

On a lovely Sunday sunny morning in September, the Mayoress and I went to Leighton Buzzard to have a day on the Bromley Youth Trust Narrow Boat 'Rosanne'. This longboat is available for youth groups to hire, it was a most enjoyable day, opening and closing locks and hearing the history of this narrowboat.

Religion plays a large part in the life of the borough and I have visited many Churches, Mosques, Synagogues, Temples for various events, rededications, Gospel Choir evenings, welcomes to Clergy, farewells, Annual Services, and Anniversaries and Celebrations, Festivals of Light and spring, and the Top of the Pew inter Church quiz night. Also a number of church leaders, national and international, have visited me in the parlour.

The borough has many notable people past and present who are connected with Bromley, I attended many events that celebrated these unique partnerships; HG Wells society, David Bowie Club, Darwin Family and some new claims to fame, our Olympic Medal winners from Rio.

I attended many productions by our dramatic societies, e.g., West Wickham Operatic Society, Kent Operatic Society, West Wickham Pantomime Society, Bromley Little Theatre, many school productions of a very high standard, and the enjoyment of Panto at the Churchill Theatre.

The Christmas period was a very busy time with many Switch Ons, Santa Dashes, Reindeer, Elves, Pantos and Christmas Markets. I visited over 30 events which were a delight to attend and met so many residents, and not one drop of rain at any of them!



A highlight of December was one of our own residents, Matt Terry winning X-Factor. Bromley featured on the ITV programme over the weekend with a very fleeting cameo role for the Mayor! Another occasion when Bromley featured in the national media.

A first for the Mayoralty of Bromley was that I commenced a Facebook posting for all the events and visits I have made throughout the year attracting over 1,000 followers. It also includes many selfies that were taken by me! It has enabled many people from all over the world to have sight of the life of a Mayor. It has created much interest and many positive comments.



I have supported two charities throughout the year with a number of events; from a Quiz Night, Magic and Music, Masquerade Ball, visit to Biggin Hill Airport, Theatre Nights and so on: I should like to thank all who have been involved in supporting and attending the many events, I am very grateful, as are the charities you have been supporting, they are:



**THE SALVATION ARMY YOUTH PROJECT** –The Salvation Army offers a wide range of local and regional activities to engage with adults and children of all ages. In the South East of England this

includes a two week Kids Summer Camp at a boarding school, where children can feel safe and happy building positive relationships and enjoying the organised activities. All the children are referred by either Local Salvation Army or Social Services. They have a week of one to one support, with lots of fun planned to encourage positive self-image and confidence. For the majority of the children this is the only holiday they will have.

Both Judith and I have been cooking at this camp for the past six years and see the difference the two weeks makes to the children. We believe that developing and encouraging positive relationships with children will help them enjoy exciting, fulfilling lives and be good citizens in their communities. Funds raised by the Mayor's Charity helped to send over 20 children to this camp in 2016 and will continue to enable the Salvation Army to do so in the future and support them in their communities. I wish to thank all the Salvation Army personnel who have helped me in this project this year.



**THE BREAST OF BROMLEY** - is a regional volunteer group in Bromley. In partnership with Breast Cancer Now, the UK's largest breast cancer research charity, it raises money for Breast Cancer to fund vital research into finding a cure for this dreadful, invasive disease.

One in eight women in the UK will face breast cancer in their lifetime. Breast Cancer Now intends to change that and thanks to local charities such as The Breast of Bromley, breast cancer is being diagnosed and cured. Thanks to Debbie Lock for all her support throughout the year.

If ever there was a thought of 'Is the Mayoralty really needed' this year has shown to me that the residents of the London Borough of Bromley enjoy, respect and celebrate the tradition of the Mayor attending events in their communities; for many it makes their event very special and is an ambassadorial role when visiting out of the borough. So, long may it continue. For my successor, Cllr Kathy Bance, I wish her enjoyment, as I have had, as she takes on the Chain of Office of this great borough.

Finally, a sincere thank you to all who have made this Mayoral year the success it has been, it has been an enormous privilege and pleasure to be the First Citizen and to meet so many people who make this borough the wonderful place that it is in which to live, work, relax and enjoy life.

God bless you all

*Ian F Payne*

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2016 – 2017**



## London Borough of Bromley Mayor 2016 - 2017 Councillor Ian F Payne Annual Review and Report

I should like to commence this **Mayor's Annual Report** by thanking my proposer, Councillor Katy Boughey and seconder Councillor Douglas Auld for their support and kind words at the Annual Council in May 2016 and their ongoing support throughout the year.

I should also like to place on record my thanks to the Mayoralty Staff, Ms Margaret Lobo and the team, Jo, Alex, for all their support, diligence and hard work throughout the past year. Also my thanks go to attendants James, Peter and Chris. Much could not have been achieved without the support and commitment of these people.

I do want to mention separately my attendant, Mr Kim Kilroy-Burns who retired in January and was acknowledged for his work over the past 10 years, but I do pay special thanks for his support and loyalty to me as the Mayor until his retirement.

I also wish to thank all fellow Members of Council for their confidence in choosing me as the 51<sup>st</sup> Mayor of the London Borough of Bromley and for their support of my charity events and for welcoming me into their wards around the borough.

Thanks also must go to Officers of Council for the work carried out through Mr Doug Patterson our Chief Executive. I wish to thank them for all their support to the Mayoralty and the respect shown to the Mayor when around the Civic Centre and within the borough.



I should like to thank Lt Colonels, Graham and Kirsten Owen who carried out the Office of Chaplains for me through the year, also hosting the Civic Services at Bromley Salvation Army and the Civic Christmas Celebration all of which were well-attended.

I could not have carried out all my duties without the tireless support of my Mayoress Judith, for which I am sincerely grateful and also my family who have supported me throughout the year. I also thank the numerous consorts who accompanied me on a number of my engagements in place of the Mayoress.

Throughout my year I have been ably supported by my Deputy Mayor, Councillor Hannah Gray and her consort Mark. I could not have had anyone better by my side and representing me at many functions and events in the borough and other London and Kent areas. Thank you Hannah. (Her report is enclosed)



In the year I have, with my Deputy, attended and carried out over 700 engagements from welcoming new born babies to celebrating a 101 year old flying in a spitfire, engaging with every part of the borough.

What an amazing borough we have, with countless thousands of people working day in and day out in business, the voluntary sector, education, care, leisure, retail, hospitality, emergency services and more, to make Bromley a place that is a pleasure to live, work and play in. There has not been one occasion when I have not felt immense pride in being the First Citizen of the London Borough of Bromley.

As Mayor I am also the Patron, President, Chairman of over 40 charities and institutions which I visited through the year and some will be mentioned in this report. I will highlight some of the events that have taken place throughout the year, to mention them all would make this report a somewhat long read, so here are the highlights of my Mayoral year:

The year commenced in the way it continued: very busy. Visits included the Bromley Camera Club awards evening, Viennese musical evening hosted by Bromley Bickley Rotary Club, West Wickham Operatic Society production of Legally Blonde, Kentish Opera's production of Macbeth, Walk for Peace arranged by the Elders Muslim Society of London and the Crystal Palace Annual Motor Sport Time Trials. One highlight was the opening of a Library Bus at Mead Road Infant School in Chislehurst. This is a single deck Static Bus that is the school library and breakout area for studying – an excellent idea and certainly loved by the pupils.



St Paul's Cathedral was the venue for the Annual London Mayors Service, hosted by the Lord Mayor of London, this gave me the chance to meet the Mayors from the London Boroughs and enjoy a fabulous Evensong service in the historic surrounds of St Paul's Cathedral and

then attend a reception at the Mansion House. It was here that the 'I Met the Mayor' badge (IMM) was launched and began its popularity! Causing much hilarity among the other Mayors, the badge became a much sort after item when people met the Mayor – 10,000 have been distributed to people from all walks of life, including the Prime Minister.



A further highlight of the Mayoralty was the occasion I visited residents with special birthdays and anniversaries. I was delighted to surprise Ted and Eva Cotterill, at the same time as a telegram from the Queen arrived congratulating them on 65 years of marriage. It was a double pleasure as Colonel Ted Cotterill conducted my and the Mayoress' marriage ceremony some 35 years previously. I also enjoyed a delightful visit to Trudy Baxter, who celebrated her 100th birthday.



I was delighted to hear the Parish Church, St Peters and St Pauls, ring a Peal in recognition of the new Mayor of Bromley on the day of the Civic Sunday (5 June). A first for a Mayor in the Borough.

I have been very grateful to Les and Tim Captains of the Mayor's sporting teams that were active through the year - Golf and Bowls - we did win some trophies - apparently!

I was honoured, on occasions, to support the Deputy Lieutenant Colonel Robert Murfin at his awards presentation evening and for the Colonel to support me. Particularly



enjoyable was a busy weekend when, with the Colonel, and Deputy Mayor, we visited over 67 street parties around the borough, celebrating HM the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Also, as I was being interviewed on BBC London News, a flypast of the Red Arrows was filmed behind me

which was broadcast later that day.

A pleasure throughout the year was the involvement with our



Twinned Town, Neuwied with which we celebrate 30 years of partnership this year. I enjoyed my visits to them and their visits to us, always colourful and busy and involving a lot of food. The Lord Mayor Nicolaus Roth was a perfect host on all occasions,

setting up many visits for when I was in Neuwied. The friendly relationship we have adds a great dimension to the borough of Bromley. On one of my visits I did enjoy the Karneval, as it was so different to anything experienced in the UK.



I attended many School, Academy, College, University Award Ceremonies. It was a delight to support staff and congratulate the education establishments for their excellent work for our young people, in many varying communities in the borough. Also, I enjoyed giving out prizes at many of the schools and personally congratulating the students. I have

attended a number of events at London South East Colleges, BR6 Restaurant and BR6 Bakehouse; it is good to know that Bromley is leading the way in the South East as regards Hospitality and Catering training and SEN provision.



An unusual event was when I attended the refurbishment of Charles and Emma Darwin's bedroom in Down House. It was a pleasure to meet two descendants from the family who gave first-hand family accounts from the perspective of Charles and Emma Darwin.

A large part of the Mayoralty is visiting youth programmes around the borough, including Scouts, Explorers, Guides, Brownies, Boys Brigade, Sea and Army Cadets, Church Groups and Sporting Clubs, to name just a few. In all I visited over 45 organisations. At every one I was proud of what is being achieved by so many young people and their leaders in the borough; most never get the media coverage they deserve. A highlight was the St George's Day Parade where I met over 1,000 Scouts, Cubs, Beavers, Explorers and leaders and presented prizes, congratulating them all in being one of the largest districts in the UK.



I also had the privilege of 'Cutting the Ribbon' for many business establishments throughout the borough and again an opportunity to thank them for investing in Bromley, creating jobs and security in many areas. In addition I visited many business networking exhibitions and events around the borough.

I have conducted weekly Citizenship Ceremonies, where I have had the privilege to welcome new British Citizens into the borough and to encourage them to take their responsibilities in becoming a British Citizen. This is more than just receiving a Passport but taking full advantage of immersing themselves in this great and historic borough and giving something back.



I have attended many events that have supported our Military Forces, for example Armed Forces Day, which was marked by a short service in the Civic Gardens and Whistle for the Somme. A very poignant moment was when many communities joined together in blowing a whistle to mark the occasion when our forces went 'Over the Top' in 1916. The Annual Services of Remembrance in Orpington and Bromley, led by the Deputy Mayor and I were well attended and gave a great sense of occasion. Also, I enjoyed visiting Territorial Army Reserve Units, Cadets Groups of the Air Force, Navy and Army as well as supporting the various Servicemen organisations SAFFA, British Legion, Burma Star, to name but a few - It was an immense privilege to represent the borough on these occasions and an honour to thank many of the active and retired service men attending these functions, for

their sacrifice and service. There have been some events honouring our ex-servicemen at the 'Spitfire' Café in Biggin Hill, which I have attended and been grateful for such impressive support shown to our servicemen.

A further highlight of the year was presenting the Mayor's Award to seven recipients who achieved outstanding voluntary work in the borough. They represent the many thousands who make a difference in our communities.

I did enjoy a visit to Wellington Barracks to view the preparation of the military personnel for a State visit, particularly focusing on the King's Troop who fired a 21 Gun salute that I was able to be present at - the timing and ceremony was so impressive.

I attended many sporting events through the year, a highlight and pride was the visit to Crystal Palace Sports Centre to encourage the borough team in the Annual, All London Youth Games, borough against borough. I was delighted to learn over that weekend that Bromley had indeed come first and won the All London Youth Games. I was pleased to host a reception at the Civic Centre with representatives from the team and GB Olympics winners, who live in the borough, to encourage the young people, and be interviewed live on BBC London News.



I was pleased to welcome members of the Royal Family into the borough, namely, HRH Countess of Wessex, who visited Morden College of which Ralph Perring Court, in the borough is a part of the organisation.

We were also privileged to host a visit from HRH The Princess Royal, to Save The Children Charity Shop in Orpington High Street. She was delighted to receive an IMM!



Throughout the year many visits have been made to Bromley Youth Music Trust (BYMT) engagements, certainly a Jewel in the Crown of the borough. Apart from attending concerts, musicals, small events and the BYMT young musicians supporting the Mayor's fundraising events, I toured the six satellite training classes of BYMT on a Saturday morning witnessing over 2,500 young people engaged in learning and producing good music. Everything from a single lad learning the trumpet, to steel bands, big band sound and a 70 piece orchestra rehearsing. It has been a privilege to meet the musical director on many occasions and to witness his enthusiasm permeating the whole Trust. BYMT is a world class music organisation, taking part in the world championships in Europe this year in the Netherlands.

I was delighted to host the Annual Volunteers Garden Party in the grounds of the Old Palace, where over 350 volunteers from all around the borough attended and were congratulated for their hard and valuable work. The evening was ably supported by the Bromley Salvation Army Band.



I have supported many of the Mayors of London and Kent, enjoying all their hospitality and likewise I have welcomed a number of them to events in Bromley. Highlights of our meetings

together were the Annual Service in Westminster Abbey, where all Mayors Parade into the Abbey in ceremonial Robes, the Lord Mayor of London's Annual Parade and the London New Year's Day Parade, when this year our borough won £2,000 for our float entry in partnership with St Christopher's. Other events included the London Government Dinner, hosted by the Lord Mayor of London at



Mansion House and the Costermongers Harvest Festival, Pearly Kings and Queens at the Guildhall Yard, a sight to behold seeing all the London Mayors dancing around the Maypole! Also, I attended various all London events at City Hall hosted by the Mayor of London Mr Sadiq Khan, namely,

Remembrance Service, the Holocaust Memorial Day and Citizenship Day.

Throughout the year I (and the Deputy) have attended many 'Jack Petchey' Award evenings at schools, theatres and sports venues. It gave me the opportunity to congratulate many young people on their endeavours in their school and sports or after-school activities. A highlight was attending the 'Step into Dance' presentation evening at Saddles Wells Theatre, where over 1000 young people from all around the London boroughs demonstrated their dancing skills; it was amazing and full of energy. I had the opportunity to thank Jack Petchey personally for his support to young people in Bromley borough as he attended this event and is known to me.



I have attended many local interest Clubs around the borough covering; Stamps, Railways, Vintage Cars, Animals, Historic Bromley, Talking Newspapers, Women's Institute, Archaeological Rescue Unit, Ripley Arts Centre, again just to name a few of the groups which offer something for all ages and skills. I was also the guest speaker at many Rotary Clubs around the borough.

I have opened and attended many Garden Parties, Fetes, Fayres, May Queen events, meeting many residents, all a great part of the life of many communities in the borough; again it enables the Mayor to see many activities and groups in the community they represent.