member of the health and wellbeing board and hope to bring a report back when the minutes have been distributed.

The ladies of the Inner wheel invited me to their event at Creeksea Church to listen to their guest speaker – Phillip Clegg. An excellent speaker.

Cllr Bell and I attended the Burnham Sailing Club awards dinner the food and hospitality were first class – thank you.

We had support from the police at out council surgery on Saturday who walked around the town with me and chatted to residents asking for their concerns. Thank you.

Cllr English joined me at Chelmsford Cathedral as a guest of The High Sheriff Dr James Bettley. Cllr Clegg attended with her husband Phillip in his capacity as a retired High Court Judge. The service was very good indeed.

And finally last night I attending the gardening club at URC and talked about being the Mayor of Burnham and answered questions.

This group do so much more than gardening and a special mention to Alice Bush and absolute diamond.



