



Mayoral report for Full Council 17th January 2024

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Happy New Year and I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas!

Monday 6th November – Girl's Brigade Talk

Graham and I both had a really interesting evening with Susan Dabbs, the Girls Brigade Leader in Bedhampton on Monday evening. The girls asked some really interesting questions, some made me smile, I love their honesty!



Tuesday 7th November – Royal Air Force Cadet Squadron Presentation Evening

Graham and I were both honoured to be invited to the Havant RAF Cadet Award for the Marshal Trophy for the most improved unit in the country. The event was held at Havant College and attended by many distinguished guests including Col Charles Ackroyd DL of the Connaught Trust, Air Commodore Anthony Keeley, Alan Mak MP for Havant and many others. I was especially proud of Mayor's Cadet Finney. It was a truly proud event for Havant.



Sunday 12th November – Remembrance Sunday Parade and Service

The Remembrance Parade on Sunday was one of the biggest I have ever been to. Also, to march to the Church where the service was led by Canon Tom Kennar and assisted by my chaplain Sue Moss, it was an honour to be there and represent the residents of the Borough and also to remember all those that gave their lives for us all to be able to enjoy the freedom we have today. "We will Remember Them".

Wednesday 15th November – Havant Borough Creative Showcase

I was really excited about attending yesterday with a good friend, sadly Graham was working. It was so lovely to see so many familiar faces and meet new ones too. We are all so lucky to live in a Borough with so many talented people, well done Nancy, hopefully I will see you soon!



Friday 17th November – Hayling Island Arts' Trail Comes to Christmas Event

Friday night was a lovely way to start the weekend. Both Graham and I were invited to the Christmas Art trail by Lizzie Cornelius at St Mary's Church on Hayling Island. The mulled wine and mince pies were delicious. It was lovely to catch up with Sara Le Gris from sea glass, we bought 3 of her glass agapanthuses in the summer and also a lovely hug from Joan, a friend I hadn't seen for

ages. We are so lucky to have so many talented people living within the Borough. I love my job and hugs are THE BEST!



Thursday 23rd November – The Mayor of Winchester’s Black Tie Dinner

We were both really lucky to be invited to Abbey House in Winchester by the Mayor of Winchester, Cllr Angela Clear, last Thursday for a Mayoral dinner. It was lovely too to spend time with other colleagues from the County and hear about their journey so far.



Wednesday 29th November – Christmas At Home

On Wednesday, we were both invited to Chichester to the Mayors “Christmas at Home” evening, drinks, canapés and lots of chatting to some amazing colleagues, also spoke to an officer of Chichester Fire Service who knew a friend of ours. We both enjoyed it so much we were the last to leave! A big thank you to the Mayor and Mayoress of Chichester, Craig and Judy Gershater, you were both perfect hosts.



Friday 1st December – Emsworth Christmas Lights Switch On

The “lobster pot” Christmas tree was amazing at the Quay in Emsworth. We went to visit after turning the lights on with Alan Mak MP. It was heart-warming to hear the children singing Christmas carols on Friday afternoon, a lovely start to Christmas. A huge thank you to everyone involved in making the event run so smoothly, it was very successful! Thank you for inviting us both.

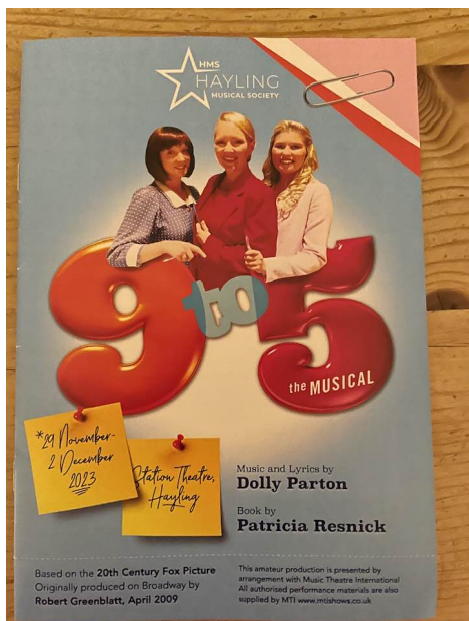


Hayling Light Opera “What Ever Happened to Cinderella”

In the evening we were invited to the Spring in Havant to watch Cinderella by the Havant Light Opera. There were some very talented performers there and it was lovely to sing carols after the interval, a great evening, we both really enjoyed it.

Saturday 2nd December – Hayling Musical Society’s Performance of “9 to 5”

On Saturday evening we had 2 tickets to see the very talented Hayling Island Musical Society performing the Dolly Parton 9 to 5 musical. It was absolutely fantastic. We have some very talented residents within our borough, it was a great evening and such fun.



Sunday 3rd December – Emsworth Concert Band’s Christmas Concert

Sunday evening was sheer joy, to listen to the Emsworth brass band, a perfect end to a busy weekend, thank you Emsworth Concert band, you were brilliant!



Monday 4th December – Well Being Walk, Leaders “Thank You”

On Monday afternoon I met and spoke to a lot of walk leaders from within the Borough and listened to their stories, the longest walking leader had been leading walks for over 30 years, some 20 years and some new ones too. It was great to talk to some of them over tea and cake, thank you Andy from Park Community School, the cakes were delicious!



Tuesday 5th December – Veterans Voices Event

Today we went to the beautiful church of St Mary’s in Portsmouth to the Veterans Outreach Fair and Carol Service and met veterans and volunteers from as far away as Dover and Kent, we all sang Christmas carols at the end of the fair, it was also lovely to catch up with some of our chain gang too.



Thursday 7th December – Stop Domestic Abuse Art Exhibition

I went to an exhibition at the Spring in Havant today run by the Stop Domestic Abuse charity. The artwork, all done by survivors of Domestic Abuse was amazing. It was a very moving experience.



Friday 8th December – Gala Night Performance of Aladdin

Tonight, we went to the New Theatre Royal in Portsmouth to see the pantomime Aladdin. It was absolutely brilliant and the whole cast put their heart and soul into it, simply amazing. We both really loved it.



Sunday 10th December – Spinnaker Chorus Christmas Show

Tonight, we both went to see the Spinnaker Choir Christmas show, at Park Community School in Havant, it was absolutely amazing. Such beautiful voices.



Monday 11th December – St George’s Church Bereavement Group’s Christmas Coffee Morning

Today I was in Waterlooville for the bereavement group’s Christmas fair, it was lovely to meet Father Christmas and the choir were lovely too, I did tell Santa that I had been very good this year, I’m not sure he believed me!



Tuesday 12th December – Emsworth Primary School Visit and Warblington School's Performance of "The Snow Queen"

A busy day today! This afternoon we went to Emsworth Primary School to see the year 5's recycled decorations for Brook Meadow, then managed to sneakily watch the Nativity play which was excellent. Then this evening we both went to Warblington School to watch the school production of the Snow Queen, it was absolutely brilliant. I didn't realise the Disney film Frozen was based on the Snow Queen. We have such talent in the Borough and it is lovely to see children enjoying themselves.

Thursday 14th December – Riders Junior School's Christmas Concert

Today we both went to Riders Junior School in Havant to listen to their Christmas Carol concert. We were expertly looked after by the school council children especially Warren whose knowledge about the school was amazing, he would make a great parent guide. The carols were amazing, it was also great to meet so many familiar faces too. Thank you for looking after us, we both had a lovely time, our 9th concert/pantomime so far, the children were brilliant!

Sunday 17th December – St Faiths Community Carol Service

The annual Christmas Carol Concert at St Faiths church in Havant was a joy to attend, an uplifting service with three amazing choirs with ages ranging from 8 to 80. A lovely melody of carols, good company and tea and cake to finish, well done to Canon Tom Kennar and all your volunteers, and Rotary too, it was a great afternoon, even Father Christmas found time to pop in.

Mayor of Havant Cllr Rosy Raines