

Mayor's Communications

Since the last council meeting I have been incredibly busy attending many functions and events, including:

- Visited Midwinter allotments to officially open new site for the Cheltenham Tree Group
- Attended the Mayor of Gloucester's Civic Service and also his ball
- Went on the Walk for Hollie – organised by the Hollie Gazzard Trust in memory of Hollie
- Opened the renewed PDSA shop on the High Street
- Attended St George's Day service at Gloucester Cathedral
- Visited Gloucester Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre, meeting survivors and becoming an ambassador for them
- Attended Pittville School to sit in on a healthy relationships education session provided by Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service and also visited GDASS to hear more about the work they do supporting people affected by domestic abuse
- Attended Gloucestershire Eye Therapy Coffee morning
- Presented prizes at the Cheltenham Camera Club Annual Awards and Gloucestershire Young Photographer of the Year
- Visited Wentworth Court's 3rd birthday celebrations
- Was a guest judge for 1st round of Battle of the Bands – competition to find a young band to play at Tadstock this year

There have also been three fundraising events in aid of the Mayors Charity, Tea at Three at Sacred Hearts, movie screening of the Rocky Horror Picture Show on May 4th at Cheltenham Playhouse and yesterday's Well Fit Morning at Sandford Parks Lido. Also I held my Civic Service at Cheltenham Minster on 6th May. Thank you to councillors who came to any of these events.

At the end of my term of office as I hand over to my Deputy Cllr Bernie Fisher, I have many people to thank for their contribution to making my mayoral year so enjoyable which I would like to place on record.

I would like to thank officers, in particular Pat Pratley, Ros Reeves, Peter Lewis and Beverley Thomas for their help preparing for council meetings.

I would like to thank my deputy Cllr Bernie Fisher for his support during my mayoral year. I hope he has enjoyed his year as deputy and that this experience stands him in good stead for his year as Mayor.

Thank you also to colleagues for making chairing these meetings so enjoyable.

Also I would like to thank the Mayor's PA Jennie Ingram and the Mayor's Officer Paul Williams who are so very helpful and supportive.

I have a lot more thank yous to give to everyone who has supported and encouraged me through my year as Mayor and will do those properly at Mayor Making.

