

Raunds Town Council
Mayor's Activities – November 2019

1 November	Children's Halloween party *	As in previous years, this was great fun, although hard work for all concerned, coping with 90 kids with boundless energy. Bubbleman Tony did his best to keep them entertained.
2 November	Mayor of Northampton gala dinner *	We were very pleased to support the Mayor in his fund raising for his charity, the Lowdown. We were on the top table with, amongst others, the Chairman of ENC.
3 November	Opening of Garden of Remembrance, Market Deeping *	We attended a short remembrance service to open the garden of Remembrance in Market Deeping. It was followed by tea and cakes in the community centre.
3 November	Raunds Town Cricket Club fireworks display *	The fireworks display, supported by the Town Council, was a success again, which is great for Raunds residents. Unfortunately, the sound system failed at the moment I opened the event. I don't think I did anything to it...
8 November	Mayor of Corby civic ball *	We were pleased to support the Mayor in his fund raising for his chosen charities. We were on table 2 this time, with, amongst others, the Chairman of ENC. The band was excellent.
9 November	Remembrance concert, Kettering *	We were pleased to accompany the Mayor of Kettering to this concert in support of the Royal British Legion.
10 November	Remembrance Sunday service, Huntingdon *	We accepted an invitation from the Mayor of Huntingdon to attend their remembrance service at 11.00. We thought we were going to meet John Major, then realised that his wreath was laid by someone else on his behalf!
10 November	Remembrance Sunday service, Raunds *	Another large turnout of residents enabled this Town Council organised event to build on the success of the centenary event last year.
11 November	Remembrance Day ceremony, Raunds Town Hall	<i>The Deputy Mayor, Cllr L Wilkes</i> attended the short ceremony to commemorate Armistice Day outside the Town Hall at 11.00 am. A two-minute silence was observed and prayers were said.
11 November	Veterans' Day service, Maddingley *	I laid a wreath n behalf of the people of Raunds at the wall of the missing in action from the USAF in WWII at the USAF memorial at Maddingley, Cambridge. Seven US veterans from WWII attended, aged between 94 and 103. It was humbling to meet them.
15 November	Introductory tour of schools in Raunds	Matt Coleman, former Principal of Windmill school, and now working for the Nene Education Trust, and I visited Windmill and St Peter's schools to meet the new principals and explore ways of their working with the Town Council.
15 November	Mayor of Kettering civic ball *	We were very pleased to support the Mayor in her fund raising in support of her chosen charities. As at Corby, the band was excellent.

19 November	Presentation to winner of Christmas light competition at Windmill school	I attended morning assembly at Windmill school to present the child who had drawn the Christmas light chosen for the town square.
19 November	Presentation to winner of Christmas light competition at Park Infant school	<i>Cllr Howell</i> attended morning assembly at Park Infant school to present the child with the runner-up prize in the Christmas light competition.
22 November	Mayor of Godmanchester civic supper	I attended this supper in support of the Mayor's chosen charities. The venue was the Exhibition pub in Godmanchester, and the food was superb. Entertainment was provided by a singer from Romania.
24 November	Christmas market and lights switch on in Raunds *	Having accompanied Santa in the sleigh, we chatted to visitors and stall holders around the square. It seemed busier than last year, possibly helped by the weather.
25 November	USAF Thanksgiving service and pie social at RAF Alconbury *	We were pleased to support the USVF in their service of Thanksgiving in the base chapel at RAF Alconbury, followed by a traditional supper of sweet pies, all made by USAF personnel.
26 November	Mayor of Peterborough curry evening *	We were delighted to support the Mayor of Peterborough in his charity curry night, held in the Bombay Brasserie near Peterborough city centre. The food was plentiful and excellent.
27 November	Mayor of Rushden Italian night *	We were pleased to support the Mayor of Rushden's charity night held in his own restaurant, Pizza Venezia in Rushden. As with the previous evening, the food was plentiful and excellent.
29 November	New shop "Treasury" preview evening *	We attended the preview night at the new shop where the Natwest bank used to be. It certainly contains interesting items for sale, and I wish it every success.
30 November	St Peter's church Christmas Fayre *	We were pleased to support the fayre in the parish church.
30 November	Mayor of Oakham community Christmas celebration *	We were delighted to support the Mayor at his Christmas church service. All Saints church in Oakham is very impressive, and refreshments were served afterwards in the old hall of Oakham school, which is equally impressive.

* Occasion where I was joined by the Mayoress, Mrs Magdalena Levell.