

## **Mayor's Report to Council November 1<sup>st</sup> 2017**

Writing this, as I am, before the end of October, the last Council meeting seems to have only just happened.

A lot of things have happened over the last few weeks, with many interesting events to attend.

The day after the last Council meeting we attended the Gosport Civic Day, with a visit to the Submarine Museum and also to the 17<sup>th</sup> century village at Lower Woodham. This was followed the next day by the opening of Colt UK's new facility at Kenwood Business Park in New Lane and then the Emsworth Food Fortnight Apple Pressing followed, on the same day, by the Emsworth Pet Show and, the following day, a Harvest Service at Emsworth URC.

Eastleigh's Civic Day was held on the 28<sup>th</sup>, with a visit to Waterloo School in the morning of the 29<sup>th</sup> for their Macmillan Coffee Morning. That evening saw a very successful Mayor's Dinner at Waterlooville Golf Club, an event which I hope to repeat in March next year.

September finished with a trip to Hayling seafront for the first gathering of Harley-Davidson motorbike to be held locally. I had my very first ride on a motorbike that day, and really enjoyed it!

October began on Sunday morning with a visit to Havant Leisure Centre to mark their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, followed in the afternoon by a Harvest Festival service at Winchester Cathedral in the afternoon.

The Hampshire Civic day took place on the 5<sup>th</sup>, with a visit to The Elms in Lower Bedhampton on the 7<sup>th</sup>, for the unveiling of a plaque to mark their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The 9<sup>th</sup> saw us near Canoe Lake for the ribbon cutting to mark the introduction of a new fleet of 20 buses on the Stagecoach 23 route, while in the evening we attended a dinner at the Langstone Hotel to mark 60 years of the Rotary Club of Havant.

The Lord Lieutenant's Awards to members of the Forces Reserves and Cadets took place on the 12<sup>th</sup>, with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Leigh Park Girls Brigade 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service taking place at Hart Plain Church during the afternoon of the 14<sup>th</sup>, and a Concert by Portsmouth Philharmonia being held at Hayling Island Community Centre in the evening.

The 15<sup>th</sup> saw the Annual Seafarer's Service at Portsmouth Cathedral, with wreath laying at the Nelson Monument in Grand Parade.

On the 20<sup>th</sup>, we went to Hart Plain Junior School for the opening of their Reading Garden, with a wooden Reading Chair, together with benches, being constructed by the Waterlooville Men's Shed.

The last event before writing this was, once again, on Hayling Island, where the library was host to a performance of "Stories at Sea Level", sponsored by The Arts Council.

Several more invitations have been accepted for the rest of this month.

By the time of this Council meeting, there will have been at least 140 events that have taken place.