

**APPENDIX 1
(Minute 13)**

MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It would be remiss of me if I didn't mention some of the notable events I have attended during this special time in our lives. I am sure you will all have your own special memories of the celebrations of our Queen's 60 glorious years as our Sovereign. So where to begin..

In the run up to the Jubilee week-end I attended celebrations at some of our primary schools, and it was wonderful to see the schools celebrating with such imagination and enthusiasm. Pageants, special songs, crown making competitions and seas of red, white and blue everywhere. I also visited the festivities at Royal Jubilee Court where residents from 19 of our sheltered housing facilities, came together for a superb party. I have to say the staff and volunteers were amazing. They went the extra mile to ensure it was a perfect day.

David (my consort and husband) and I attended numerous street parties across the Borough, and even damp weather didn't deter the residents from celebrating wholeheartedly.

As for our Council, they pulled out all the stops to make the Jubilee festivities truly memorable for our residents.

The Sunday before the Jubilee, a party was organised for over 60 children and their families which took place on the Queen's Green. It was a very hot and sunny day and the children enjoyed the games and craft activities. The Giggly Pig lunch went down well as well!

There was a lovely feel to Romford Market on the Jubilee Saturday, with all the red white and blue flags. It was stunning.

The market never disappoints. We also went up to an Open Garden and Summer Fayre event at St. Francis Hospice. It was nice to see so many people helping with the event.

On Sunday many of us attended the service of Thanksgiving at St. Edwards' church in Romford market place. It was with some trepidation I read one of the lessons. As always the choir sang like angels, they are so gifted.

Romfest commenced in the afternoon and I met children who were there to attend their own special Romfest party.

We had provided a lot of entertainment for the residents and visitors from Chas (of Chas and Dave Fame) to a young lady called Hope Murphy who had sung her heart out on "Britain's Got Talent". We even had some fireworks. Wonderful.

On the Monday I opened the Sports Festival and helped give out 320 medals to the participants of the 5k Fun Run. David and I then carried on visiting street parties. I know the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress were also out meeting and greeting. We were all enjoyably busy.

The grand finale of the Monday celebrations was the lighting of the Beacon in Havering -atte-Bower. I co-lit the Beacon at 10pm that evening with the Member of Parliament for Romford, Mr. Andrew Rosindell. This event had been organised by The 3rd

Havering St. James Scouts. So well done to them. Over 4000 beacons were lit in the UK and around the world. So Havering was part of something really big and historical and will probably never be seen again in our lifetime.

Last Sunday we rounded off our Borough's wonderful Jubilee celebrations with a Summer Concert at Langtons, free to all who wished to attend.

I have to say what with the flag waving, bunting etc it truly was like "the last Night of the Proms". At both the Romfest and Langtons I was approached by visitors from other parts of London who wanted to shake my hand as a thank you to Havering for putting on these events. I was proud to do so.

I have to say I thought it was a lovely endorsement of all our staff who work so hard to make these events happen. From our events and parks people to everyone else involved. They are a credit to our Borough.

Finally, just to remind you this isn't the end of this summer of fun. The Olympic Torch will be coming to Havering on Sunday 22nd July.

Then we will have our two day Havering Show on August Bank Holiday week-end and the Hornchurch Live Music event on the Saturday evening of that week-end.

I also have one announcement to make. Leading Cadet Lucy May Croxall of St John Ambulance, Harold Hill cadet Division will be the Mayoral cadet for the Year.

Cadet Sergeant Andrew Murphy of 452 (Hornchurch) Squadron, Air Training Corps, will be the Deputy Cadet and I look forward to working with both of them.

Thank you, that concludes my announcements.

As there are no announcements from the Leader of the Council or the Chief Executive we will now move on to the business of the day, beginning with item 6, Petitions.