

Raunds Town Council Mayor's Report – February 2019

January was a quiet month. What follows is a summary of my activities.

18 January	Raunds/Higham Ferrers Twinning Association Annual Dinner *	We attended the annual dinner, along with Cllrs L Wilkes and Helen Howell. It was held in the Miller in Wellingborough. The Twinning Association continues to grow in membership, and Raunds is beginning to grow in prominence, although Higham is still the senior partner.
26 January	Charity Burns Night celebration *	This Burns supper in aid of the Stroke Association was held in Jester's Bistro. Forty-eight guests attended, and the raffle was organised by the Ecuador students from Manor School. Jester's laid on a sumptuous meal and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. £700 was raised for the mayor's charity, and the Ecuador group raised a further £150.
27 January	Holocaust Memorial Service in Kettering *	We attended a short commemoration of the Holocaust in Kettering's council chamber. The service was presided over by the Mayor of Kettering's chaplain. Candles were lit in remembrance not only of the Holocaust, but also of more recent genocidal events in Rwanda and Yemen.
1 February	Quiz night in St Ives	I led a team from Raunds, which included Cllrs Wilkes, Howell and Beattie, in a quiz organised by the Mayor of St Ives in support of his charities. Of 19 teams, we came 4 th , only 3 point behind the winners. Must do better next time...

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