

MAYORS REPORT

February 2019

Back to my favourite part of being Town Mayor - community participation and events.

On 27th January I attended **Maldon Council Civic Service** at Maldon All Saints Church and thoroughly enjoyed a fabulous, inclusive service. I received numerous compliments on our recently repaired Town Council's Mayor's chain. The children of Maldon played a huge part in the service not only by playing instruments and singing but telling everyone of the part they are playing in visiting a local care home. The children said the resident may not remember their names but their faces lit up when the children walked in to participate in the organised activities. Thank you.

31st January I was honoured to attend the **Ormiston Rivers Academy** Beauty of the **River Crouch video launch**. The video can be accessed through Burnham Town Council Website - <https://burnham.info/notices/crouch-video/>. Thank you to the students and teachers. The whole film was informative and professional – let's hope a follow up film will be made.

Sadly another apology, I fell foul to the dreaded cold, like many other residents, which resulted in non-attendance to the Gardening Club...again and the Royal Burnham Yacht Club invitation. Sorry.

On Friday 22nd February I visited **Downhall Residential Home** in Bradwell for coffee and cake. I would encourage other people to attend the coffee mornings and events. The staff work very hard to deliver and make fun. The residents are fascinating with rich life histories to tell with a wicked sense of humour. I will be a regular visitor. Then I attended the rainbows, brownies and guides, empowerment of women at St. Lawrence Church and a foggy walk to light the Beacon. We all sang songs and I had fun before returning for hot chocolate and biscuits. I quickly drove to Southminster for the production of The Gang Show hosted by the **Scouts and Guides**. Wow what talent! The confidence and courage everyone showed who performed on stage was exceptional but I also wish to mention everyone behind the scenes with a special thank you for Emma Lawrence, team leader from **Epic Dance**.

Saturday 23rd Barrie and I attended the Royal Corinthian Yacht Club dinner where the food, hospitality and guests were first class, thank you.

Finally **DAWN WOOD**

I am sure the whole of Burnham on Crouch sends heartfelt congratulations to Dawn for the completion and amazing achievement rowing the Atlantic Ocean in her quest to raise awareness on environmental issues.

The sublime strength of character, determination, and perseverance she has demonstrated is applauded and admired by all. Dawn is one in a million and I personally thank her for setting such a high standard that we can all aspire to in various walks of life.