

**Mayors Report – Councillor Diana Patrick**

It has been my great pleasure and privilege to take up the reins of the Mayoralty once again after the difficult years we have experienced. It has been a tough journey for many of our residents and I hope that in this, her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year we may look forward to brighter times.

In just over three weeks I have been to Winchester Cathedral for a celebration by the Young People of Hampshire in honour of the Queen, and the Civic Service of the Mayor of Winchester, presented gymnastic awards to children in the Solent Gymnastics Club and planted two Jubilee trees.

I had great fun at the Springwood Community Centre craft fun day, decorating crowns and having a great time with the children, and well done to all those who put such effort into making it a success. The highlight of course had to be the Beacon Lighting on Hayling Island when approximately 1500 people turned up to enjoy the event. My thanks to Cllr Clare Satchwell and all the team for a memorable evening.

A picnic put on by Friends of the Hermitage Stream drew a good crowd, and on Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup> we had a very busy day with four engagements beginning with the Donkey Derby organised by the Lions Club, (my thanks to Cllr Leah Turner) and the Royal British Legion for which I give thanks for a very enjoyable visit.

Two street parties followed, and, in the evening, we attended a Jubilee/commemoration dinner at the Ex-Serviceman's Club to remember those who fought and died in the Falklands Conflict on its fortieth Anniversary.

The last few events to bring you up to date was a wonderful gathering in Jubilee Park, a choral Evensong at Portsmouth Cathedral, and a coffee morning for Age Concern.

Once again, I would like to thank Cllr. Gwen Robinson and all the team of volunteers who worked so hard to make the occasion such a success.

Thank you all