Town Mayor's update for Council meeting on 16 December 2024

Charles Dickens School Awards - 28th November

A fantastic evening of celebration at which I handed out a number of the awards. It was attended by multi-capped, England international Futsal player Steve Daley MBE who gave an inspirational speech about his journey from the streets of Belfast in the 70s and 80s to winning 150+ caps for England and playing in 2 World Cup finals.

Town Council Christmas Market - 30th November

Well attended market. Received positive feedback from the stall holders I spoke to and from those who attended. Good music, especially the school choirs. Thanks to Leanne, Mia and everyone else involved in organising it a success.

Copperfield Court Christmas Celebration - 2nd December

I attended and switched on the Christmas Lights. Chatted to a number of the residents, many of whom previously lived in the Town.

GAP Project AGM - 2nd December

I attended the AGM and heard all about the great work done there through so many different projects.

Broadstairs College Carol Concert - 6th December

Good time at the College inclusive learning carol concert at the Queens Road Baptist Church.

St Peter's Church Christmas Tree Festival - 6th December

A lot of Christmas Trees to judge from a wide selection of schools and community groups. After judging the winner and runner up in the 2 categories (for the record the 1st St Peter's Cubs and Beavers won the Youth section with Cross Keys Learning second and the Thanet South Trefoil Guild won the Adult section with the Thanet Arts Society runners up), I stayed to listen to the Well Being Choir sing a selection of Christmas songs.

Veterans Christmas Event @ Invicta Lodge - 7th December

Had a lovely couple of hours at Invicta Lodge chatting to veterans and others at this East Kent Mind sponsored event.

Thanet Male Voice Choir Christmas Concert - 8th December

Attended with Mayors of Margate and Ramsgate + Sir Roger Gale and Craig Mackinlay. Upton Junior School also sang at this fundraiser for the Sepsis Trust.

Caremark Thanet Care Assistant Awards - 12th December

Attended Caremark's awards to carers across Thanet and Dover districts. Awards sponsored by a number of Broadstairs's small businesses who were there. Raffle raising money for "Making Ellie Count", a local sepsis awareness raising charity.