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Mayor's Report
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At the time of writing this report, I have been in office as Mayor of Havant for just over 3 weeks.

The Annual Council and Mayor making Ceremony on the 19th of May was very different from previous ceremonies, and it was nice to be able to share the occasion with fellow Councillors. It was a memorable occasion, and it was good to be able to welcome our new Councillors. Neighbouring Authorities have also held their Annual meetings, and many now have a Mayor or Chairman in office. In a normal year, we would have been invited to share some of their ceremonies but of course, like last year, COVID meant this was just not possible.

2 days after Mayor making, my first engagement was the unveiling of a Defibrillator at Shilling place in Purbrook with Gary Hughes. The Defibrillator was purchased by the local community and I was delighted to be able to put my nursing skills into practice and give a demonstration on a training defibrillator.

The following day I was able to attend the HIADS theatre for their open day, where they relaunched there phased re-opening as Covid regulations allow. We were given an interesting socially distanced tour of the building, followed by a short history of the building and the theatre.

The following week, Graham and I were able to join the Waterlooville U3A, who were celebrating National U3A day. The event was held at the bandstand in Waterlooville, another outdoor event. It was lovely to be able to chat to the members and some of the visitors. Hayling Library is also marking the event, whilst holding a display at the Library during the month of June.

On the 3rd of June, Barratts invited me for a tour of their new development at Harbour Place, Bedhampton. Once again it was predominantly an outdoor event with a tour of how their development will progress in term of build. The average build taking 10 weeks. I was able to have a sneak preview of the show home ahead of the opening to the public. I was also impressed with their 95% recycle strategy.

The 6th of June gave Graham and I the opportunity to drive ourselves to Winchester cathedral to share the Mayor of Winchester's Sunday service. It was an opportunity to meet up with some of the other Mayor's and Chairman. It was a very humbling experience. On the same day we came back to Hayling Island to the Solent Overlord Celebration, to mark the 77th Anniversary of D-Day and making sure the anniversary did not pass without some recognition for the Military activity undertaken in the area, with Hayling playing a crucial role during the Second World War.

In the coming weeks, I will be attending various meetings via Zoom and Teams and on Monday the 21st of June we will be raising the Armed forces flag at our flagpole to honour our Armed forces. It will be by necessity a small ceremony this year with numbers being restricted to adhere to Covid guidelines.

As you know, my charity this year is the RNLI and my first fundraising event will be a charity Golf Day being held at Waterlooville Golf Club on the 8th of July. The day will be rounded off with a presentation dinner. Please let me know if you would like further details or will be willing to sponsor a Golf hole.