

Chairman/Mayoral Report for Year 2018/2019.

Starting the Year as Deputy Mayor I assisted the Mayor through Whitland Carnival Week and attended various events through the week and attended the Annual Rugby Dinner at The Nany-Y-Ffin.

Taking the Chair in November became an eye opener; Engagements prior to Christmas included :-

Representing WTC at Annual Remembrance Service in The Memorial Gardens, Memorial Hall and at Llanboidy; attending the official opening of Preseli Storage with CCllr Allen and Chair of CCC Mansel Charles; viewing the WWI exhibition at the Memorial Hall and enjoying an Afternoon Tea to commemorate such a fundamental part of our history.

During The Annual Christmas Fayre I welcomed all and switched the lights on, and later in December took part in the 'Elf-Day' event facilitated by Boots the Chemist which raised over £1000 for the Alzheimer's Society. I also attended Tablernacl's Christmas service; the Christmas bingo event for Parc Dr. Owen; and visited the residents of Waungron Residential Home on Christmas Day.

I was honoured to be asked to present a gift to Lord Dafydd Elis-Thomas AM at the official launch of Town of Culture at Canolfan Hywel Dda. I also attended the official launch of the Dementia Friends Action Group for the Laugharne, St Clears and Whitland area, and on St David's Day I attended Canolfan Hywel Dda for the annual message to the Senedd.

As part of the Year of Culture I have attended various public meetings and thoroughly enjoyed a wide range of events, from an evening of entertainment with Clive Edwards and others at The Dairy Club; to a coffee morning with St David's Avenue residents; to the Patrons' Concert by Whitland Male Voice Choir.

As well as attending various social engagements I have spent time with both Dyffryn Taf and the ATC to explore ways Whitland Town Council can work more closely with them

I have gained greater knowledge and insight into how local government at this level works over the last few months, and it has also been an absolute pleasure to work alongside our New Clerk Vicky Mitchell and be able to work on the future of Whitland including the re-instigating of an Annual Mayor Making/Civic Service.

I did not choose a Mayor's charity, rather giving donations with a theme of helping the next generation, as well as one of thank you – specifically to the local fire service and to St David's Avenue's residents - for their contributions to Whitland life.

I have enjoyed my time in this role, and look forward to continuing the Council's work to develop, improve and promote Whitland.