

Councillor Reports September 2022

Mayor's report

It has been a busy few months since my last report and most recently a time of great sorrow on the death of our beloved Queen. I feel immensely proud to have had her as our longest reigning monarch and know that many of you do too.

I have picked out the most memorable events that I have attended as there are too many to comment on individually,

2nd July, - Cllr Love and I attended Armed Forces Day, which was a lovely event.

16th July, - I joined Cllr Palin for the Queensgate summer fete, it was a scorcher of a day and was enjoyed by many, on the way I popped into the book and cake sale at St David's church and added to my "haven't got time to read" collection.

Cowes week was lovely with a visit from the guard ship commander, a reception by the Cowes Mayor, a rum party hosted by CHC, and a lawn reception at the RYS hosted by the Royal Navy, all of this culminated in having the immense honour of meeting HRH The Princess Royal and taking part in the Fleet review and motor past. Again, it was a fantastic day and a most memorable occasion sponsored by the charity Wet Wheels as part of the Solent Platinum jubilee celebrations.

The Grand opening of the East Side Curve on the 11th August was a very proud day, finally being able to welcome everyone to visit our lovely new building and to hear the appreciation for all the hard work that everyone has put in was a huge privilege.

15th August- I attended the 102nd Anniversary of the battle of Warsaw of which I now have a great deal more knowledge. I enjoyed walking through the front door of the Squadron, a privilege denied to women until not that long ago and left via Queen Victoria's iron staircase to follow in her footsteps.

On the 28th August I was invited to be part of the 77th anniversary of Independence Day by the Indonesian community. It was a celebration of colour, dance, food and games that lit up the town hall and was enjoyed immensely by everyone.

Along with electric and traffic workshops, library training, 3 markets, mayor's and chairs, flood and CHC meetings, it's been as tiring as a weekend attending the IOW Festival but with a lot more dresses needed!

I wanted to finish by saying that I felt a great sense of duty and pride in attending 2 commemorative church services on behalf of our community to celebrate the life of Queen Elizabeth II, and to also receive the proclamation of our new King Charles III. I hope that it brought some comfort to those that decided to attend the screening of the funeral procession in the town hall and I'm sure you'll all agree that it was a very moving tribute to Her Majesty.