

My first engagement since my last update was giving out prizes with the Mayor of Gosport at Portsmouth Grammar School. The children weren't expecting us, so it was a nice surprise when they saw us turn up! On Friday 19 September, it was East Hampshire's Civic Day, during which I went to the Grade I listed house in Alton where Jane Austin once lived. Following this, I attended the induction of the new priest of St George's Church in Waterlooville.

During the following week, I was one of the first people to ride the new bus route on Hayling that links to the Hayling Ferry. It's hoped that the new ferry bus link can ease traffic on the island and I'm sure it will be very popular. Later that day, I visited the Elizabeth Foundation in Cosham which helps children with hearing difficulties. On Thursday 27 September, I played 36 holes of golf at Rowlands Castle to raise money for my two charities, Rowans Hospice and Riverside School. After this, I attended Eastleigh Civic Day, during which I went to Lakeside Country Park, visited the Hampshire Police's strategic headquarters and Eastleigh Airport.

To finish September, I supported the Harley Davidson Owners Group's motorbike show which came to Hayling Island. I was tasked with choosing the best motorbike after enjoying a ride on a Harley Davidson. Later that day, I opened a new salon in Waterlooville.

My first engagement in October was to attend the Havant Rotary Club's conference on Hayling Island. On Sunday 07 October, I went to a beautiful service held at St Peter's Church, Hayling Island, that commemorated the fallen soldiers of the First World War. During the service, a spectacular cascade of 17,000 hand-made poppies was unveiled.

Planning for Remembrance Sunday, I met with Reverend Tom Kenner, Rector of St Faith's Church, Havant to discuss plans for this year's service which falls on Armistice Day - 11 November.

Looking ahead to Christmas, plans are now in place for a Christmas Card Competition, I hope lots of schools will take part in the competition to design the Mayoral Christmas Card with the theme 'The Magic of Christmas'. Meetings have also been held to start planning my Civic Day next March, when part of the day will be spent showing our guests around Langstone Technology Park.

The St Wilfrid's Church Art Exhibition held earlier in October was excellent – they appreciated the cakes that I baked and took along.

I was also made very welcome at the well attended Peace Conference held at the Waterlooville Community Centre.

On Sunday 14 October I joined the harbour Mayors for the Annual Seafarers Service at Portsmouth. The rest of the week kept me busy, with Hart's Civic Day, followed by a Fashion Show at Edinburgh Woollen Mill in aid of my charity appeal. A couple of our Councillors took to the catwalk and did their signature walks as they vogued down the catwalk with style - I think they missed their vocation!. Thank you Cllrs Bowerman and Cresswell!.

The following day I welcomed guests to the Annual Health and Safety Conference held at Langstone Technology Park. A very informative and well-structured event – and they presented me with a welcome donation for the Mayor's Charity Appeal Fund. The day finished with a Business Reception for businesses west of the A3M – where I had the chance to network with some local business people.

Half term week was a bit quieter but I enjoyed joining the Havant Men's Shed for their AGM and representing the Council at the SERCA Awards Ceremony. As is traditional, I was invited to purchase the 'first Poppy', in my role As First Citizen of the Borough.

The final days of October took me to Hayling island for performances by Hayling Music Society and HIADS.

My final engagement was to attend an International Mass at the Sacred Heart Church during One World Week.