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HONORARY REMEMBRANCER’S REPORT
FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017-18

Introduction

Mr Mayor,

During your mayoral year, the Borough went from strength to strength. Guildford was rated second best town nationally in Lambert Smith Hampton’s UK Vitality Index, up from fifth place in the previous year. The index ranked those best placed to support growth and provide opportunities for businesses to expand. It was also ranked the third most highly educated town, and there is a clear link between the two rankings.

A major civic event was the signing of a partnership agreement with the city of Dongying in China on 15th October.

On a sadder note, the death of Honorary Freeman Bill Bellerby on 19th September saw the passing of one whose dedicated service to the Borough and its people for over sixty years had made him a revered local figure.

House prices throughout the year were well over double the national average. In October figures released by Zoopla showed that Guildford had the most streets with houses worth over £1 million, outside London.

The opening of the Tunsgate Quarter shopping centre in March was another landmark. With regard to Guildford as a shopping town, it is notable that the town-centre footfall over the Christmas season showed a 2.8% increase in shoppers compared with the same period in 2016. This contrasted with an average decline of 1.1% nationally.

Unemployment was around 0.6%, compared with a national average of 2.1%. Public Health England reported that the health of people in Guildford was better than average, as was life expectancy for both men and women. It is perhaps unsurprising, then, that the Sunday Times rated Guildford as one of fifteen best towns in which to live.

Matthew Alexander,
Honorary Remembrancer of Guildford
April 2018
Business and the Economy

Economic vitality
Early in the year, Guildford was rated 2nd in Britain in Lambert Smith Hampton’s UK Vitality Index, up from 5th place in the previous year. The index assesses the economic health of the UK’s 65 largest towns and cities outside London, ranking those best placed to support growth and provide opportunities for businesses to expand. Guildford’s place as 3rd in the ‘most highly educated’ index reflects the level of educational attainment of the town’s residents. The town was also rated the 6th most entrepreneurial, the 6th most economically productive and the 7th with growing affluence.

Quality of life
In October Guildford was rated the 11th happiest town in the South East of England (and 68th nationally) in the property company Rightmove’s Happy at Home Index. Residents were asked how happy they are where they live in the town and also to rank it against twelve ‘happiness’ factors. These were Décor, Space, Contentment, Value, Area upkeep, Community, Pride, Costs, Safety, Amenities, Recreation, and Neighbourliness.

House Prices
In April 2017 the property website Zoopla calculated that the average value of a property in Guildford was £585,516. Terraced properties sold for an average value of £427,042 and semi-detached properties £480,218. During the previous year prices in Guildford had increased by 2.42%.

HM Land Registry statistics revealed that prices of flats in Guildford had increased by 41% from 2007 to 2017, to an average of £311,242.

In February, Zoopla released figures showing that Guildford had 5,889 homes worth over £1million, the largest number for anywhere outside London.

On 18th March, the Sunday Times published figures showing that the average sale price on a starter home or flat was £266,890, on a mid-market semi £513,290 and on a family detached house £865,640.

Stamp Duty
On 15th November, a report by Santander entitled ‘Unintended Consequences’ criticised stamp duty for being a key factor in stifling residential property sales. Based on the average property price in Surrey of £544,268, the stamp duty payable was £17,213. The report showed that properties in Surrey were waiting an average of 129 days on the market: 59% longer than ten years previously.
**Rents**

In June figures were released that showed that tenancy deposits in the Guildford area in the first quarter of the year had averaged £1,382, around 43% more than the national average.

On 18th March, the Sunday Times published figures showing that the average monthly rents on a starter home or flat was £990, on a mid-market semi £1,700 and on a family detached house £2,560.

**Empty houses**

In October, the owners of 125 Guildford properties, empty for at least two years, were paying an additional 50% levy in addition to their council tax. This was expected to generate £114,964.38 of additional revenue in the financial year 2017/18.

**Housing Strategy**

In July twelve affordable homes for rent at Lockside, Slyfield Green, were completed. There were eight two-bed and four three-bedroom houses. Guildford Borough Council retained ownership of the houses and they were added to its existing housing stock.

On 22nd March seventy people attended a conference entitled ‘Guildford’s Housing Crisis: towards progressive solutions’ at the Guildford Baptist Church in Millmead. It was organised by the Guildford Private Renters Association, the charity Guildford Action (based at Beverley Hall in Haydon Place), and the Guildford Labour Party. There were also representatives from Homes for Surrey, Network Community Land Trusts, Guildford Borough Council, Shelter, The Cooperative Party, Riverside, Surrey Community Action, Surrey Students Union, YMCA Guildford, Surrey Cut the Rent and Marks Out of Tenancy. It was opened by the shadow minister for housing, Melanie Onn MP.

**Homelessness and rough sleeping**

On 25th December, the drop-in centre Footsteps, at the Beverley Centre in Haydon Place, was open on Christmas Day to homeless and needy people in the area. Rough-sleepers and people with alcohol or drug problems were given Christmas food. Footsteps is regularly open every Sunday evening throughout the year, serving around 40 people each week.

In January, Experience Guildford, in collaboration with the Safer Guildford Partnership, introduced Have a Heart - Give Smart, a campaign to raise awareness of the best ways to help street beggars and the homeless. An initiative of the Association of Town Centre Managers, it encourages people to give to local charities that help with homelessness, mental health and substance abuse rather than giving to individuals.
On 20th February, Guildford Borough Council received £460,000 from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local government over three years to aid the Council in addressing issues of homelessness. The Council Executive had agreed new measures to support the introduction of the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017.

In March the housing charity Shelter released figures showing that the cost of temporarily housing homeless families in Guildford in 2016-7 had been £38,130.

**Guildford & Woking Refugee Hosting Hub**

On 25th January the Guildford & Woking Refugee Hosting Hub held a public meeting at St Francis church hall in Beckingham Road for those who might offer accommodation to refugees and asylum seekers.

**Unemployment**

In April 2017 statistics compiled by Surrey-i showed that there were 560 people out of work claiming job seekers’ allowance or Universal Credit in Guildford, comprising 0.6% of the population aged 16-64.

In March 2018, there were 595 claimants, representing 0.6%. It compared with the national average of 2.1%

**Salaries**

In March, the Payscale website gave the average salary for employees in Guildford as £29,530. Popular jobs in Guildford included Software Developer, Software Engineer, and Solicitor, which paid between £30,807 and £37,500 per annum. The most popular jobs in Guildford were in IT, insurance & financial services, and education.

**Personal Debt**

On 29th April, the Guildford branch of the debt-counselling charity Christians Against Poverty celebrated its 5th anniversary at Westborough United Reformed Church. At first 16, and later 18, local churches had wanted to help people tackle their financial worries. Many clients had been depressed, even suicidal, from problems relating to unemployment, relationship breakdown or illness.

On 23rd April, Christians Against Poverty began an eight-week debt management and life skills course at St Saviour’s Church in Woodbridge Road. The course was designed to help people who were struggling with debt and money management to manage their household budget, make money go further, deal with life pressures and improve self-confidence.

**Shopping**

On 29th January, the retail intelligence company Springboard released
figures showing that town-centre footfall in the Christmas season had defied the national trend, with a 2.8% increase in shoppers compared with the same period in 2016. This contrasted with an average decline of 1.1% nationally. Experience Guildford said the figures demonstrated the consistently strong attraction of Guildford as a shopping and leisure destination.

The Village Guildford

On 10th June, the Village Guildford, the rebranded Pop-up Village between Woodbridge Road and Leapale Road, was reopened to provide retail outlets for small businesses. £90,000 had been spent on improvements. The opening was heralded by a parade down the High Street led by a giant puppet called Eartha, with other characters and dancers.

From 28th September to 1st October, Blue Collar Street Food ran a food festival at the Village, with musical entertainment.

On 16th November, an ice rink was opened at the Village for the Christmas period.

On 5th December, following disappointing financial results, the Council agreed to withdraw the budget for the Village for 2018-19 and explore alternative temporary uses for the town centre site.

On 24th December the Village closed.

On 24th February a Chinese New Year celebration was staged at The Village, organised by the Guildford-based “UK-China culture and education exchange centre” and promoted by Visit Guildford. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning officially opened the event.

Surrey Business Expo

On 14th June the second Surrey Business Expo (formerly Guildford Means Business) at the Surrey Sports Park showcased 120 exhibitors from across the county. Organised by Connect Surrey, there were seminars and stands.

Experience Guildford

On 18th July the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning joined Cllr Paul Spooner, Leader of the Council, and Steve White, Deputy Managing Director of Guildford Borough Council, for a Business Lunch at The County Club, hosted by Kevin Lorimer, Chair of Experience Guildford.

On 22nd July Experience Guildford’s Town Centre Crime Reduction Partnership organised its 2nd annual Emergency Services Community Safety Day. As well as displays inside the Guildhall, there were vintage and modern emergency vehicles outside in the High Street. These included a vintage Bedford ambulance presented by Surrey Ambulance Retirement
Association, a Dennis F12 Fire Engine of the Amix Club and modern emergency service vehicles from Surrey Police, Surrey Fire & Rescue Service and the London Ambulance Service. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, was one of those attending.

On 4th September, the Experience Guildford's Best Bar None Awards were held at the Mandolay Hotel. The Star won as best national pub, and The Keep as best independent pub. All Bar One was top in the best national bar category and Kokomo for best independent bar. The Boileroom was best entertainment venue. The Mayor attended the event.

On 2nd October the Customer Services Awards, organised by Experience Guildford, were presented at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre. The winners in their categories were Pubs, bars and clubs: The Britannia; Coffee shops: Coffee Culture; Restaurants National: The March Hare; Restaurants Independent: Thai Terrace; Food on the Go: Five Guys; Health: Red Hot Yoga; Beauty: Champneys; Leisure and lifestyle: Yvonne Arnaud Theatre; Service provider: The Street Angels; Professional services: Halifax; Retail National small: Pure Collection; Retail National large: Waitrose; Retail independent: The Bear Garden. The Mayor attended.

On 3rd November, Guildford businesses voted in favour of a second five-year term of the Business Improvement District, Experience Guildford. There was a turnout of 54% of those eligible to vote. The first five years had seen Guildford businesses have investing over £2.5 million, through an annual levy, to enhance the trading environment.

Surrey Property Awards
On 23rd November the 2017 Surrey Property Awards and Gala Dinner was held at G Live. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended.

On 17th January the Mayor was at the Surrey Property Awards cheque presentation to Challengers at G Live.

Toast of Surrey
On 28th June the annual Toast of Surrey Business awards were presented. Party Hard Travel, based in Midleton Road, was judged New Business of the Year; 22 Cans Ltd judged the Creative Communications and Digital Business of the Year; and Gold-I won the award for International Trade. Both the latter were based in the Surrey Research Park.

Muddy Stilettos Surrey Business Awards
On 23rd June the Muddy Stilettos Surrey Business Awards were held at High Clandon Vineyard, East Clandon. Albury Organic Vineyard won in the Local Producer (Food and Drink) category, and Cellar Wines of Ripley won in the Wine Merchant category. Two Guildford firms, both in North Street, also won first places: The Gate Boutique in the Women’s Store category,
and Red Hot Yoga in the Yoga/Pilates Studio category.

Restaurant closures
A number of restaurants closed in the last quarter of the year. In January the doughnut firm Krispy Kreme shut its North Street shop, having traded there since 2007.

On 19th March Loch Fyne Seafood & Grill Restaurant in Chapel Street closed, and Jackson and Rye's bar and grill on the Upper High Street followed suit after only 15 months trading.

In April the Italian restaurant chain Prezzo closed its Upper High Street branch under a Company Voluntary Arrangement aimed at rescuing the business. The Guildford branch was one of 94 identified as 'clearly not viable' and having 'no prospect of being restored to viability'.

Barker & Stonehouse
On 26th December the furniture retailers Barker & Stonehouse opened their new premises in Ladymead, on the site of the former Guildford Fire Station. Costing £10m, the 42,000 sq. ft. store created 25 jobs.

Tunsgate Quarter
On 15th March the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, officially opened the £30 million retail development Tunsgate Quarter, previously Tunsgate Square. The building work had started in September 2016. The 80,000 square foot shopping centre included branches of Bobbi Brown, Cath Kidston, Loaf, Lululemon, OKA and The White Company.

On 3rd April the Mayor attended the preview of the Ivy Castle View Restaurant, in Tunsgate Quarter. It opened on 4th April, and Nespresso followed later in the year.

Hummingbird Bakery
On 17th August the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended the opening of the Hummingbird Bakery in the Upper High Street. The shop is one of a chain specialising in American-style cupcakes.

Jaeger
On 18th April 2017 it was announced that the Jaeger shop in Guildford High Street was to close, with the loss of ten jobs. The company had gone into administration after Better Capital had failed to sell it.

Specsavers
On 20th May the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended the Specsavers 21st anniversary celebrations at their Guildford branch in Friary Street.
On 7th November the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning visited Specsavers Guildford for a tour of their store.

**DFS**

On 30th March the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, officially opened the sofa and furniture retailers DFS’ Store in North Street.

**That's Surrey TV**

On 20th July That’s Surrey TV was launched. Part of That’s TV, the new station was available on Freeview channel 7. It was the only television channel providing news and features for Surrey.

**M.R. Solutions**

On 1st September M.R. Solutions was presented with the Queen’s Award for Enterprise by the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Michael More-Molyneux, at their offices at Ashbourne House on the Portsmouth Road. The Mayor, Councillor Nigel Manning, attended the event.

**Kelly Storage**

On 22nd September a business breakfast was held to mark Kelly Storage’s 80th anniversary at their premises in Slyfield Industrial Estate. The guest speaker for the occasion was the explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was one of the guests.

**BAE Systems**

On 10th October BAE Systems announced significant job losses, including 150 from its Applied Intelligence locations in London and Guildford. BAE Systems’ Cyber Security & Intelligence unit is based at the Research Park.

**OKE karaoke bar**

On 17th February the OKE karaoke bar and the Legion nightclub in Millbrook closed. The proprietors Lucid Dynasty Ltd said that “very high rent” had made the businesses unsustainable. The landlords had previously gained planning permission to convert the buildings into housing.

**Ericsson**

In March the Swedish telecommunications company Ericsson announced its intention to move its UK headquarters from Guildford to Reading. It had been based in the Guildford Business Park, by the Dennis roundabout, for thirty years. Six hundred staff, mostly from its Guildford office, were to be relocated to the Thames Tower office block in Reading by the end of the year.

**Bayfields Opticians**

On 19th April the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, officially opened the new
branch of Bayfields Opticians in Guildford High Street.

**Greyfriars Vineyard**

On 16th June the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, opened the new storage ‘cave’ at Greyfriars Vineyard, on the south-facing chalk slopes of the Hogs Back above Puttenham. The new cave had been constructed to create more storage capacity with optimum conditions, and enable the vineyard to create their selection of English sparkling and still wines.

**Hog’s Back Brewery**

On 12th May a limited-edition honeyed ale ‘Summertime Buzz’ was launched, with an ABV of 4.2%.

On 15th June Hog’s Back Brewery celebrated National Beer Day with a ‘Cheers to Beer’ event.

On 23rd September the brewery marked its 25th anniversary with a Hop Harvest Party. Amongst the beers on offer was Green TEA, their Traditional English Ale brewed with fresh green hop.

**Silent Pool Distillers**

On 10th June, Silent Pool Distillers celebrated World Gin Day with food, entertainment and two gin bars.

**Guildford Farmers’ Market**

The Guildford Farmers’ Market took place on the High Street, on the first Tuesday of every month. On 19th December, the Mayor Cllr Nigel Manning judged stalls the Christmas Farmers Market.

**Alexander Dennis**

On 23rd August, the Prime Minister Theresa May visited the Alexander Dennis factory, accompanied by Anne Milton MP. The company had secured a UK Export Finance guarantee for £44 million to export 90 low-emission double-decker buses to Mexico. The Prime Minister hailed the deal as “a great British win”, potentially creating 320 jobs locally.

**Hart Brown Economic Forum**

On 15th June, the 13th Hart Brown South East Annual Economic Forum was held at the University’s Surrey Business School. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was among the audience of around 350 who heard Stephen Boyle, Chief Economist at Royal Bank of Scotland, Dr Malcolm Parry OBE, Managing Director & CEO of Surrey Research Park, and Kate Lester of Diamond Logistics speak on ‘Preparing For What’s Next’. The question of a ‘hard Brexit’ was raised, but none of the three speakers was able to forecast the outcome of the negotiations.
**Guildford Harbour Hotel**

On 7th May over forty young people from the county received awards at the Surrey Youth Focus’ Surrey Young Superstars ceremony at the Guildford Harbour Hotel. Their trophies and certificates were presented by H.M Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, Mr Michael More-Molyneux. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended.

On 30th November, the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, was a guest at the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment Southern Branch dinner at the Harbour Hotel.

**Holiday Inn**

On 17th May the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the Spirit Health Club’s 30th anniversary celebration at the Holiday Inn.

On 26th October, the Mayor was a guest at ‘Shirl's Guildford' photographic presentation at the Holiday Inn, Guildford.

**Surrey Advertiser**

On 29th September, the Surrey Advertiser changed its format from broadsheet to tabloid. At the same time, it was redesigned, losing the Old English typeface used for its title since its foundation in 1864.

**NatWest Bank**

On 1st December, the Royal Bank of Scotland announced that it would be closing the NatWest branch in Woodbridge Hill, Guildford on 29th May. This was a result of many customers switching to online banking.

**South West Trains**

In July, figures from the Office for Road and Rail showed that 3.6% of South West Trains services were delayed for over half an hour or cancelled.

On 20th August, South Western Railway replaced South West Trains in London and the south of England, having outbid SWT for the franchise. The company, First MTR South Western Ltd, is a partnership between the transport operator FirstGroup and MTR, which operates the Hong Kong metro. It planned to invest over £1.2 billion over seven years.

On 7th February Anne Milton, MP for Guildford said that many of her constituents had raised concerns about their experiences with South Western Railway. The National Rail Passenger Survey had found that overall satisfaction levels had dropped by 7% from the autumn of 2016 to autumn 2017.

In April Network Rail took over the running of Guildford station from South Western Railway to support the delivery of the Railway Upgrade Plan. This
major development plan for Guildford station had been approved by the Planning Inspectorate in January. The South Western Railway, which operates the majority of rail services in and out of Guildford, reassured passengers that nothing would change.

**Rail delays**

Among the delays to train services to or from Guildford during the year were:

On 21st May all lines in the Guildford area were closed for renewal and maintenance work. There were replacement bus services.

On 6th June, strong winds brought trees down, one of which fell on the line at Worplesdon and blocked it for several hours.

On 24th June, track circuits failed at London Waterloo, which led to the cancelation of the service from Guildford.

On 7th July, an explosion took place inside an under-floor equipment case on the third carriage of a train leaving Guildford for Waterloo. There were no reported injuries, but fragments of debris, some quite sizable, were blown onto public platforms and the car park. The train was a Class 455, fitted with new traction equipment, which had led to previous explosions attributed to a manufacturing defect. All services at Guildford station were suspended for a time.

On 24th July, mainline services through Clapham Junction to Waterloo were delayed or cancelled following a major signalling failure.

Between 5th and 28th August, fewer South Western Railway services ran while work was underway to extend platforms at London Waterloo. The work was to allow longer trains with more seats and more space for passengers. There were severe disruptions, including packed trains and queues outside stations. Many services did not run and a few commuter stations were closed altogether. Network Rail urged commuters to consider working from home during the work. On 15th August an SWT train leaving Waterloo for Guildford derailed, causing further disruption for two days. After completion of the work, commuters were still affected by some delays.

Between 16th September and 20th August, just 79.6% of South Western Railway’s services ran on time, and 6.2% of services were cancelled or severely late. However, Network Rail took responsibility for most of these. Only 19% of delays were actually the fault of SWR.

On 12th September, a van collided with a railway bridge and disrupted evening services.

On 6th November, a South Western Railway train derailed near Wimbledon
causing some services to be suspended. Further delays between Guildford and Woking resulted from a lorry striking a bridge in Worplesdon.

On 8th November Rail, Maritime and Transport union members at Southern Rail and South Western Railway began a 48-hour walkout. The union wanted assurances about rosters, Sunday working and guards on trains for safety purposes.

On New Year's Eve, another walkout by union members caused delays and cancellations on the South Western network. Further 24-hour strikes were held on 8th, 10th and 12th January. From 16th to 19th February, union members with the South Western Railway refused to work on rest days. On 12th March, some Guildford services were cancelled as workers on Southern Rail went on strike.

On 18th January, a fallen tree near Hinchley Wood delayed services from Guildford.

From 1st to 10th March, there were disruptions on the Great Western Railway line between Guildford and Reading owing to a crack in a set of points at Wokingham. A replacement bus service operated.

On 21st March trains on South Western Railway and Southern were disrupted by an attempted cable theft near Havant.

**Rail fares**

On 1st January, the price of a season ticket from Guildford to Waterloo rose from £3,496 to £3,622, an increase of 3.6%.

Combining typical annual rents (£16,176) with the increased season ticket price, Guildford was rated the 3rd most expensive town out of 18 for London commuters to live in. House buyers in Guildford with a typical annual mortgage of £20,196, found the town the 4th most expensive.

**Bus services**

On 23rd April 2017, Arriva introduced quieter and more fuel-efficient minibuses on Service 3 from Guildford town centre to Bellfields and Merrow, to address problems serving estates and negotiating parked cars.

On 2nd May 2017 Service X1 was begun, running between Guildford and Horsham. The fleet of coaches were powered by Euro 6 ‘clean’ engines to meet environmental targets.

On 19th August it was announced that £1.5million in government funding had been allocated to Surrey County Council to introduce electric buses to the Guildford park and ride service. The Council had bid for the funds along with Stagecoach, Alexander Dennis Ltd and the University of Surrey. Mike
Goodman, Surrey County Council’s Cabinet Member for Environment and Planning, said that it would mean not only cleaner air for the town, but also an economic boost, as Alexander Dennis would build the new fleet. There would be significant investment by Stagecoach.

On 1st September the contract of the bus company Abellio Surrey expired and services were transferred to other companies. These included rural services between Guildford and Cranleigh.
The Community

Best town in which to live

On 18th March the Sunday Times rated Guildford as the 4th best town in the Southeast in which to live, and one of the top 15 in the country. The excellent local schools were referenced, together with transport to London, the University and shopping. Ripley was rated 12th, with its green as a major asset.

Guildford Community Covenant

On 5th October the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was a guest at a reception and briefing at the Mandolay Hotel by the Army Engagement Team, at the invitation of Brigadier PWC Kimber MBE, Commander of the 11th Infantry Brigade & Headquarters South East.

On 1st February the Mayor attended the Surrey Armed Forces Covenant Conference at RLC Deepcut.

Armed Forces Week

On 18th June the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the Surrey Joint Services celebratory Armed Forces Week service at Guildford Cathedral.

On 19th June, an Armed Forces Day flag was raised at the Guildhall after a short ceremony on the balcony. The Mayor was joined by Lt Col Richard Green, commanding officer of ATC Pirbright, and Canon Robert Cotton.

On 24th June Armed Forces Day was marked by troops of the Army Training Centre in Pirbright exercising their recently bestowed freedom to march with bayonets fixed and colours flying through Guildford. Led by the Band of the Royal Logistics Corps, they marched up the High Street where the salute was taken at the Tunsgate arch by the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Michael More-Molyneux, the High Sheriff of Surrey, Robert Napier, Anne Milton MP and the Mayor. They halted outside Holy Trinity Church, where the Lord Lieutenant inspected the troops, and the scroll recording the event was presented by the Mayor to Lt Col Richard Green. Canon Robert Cotton conducted a short service before the parade marched off.

On 20th September the Mayor was a guest at the Army Training Centre Pirbright's Beating the Retreat and Cocktail Party at Alexander Barracks.

Guildford Philanthropy

On 3rd October, The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, hosted the Guildford Philanthropy Dinner at the Guildhall. The Chairman of Guildford Philanthropy, Peter Cluff, spoke about its aims to raise funds to support local good causes and charitable projects. John Thurlow of the Guildford
Bike Project gave an example of how their work fulfilled Philanthropy’s aims.

Project Aspire
On 26th October the University of Surrey Estates team completed a community garden space for the residents of Cathedral View in Westborough. The project was supported by Guildford Borough Council’s Project Aspire, which seeks to tackle social inequality in the Borough.

In December, Project Aspire awarded its 60th grant, this one to the Cadence Drum and Bugle Corps, a local performing arts charity, which helps develop musical talent and teamwork.

Stoke Park
On 22nd April 2017 the first memorial service was held at the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice’s Memory Meadow, near the Nightingale Road entrance of Stoke Park. The Mayor, Cllr Gordon Jackson, attended the service.

Bellfields Fun Day
On 8th July the Stoke Community Fun Day was held on Bellfields Green. It was organised by St Peter’s Church, and sponsored by Seymours estate agents and Voluntary Action South West Surrey’s Joining In! There were local history displays, stalls, live music, games and dance performances, and inflatables.

Street Food Picnic
On 17th June, the third annual Street Food Picnic was held in Allen House Grounds. There was a wide variety of food stalls in the basketball courts, live music and a grassy area for people to relax.

Park Barn & Westborough Community Association
On 30th September the Park Barn & Westborough Community Association celebrated its 10th anniversary with a tea party at the Park Barn Centre. Around 80 people attended, including the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning. There was a display of past events and projects the association had been involved with, craft activities for children, and entertainment from the Park Barn-based Rhythm of Life Community Choir. Guildford Tesco donated the refreshments.

On 9th December the Mayor was once again at the Park Barn Centre for the Christmas Market.

Merrow Community Fun Day
On 16th September Merrow Community Fun Day was held at the Bushy Hill Community Centre. There was an assault course, a bouncy castle and Hungarian dancing. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended.
Merrow Community Luncheon Club

On 6th February the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was a guest at the Merrow Community Luncheon Club's birthday lunch at the Merrow Methodist Church Hall.

Terrorism

On 22nd May the suicide bombing at Manchester Arena led Surrey Police to raise the terrorism threat level to 'critical'. The response to this included having armed patrols at Guildford station.

On 9th June local faith communities took part in a vigil at Tunsgate Arch to remember those who had lost their lives in the recent attacks in London and Manchester. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, and Surrey Police Assistant Chief Constable, Nev Kemp, were among those attending, which ended with a minute’s silence.

On 30th March the Bishop of Guildford paid tribute in his Good Friday message to Lt Col Arnaud Beltrame, the French policeman who had been killed after taking the place of a hostage in a terrorist siege.

Grenfell Tower fire

On 19th June the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, led a minute’s silence on the Guildhall balcony in memory of those who had lost their lives in the Grenfell Tower fire the previous Wednesday. Hallway mats were removed from Guildford Borough Council flats as they represented fire risks.

Friends of Chitty's Common

On 14th January 18 volunteers from the Friends of Chitty’s Common held their first work party to tidy up the common at Rydes Hill. They included children, and a representative from the Surrey Wildlife Trust.

Traffic

In May 2017 figures were released showing that the speed camera on the Epsom Road in Merrow had generated over a hundred speeding fines each month in the preceding year.

On 19th June temperatures of 32°C caused the road surface on the A31 Hogs Back to melt. Surrey Police issued a warning and parts of the road were closed the following day. Surrey County Council began work to repair the damaged carriageway, which was completed on 4th July.

On 14th November a four-car collision on the A3 northbound carriageway at Guildford resulted in 90-minute delays and seven-mile tailbacks to Milford on the A3 and to Tongham on the A3.

In November Surrey Police published figures showing that there had been
more crashes resulting in death or serious injury in Guildford than in any other Surrey borough. 290 had been recorded between 2014 and 2016.

On 5\textsuperscript{th} February the traffic analysts INRIX ranked Guildford as the 7\textsuperscript{th} most congested British town out of the 111 surveyed. Drivers spent an average of 29 hours each year stuck in traffic jams, costing the local economy an estimated £63 million.

In March Highways England installed ‘smart’ traffic signals at the A3 Dennis Interchange. They monitored traffic flow and then adjusted their timings to improve journey times, prior to the Roads Infrastructure Scheme A3 upgrade. The lights used LED technology to reduce their carbon footprint.

On 27\textsuperscript{th} March Guildford taxi drivers organised a go-slow protest against the 16\% reduction in fares introduced following an annual review carried out by the Council under its adopted Taxi Fares Procedure. Traffic on the town centre one-way system was disrupted for an hour.

In March the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency released figures showing that Guildford applicants had a pass rate of 56.4\% in the theory test. This was the highest in the country. However, in the practical test the pass rate was 53.3\%. This compares with the national average of 49.4\% for the theory test and 46.8\% for the practical.

From 9\textsuperscript{th} April Stoke Road was closed between Joseph’s Road and Stoke crossroads for essential gas works, causing delays and long diversions.

\textbf{Guildford in Bloom}

On 3\textsuperscript{rd} June the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, launched the annual Guildford in Bloom competition when he unveiled new flower display beds in the Guildford Castle Grounds. It was part of a picnic event with live music and entertainment from the Guildford Fringe Festival and Guildford Summer Festival.

On 21\textsuperscript{st} June the Mayor presented the Guildford In Bloom Schools Gardening Competition Awards at Clandon Park Garden Centre. The theme was ‘The seaside’, and eleven local schools took part. Weyfield Primary Academy School won the Gold and Best in Competition awards, with Worplesdon Primary School also winning a Gold.

On 14\textsuperscript{th} September the Guildford in Bloom Awards were presented at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre. The Mayor and Mayoress attended. There were 257 entries, in nine categories. The awards in each category went to \textit{Competition Winner}: Snaky Lane Wildlife Area, \textit{Best School in Bloom}: Weyfield Primary Academy School, \textit{Best Small Front Garden}: Peter and Joan Smith, \textit{Best Large Front Garden} and winner of the \textit{Best Front Garden Trophy}: Rosemary Yvonne Tribe, \textit{Best Allotment and Vegetable Kitchen Garden}: Les and Stella Hind, \textit{Best Garden for Wildlife}: Snaky Lane Wildlife
Area, Best Pub in Bloom: Gomshall Mill, Best Container Garden: Gary Richards, Best Neighbourhood Project: Dagley Lane Community Project, and Best New Entry and winner of the Dorothy Walden Award: Peter and Joan Smith.

Pubs

In July figures from the Office for National Statistics showed that only Guildford, of all the boroughs in Surrey, had seen no decline in the number of its pubs. The figure remained at 80.

The Cannon

On 25th May The Cannon pub on the Portsmouth Road reopened after refurbishment. It reverted to its original name after being known as The Keystone for several years.

Adultery

In March the website Illicit Encounters released its Infidelity Index 2018. This put Guildford 14th out of 150 UK towns, with 1.84% of the adult population being members of the site and 1,420 affairs resulting. This was a slight decrease on the previous year.

Mr Entertainer

In October Gary Oates, whose company Mr Entertainer produces karaoke and versions of popular music in Normandy, said that a recent ban on certain songs being performed on karaoke would have a massive impact on his business. Over a hundred bands and performers were not issuing new licences for their music.

Kane FM

On 19th February the broadcasting watchdog Ofcom found the community radio station Kane FM in breach of Rule 2.3 of its code over potentially highly offensive comments made during one of its shows in the previous December. It was felt that the comments made breached the generally accepted standards that broadcasters must maintain.

Access Group for Guildford

On 17th October the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, presented the winners’ certificates at the annual Mayor’s Awards for Access ceremony at the Park Barn Centre. They went to local organisations that had made a positive contribution to improving the lives of people living with disabilities.

They were, in their categories: Accessible Premises Awards: Headway Surrey - Gold Award, Guildford Borough Council - Silver Award. Access through the Arts Awards: Guildford Shakespeare Company, Watts Gallery. Access through Sports Awards: Papercourt Sailing – Sailability, Surrey
Scorchers. *Services to the Community Awards*: Café Nero and Sight for Surrey, Fun in the Summer Holidays, the Spike Heritage Centre, the Therapy Garden, Normandy.

**St Catherine’s Manor**

On 14th April 2017 the Care Quality Commission reported on St Catherine’s Manor care home following an unannounced inspection in February. The overall rating was ‘inadequate’, and the service was therefore placed in 'special measures'. Safety and leadership was particularly criticised and effectiveness, responsiveness and caring all required improvement.

**Clockhouse Assisted Living**

On 9th June the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, officially opened the Clockhouse development in the London Road, Guildford. Clockhouse Assisted Living chose that name with reference to the small clock tower, which had stood on the former AA headquarters on the same site.

**Claremont Court Care Home**

On 20th November the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, was a guest at Claremont Court Care Home in Hart Gardens for the party to celebrate the Queen's platinum wedding anniversary.

On 17th November the Surrey Care Awards for adult social care staff were presented by the Paralympic medal-winner Rachel Morris and the Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, Mr Michael More-Molyneux at Epsom Downs Racecourse. The Care Provider of the Year Award was Claremont Court care home, and the Ancillary Worker of the Year Award went to Dionne Willoughby of Claremont Court. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the event.

**Queen Elizabeth Park Care Home**

On 25th November the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended the Christmas Fayre at the Queen Elizabeth Park Care Home in Hallowes Lane.

On 9th March the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was a guest at the Queen Elizabeth Park Care Home’s Mothers’ Day event.

On 30th March the Mayor returned for the care home’s Easter ‘Eggstravaganza’.

**Guildford Sunset Homes**

On 5th December the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, visited Guildford Sunset Homes’ Christmas event at Merrow House.

**Sunrise of Guildford**

On 6th December the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was a guest at Sunrise
Senior Living’s Christmas lights switch-on event at Sunrise of Guildford, Peasmarsh.

**Millmead Court Residential Home**

On 29th March The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was guest at the Easter coffee morning at Millmead Court Residential Home in Millmead.
The Villages

ALBURY

Albury Organic Vineyard
On 24th to 26th April 2017 frost struck Albury Organic Vineyard, damaging some 80% of the crop. Over 700 large candles or ‘bougies’ were lit in attempt to raise the temperature, but the damage was the greatest yet suffered by the vineyard. Nick Wenman, the owner, said that while secondary buds were expected later in the year, these were “never as fruitful” and would not have as long to ripen.

St Peter’s & St Paul’s Church
8th October The Mayor, accompanied by the Mayoress, attends the 175th Anniversary of St Peter’s & St Paul’s Church in Albury.

GASP Motor Project
In August the High Sheriff of Surrey, Robert Napier, visited the GASP Workshop. He met students from the east of the county, aged between 14 and 18, who had been referred by the Surrey Family Service. This programme was funded by the High Sheriff Youth Awards scheme.

On 7th November the ceremony held at the McLaren Technology Centre saw 17 GASP students receive awards. They reflected the aim of the GASP Motor Project to give young people, who find classroom learning a struggle, the opportunity to blossom while working on practical challenges.

ARTINGTON

Loseley Park
On 25th June the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, joined the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Mr Michael More-Molyneux, at Loseley Park to officially open the ABF The Soldiers’ Charity, Surrey Branch’s historic military vehicle rally and show.

On 10th July the Mayor was a guest of Mr Michael More-Molyneux for tea and a tour of Loseley House and its gardens.

From 28th to 30th July the 6th annual Garden Show was held at Loseley Park. There were some 200 stands and gardening experts were on hand to give advice. Shooting Star Chase benefited from the event.

From 8th to 10th September over 6,000 dogs competed in the Richmond Championship Dog Show at Loseley.
Surrey Game & Country Fair
On 24th September the annual Surrey Game & Country Fair was held at Loseley Park. The attractions included a sheep show, duck racing, fly-fishing, vintage cars, the Hownhall Shoot, a farmers’ market, donkey rides, Punch & Judy, a food hall, and a children's railway.

ASH

Ash Museum
On 6th May Ash Museum opened for a Surrey Museums Month event, with the theme ‘Women who made a difference to Surrey’. It celebrated Winifred Charlotte Massey (1906-1973) a local tutor and artist. She left her home to charity and some of the money was used to set up the James Payne Memorial Fund, which continues to give financial support to local organisations. The Mayor Cllr Nigel Manning, placed flowers on her grave.

Ash Parish Dementia Action Alliance
On 19th May the Ash Parish Dementia Action Alliance was launched at the Ash Centre, attended by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons. The alliance was formed to support and improve the lives of people living with dementia, their family, carers and friends within the local community. With funding from Guildford Borough Council’s Project Aspire, it held a series of events during Dementia Awareness Week, 14th to 19th May. Events included a service at St Peter’s Church; Active Minds, a music and tea event at the Lion Brewery pub; an information gazebo on the Wharf; dementia-friendly books and items at Ash Library; and keep active and fit taster sessions.

Fantasia
On 25th November the annual Christmas Fantasia in the Ash Centre was opened by the Mayor of Guildford, Cllr. Nigel Manning, who was also the Chairman of Ash Parish Council. The event was supported by local businesses and organisations, and there were stalls, games, tombolas and raffles. Ash & District Museum Society had a special display of old photographs of Ash in bygone days.

Ash Village Fete
On 15th July the annual Ash Village Fete was held at the Ash Centre and the adjacent Recreation Ground in Ash Hill Road. It was organised by Ash Parish Council, with help from the local Community Wardens. The fete was officially opened by the Mayor of Guildford, Cllr Nigel Manning. The open classes show took place in the Ash Centre, with the various flower, vegetable, flower arranging, baking and craft classes. This year also saw the return of ferret racing.
Lakeside Nature Reserve
On 26th October the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning attended the Lakeside Autumn Fun Day at Lakeside Nature Reserve in Ash Vale.

Ash road bridge
On 1st February, the government announced that it would provide £10 million funding from the Housing Infrastructure Fund for new road bridge on the A323, over the railway line to the south-east of Ash station.

Travellers
On 11th June a group of travellers moved nine caravans and other vehicles on to the playing fields in Old School Close, Ash. They were told to leave by the afternoon of the 14th.

On 26th June Guildford Borough Council served a Section 77 Direction to Leave on travellers occupying land at Collin’s Gardens, Ash. It was set for the following day, but the order was breached. The Council then sought to obtain a summons for a S78 Order to remove the vehicles on the land. The travellers departed on 2nd July.

On 17th October the Police Crime and Commissioner for Surrey, David Rudd, wrote to the Home Secretary, Amber Rudd, to tackle unauthorised traveller encampments after a summer of difficulties for Surrey’s local authorities. He asked the government to examine matters including the understanding of traveller movements, improved cooperation and a more consistent approach between police forces and local government.

Shawfield Primary School
On 7th May pupils from Shawfield Primary had attended the Mayor’s Civic Service and had sung beautifully. On 19th June the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, visited the School.

COMPTON

Watts Gallery
On 1st July Perdita Hunt OBE, DL stepped down as Director of Watts Gallery after twelve years in the post. She had led the Hope Restoration Project to save the future of Watts Gallery and its collection. This was followed by the Watts Studios project, which restored the Studio wing of Limnerslease and established Watts Gallery Artists’ Village.

In September Alistair Burtenshaw became Director. He had previously been Director of the Charleston Trust, the charity responsible for Charleston, the Bloomsbury Group house-museum in East Sussex.

On 10th April Dr Cicely Robinson was appointed Brice Curator of Watts
Gallery Artists' Village. She had previously been Assistant Curator at Watts Gallery.

**Ash Dieback**

In January about sixty ash trees on Compton Common had to be cut down because of the fungal disease ash dieback, as they were within falling distance of The Street. Guildford Borough Council found that the trees were affected by the disease and had no other option but to remove them. Trees in Shalford were also affected.

**Mane Chance Sanctuary**

On 20\textsuperscript{th} August the annual Big Summer Open Day was held at the Mane Chance Sanctuary in Down Lane. There were guided tours to meet and learn about the healing herd of 31 horses. The journalist and TV presenter, Eamonn Holmes, opened a new pond.

**EAST CLANDON**

**High Clandon Estate Vineyard**

On 28\textsuperscript{th} May the Aurora Cuvée Rosé 2011 vintage was launched; High Clandon's first-ever sparkling rosé. The launch was marked by an exhibition of over 150 works art in the Vineyard by artists of the Surrey Hills. £5,200 was donated to Cherry Trees, which provides respite care for disabled children, from a percentage of sales of art and wine. The Aurora Cuvée Rosé won three major gold and a silver in international competitions.

**EAST HORSLEY**

**Christmas Window Competition**

On 4\textsuperscript{th} December the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, toured the retailers' Christmas windows, starting at the Medical Centre, to judge the best window display. The event was organised by East Horsley Parish Council.

**EFFINGHAM**

**Effingham Neighbourhood Plan**

On 22nd February Effingham’s Neighbourhood Plan was supported by 93.5% of voters, with a turnout of 44% of the electorate. It then became part of Guildford Borough’s development plan.

**Howard of Effingham School**

On 10\textsuperscript{th} July the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, visited Howard of Effingham School to see the art, photography and textiles exhibition.

On 21\textsuperscript{st} March Howard of Effingham School’s plans to build a new, larger
school on the other side of Lower Road were approved by the Secretary of State. The £30 million project would be part-funded by a 295-home development on surrounding green belt sites.

Travellers
On 25th August Effingham parish councillor James Nicholls used his car to block the entrance to the King George V playing fields in Effingham, in which travellers had encamped. Police arrested him and he was subsequently ordered pay £530 after being convicted of using threatening or abusive words or behaviour.

NORMANDY

Chimney Farm International Dog Rescue Centre
On 1st April 2018 the Chimney Farm International Dog Rescue Centre officially closed. It had been founded by Jennifer Gilbert and Lisa Webster in 2014 with the support of the owner of Chimney Farm, Julia Stephenson. The sanctuary became home to dogs brought from France, Spain, Romania and other countries. However, the sale of the farm made it impossible to continue there, and other premises were sought.

Normandy Village Fete
On 28th August the annual Normandy Village Fete was officially opened by the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, at Manor Fruit Farm. New events included Morris dancers and a Tug of War competition, as well as the annual dog show and a variety of stalls and exhibitions. The theme was Sport, to help with fundraising for the second phase of development for Manor Fruit Farm.

Normandy Therapy Garden
On 2nd June the Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service was given to the Therapy Gardens at Manor Fruit Farm, Normandy.

On 11th July the Therapy Garden was awarded a £500 grant from the Charles Russell Speechlys Community Fund, which with the Community Foundation for Surrey aims to support local projects, which focus on employment, training and skills initiatives. The funding will contribute to the Garden’s ‘Stroke of Genius’ project, which will offer social and therapeutic horticultural courses to Surrey-based stroke survivors and their carers.

Chimney Farm International Dog Rescue
On 2nd September volunteers slept rough at the kennels of Chimney Farm International Dog Rescue in Flexford Road. They raised over £815 to support the homing of dogs brought from countries where they were mistreated.
OCKHAM

Historic Ockham
On 13th June, Ockham Parish Council erected road signs which commemorated local history. They referred to residents such as Ada Lovelace, the first to demonstrate that a computer could be programmed, and William of Ockham, the monk who defined the philosophical principle of Ockham’s Razor. The recently-discovered Bronze Age hoard was also noted.

Ockham Fete
On 25th June, the Historic Ockham Fete was held on the Cricket Ground. Organised by Historic Ockham, the event included live Music, dog and classic car shows, a hog roast, games and stalls. Before the event, however, four of the five large banners advertising it were stolen. The fete raised £7,500, of which £4,015 was presented to the Wisley Action Group.

Ockham Bites
On 21st June Ockham Bites, a café on Chatley Heath by the A3, was voted as one of the top ten bacon sandwich makers in Ironmongery Direct’s competition for the Britain’s Best Bacon Butty. A survey of 2,014 tradesmen had found that 72% considered that bacon sandwiches were their workplace snack of choice.

Martyrs Green Nursery
On 23rd September the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, officially opened the Red Balloon Free Family Fun Day at Martyrs Green Nursery.

PIRBRIGHT

Pirbright Army Training Centre
On 1st March the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards held a parade and drumhead service at the Elizabeth Barracks of the Pirbright Army Training Centre, before deploying to Afghanistan. Their Commanding Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Dai Bevan, presented the Guardsman with their traditional leeks. Despite the snow, the drumhead service was held on the training area, led by the Battalion Padre, the Reverend Catherine Gillham.

Lord Pirbright’s Hall
On 24th April 2017 the Mayor, Cllr Gordon Jackson, attended the Pirbright Parish Council’s annual meeting at Lord Pirbright’s Hall.

On 17th June the first Pirbright Village Community Games were held in the Hall and on the green. Pirbright Ballet School offered a "Daddy and
Daughter's Ballet Class.

**Beech Grove Play Area**

On 5th August the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended Guildford Borough Council's event at Beech Grove Play Area.

On 10th March the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended Community Fun Day at Beech Grove Play Area.

**PUTTENHAM**

**Puttenham Golf Club**

On 2nd May the Puttenham Golf Club’s Men’s and Ladies’ Captains presented a cheque for £16,920 to the On-Course Foundation. The charity supports the recovery of wounded, injured and sick service personnel and veterans, through the game of golf.

**Puttenham and Wanborough History Society**

On 27th October the Puttenham and Wanborough History Society celebrated their 50th anniversary in the Marwick Hall. The AGM was followed by drinks, canapes and a quiz. There was also a display of historic postcards of Puttenham and Wanborough.

**RIPLEY**

**Cellar Wines**

On 4th May 2017 Cellar Wines of Ripley won the New Business/Start Up category in Eagle Radio’s Biz business awards, recognising its significant growth in its first 18 months and potential for sustained growth.

**Send & Ripley History Society**

On 22nd July Send & Ripley History Society held a raffle at the Ripley Summer Event. They were fundraising to repair their building in the car park of Ripley Village Hall, after serious structural problems had been discovered. An appeal to local businesses proved fruitful, and some businesses made donations, while others gave raffle prizes, which included vouchers to use in local shops and restaurants, and a first prize of £100.

**Dunsborough Park**

On 16th September the National Garden Scheme’s Dahlia Festival was held at Dunsborough Park. Proceeds went to the charity Art Research Creativity and Health for the survivors of the Grenfell Tower fire.

**Papercourt Sailing Club**

On 13th May over 350 people visited Papercourt Sailing Club for on its open
day. Some 300 of them took to the water of the 45 acre lake to try out the club’s facilities and programmes.

Ripley Rocks
On 29th July the 10th annual Ripley Rocks music festival was held, organised by 1st Ripley Scout Group at Court Meadow to raise funds for local charities. The line-up included Risk, The Superpowers, Vinyl Staircase, Tequila King, and Average Funk Band.

Ripley Church of England Primary School
On 3rd and 4th May Ofsted inspectors visited Ripley Church of England Primary School in Wentworth Close, and their subsequent report on 22nd June rated the school as ‘inadequate’ and put it into special measures. They referred to a “collective failure at a strategic leadership level over a prolonged period” and raised concerns over the standard of education received by pupils.

In November Guildford Diocese’s Good Shepherd Trust decided not to take over the running of Ripley Church of England Primary School. A petition was begun urging that the school remain open.

Rotary Club of Ripley and Send
On 22nd July the annual Ripley Event was held on the Green, organised by the Rotary Club of Ripley and Send. There were singers, dancers, children’s activities, pony rides, and a dog show. Over £3,000 was raised for local organisations and the Woking and Sam Beare Hospices.

Ripley Bonfire Association
On 28th October the annual bonfire was organised by the Ripley Bonfire Association in the Pond Dip on the village green. As well as the bonfire and firework display there was a funfair, food stalls, a bar and live music.

Ripley Soapbox Challenge
On 5th August the first Ripley Soapbox Challenge was held on Ripley Court Meadows. Supported by the Ripley Bonfire Association and Ripley Scouts, it raised over £9,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Valentines Farm
On 3rd May 2017 Guildford Borough Council took enforcement action at Valentines Farm in Rose Lane. Following concerns raised by Ripley Parish Council and local residents, cars and large vehicles stored at the farm were removed.

Kirat Rai Yayokkha UK
On 13th May Kirat Rai Yayokkha UK celebrated the Nepalese festival of
Sakela Ubhuali at Kirat Rai House in Gamble Lane, Ripley. It was hosted by Mr Padam Rai BEM, President of the organisation, which aims to support and strengthen the Rai ethnic group of Nepal. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended.

SEALE & SANDS

St Laurence, Seale
On 22nd February the Rev. Stephen Thatcher was installed as Rector for the Parish of Seale, Puttenham and Wanborough at St Laurence’s church, Seale. He had previously served as a Chaplain to the Forces in the army, latterly as Chaplain to the Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre at Headley Court, Surrey. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was in the congregation.

SEND

Travellers
On 28th July travellers encamped on the Recreation Ground with around fifty caravans. On 31st July Send Parish Council applied to the courts for possession as the trespassers had failed to comply with a Notice to Leave.

Send Church of England Primary School
In January Send C of E Primary School was given an Intermediate International School Award, on account of its work with two schools in France and its communication with a school in Baghdad.

Vision Engineering Ltd
On 13th June the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, joined the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Mr Michael More-Molyneux, for the official opening of Vision Engineering's new global headquarters and factory in Send Road.

Send Help
On 22nd April 2017 Send Help celebrated their 20th anniversary with a party at the Lancaster Hall. The group has 70 volunteers and helps 110 clients with transport and other social support.

Send Amateur Dramatics Society
On 7th December the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended the Send Amateur Dramatics Society's pantomime production of 'Robin Hood' at the Lancaster Hall.

SHACKLEFORD

Vocality
On 15th December, HRH the Princess Royal visited the communication
company Cubic Mission Solutions' Vocality at Lydling Farm, Shackleford. Her Royal Highness heard about Cubic Mission's communication technologies, and was given a tour of the Cubic/Vocality facilities. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was among the guests.

**SHALFORD**

**Railway footbridge**

On 23rd February the new railway footbridge at Shalford Station was opened by Anne Milton, MP for Guildford, and Becky Lumlock of Network Rail.

**SHERE**

**Peaslake Open Gardens**

On 11th June the annual Peaslake Open Gardens event was based at Peaslake Free School, with visits in the area around it. It included some gardens which had not been seen before, including Mouse’s Hollow and Hoe House. There were also popular gardens such as Kendrew House and Bearwood on Plaws Hill, where there was a jazz band.

**Felbury House**

On 17th September, the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, visited the Summer Fete at Felbury House Residential Home in Holmbury St Mary.

**Shere 42k & 10k**

On 8th July the Shere 42k & 10k Charity Multi-terrain Event was started from the Recreation Ground. There were 119 runners in the inaugural 10km race, which was won by Matthew McDaniel of Guildford & Godalming AC in the record time of 00:40:46. The proceeds of the event went towards Cystic Fibrosis.

**Shere Hill Climb**

On 3rd September the Shere Hill Climb took place up Staple Lane, as previously. The course rose 300 feet over nearly a mile, with a series of challenging corners along the route. More than 170 vehicles competed from a paddock at the base of the hill, where there were motoring stands and family entertainment.

**St. Augustine’s Coptic Orthodox Church**

On 16th May the head of the Coptic Orthodox Church, His Holiness Pope Tawadros II, visited St. Augustine’s Coptic Orthodox Church in Station Approach, as part of his first pastoral visit to the UK. Later, the Bishops of Guildford and Dorking welcomed him to a reception at the Mandolay Hotel in Guildford. Among the other guests was the Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, Mr
Michael More-Molyneux, who opened the welcoming speeches.

**Peaslake Summer Fair**

On 28th August the Peaslake Summer Fair was held at Walking Bottom. Entertainments included bouncy castles, Punch & Judy, face-painting, a dog show, welly-wanging, and a coconut shy. The event raised funds for the local community, including Peaslake Free School & Nursery, Peaslake Memorial Hall and Friends of the Hurtwood.

**Harry Edwards Healing Sanctuary**

On 25th November the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons attends the Christmas Fayre at the Harry Edwards Healing Sanctuary at Burrows Lea.

On 21st April the Deputy Mayor returned to the Sanctuary for the Spring Fayre.

**ST MARTHA**

**Tillingbourne Junior School**

In July Tillingbourne Junior School won the Surrey County Council’s Wastebusters Award for learning to recycle domestic waste correctly.

**Gunpowder Mills**

On 7th November the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended the Gunpowder Mills Annual meeting at Chilworth Village Hall, Chilworth.

On 20th November Chilworth2gether, GBC Countryside Wardens and the Gunpowder Mills Group raised the Green Flag in Chilworth Gunpowder Mills. The award was made on criteria including sensitive management, conservation techniques, and community involvement.

**TONGHAM**

**Samfest**

On 24th June the annual Samfest music festival was staged on Tongham Recreation Ground. Local artists in the line-up included The Hiwatts, The Toledos, The Flying Wright Brothers, Black Market, and King Canute. As well as the main stage events, there was an Arts & Crafts Festival Market and a funfair. Proceeds went towards local charities and organisations.

**WEST CLANDON**

**Clandon Park**

On 22nd August the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons attended a preview of the Clandon Park International Design Competition at Clandon House. Six
architectural designs for restoring the building, destroyed by fire in 2015, were displayed.

On 6th December the architects Allies & Morrison were announced as the winners of the competition, by a jury comprised of figures from the fields of heritage, architecture and the arts.

**Clandon Wood Natural Burial Ground**

On 28th January there was a nature talk, by Gareth Hurd, the Head Groundsman at Clandon Wood. A question and answer session followed.

On 11th March free indigenous plant plugs were offered to families to plant in the meadows.

**National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association**

On 3rd September the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was a guest at the National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association's Merdeka Day lunch at the Cecil Inch Hall, to mark the 60th anniversary of Malaysian independence.

**WEST HORSLEY**

**Theatre in the Woods**

On 8th June the Theatre in the Woods, set in the grounds of West Horsley Place, opened with Grange Park Opera’s performance of Puccini’s *Tosca*, with the tenor Joseph Calleja as Cavaradossi.

**West Horsley in Bloom**

On 7th July the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the West Horsley in Bloom event at the Village Hall.

**West Horsley Village Fete**

On 9th September the West Horsley Village Fete was held on the lawn of West Horsley Place. Organised by West Horsley Parish Council, it was supported by local businesses and over a hundred volunteers. The Horsley Shufflers arranged a fun run; Grace & Flavour, the Horsleys' community garden, staged a scarecrow contest; and St Mary's West Horsley provided the barbecue. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the event.

**Food Festival**

From 6th to 8th October Fantastic British Food Festivals mounted the first West Horsley Food Festival at West Horsley Place. On 7th October, The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning visited it.
WISLEY

RHS Wisley
From 5\textsuperscript{th} to 10\textsuperscript{th} September the 25\textsuperscript{th} annual RHS Garden Wisley Flower Show was held.

From 6\textsuperscript{th} to 8\textsuperscript{th} October the Festival of Trees celebrated the beauty of wood with displays of traditional skills, guided walks, artisan products and lumberjack displays. The event was sponsored by the chainsaw company Stihl.

From 24\textsuperscript{th} March to 15\textsuperscript{th} April the Lindt Gold Bunny Hunt included activities such as storytelling, Easter crafts and birds of prey demonstrations.

From 3\textsuperscript{rd} to 7\textsuperscript{th} May RHS Garden Wisley hosted its annual craft fair featuring craft and art from around 170 exhibitors.

Wisley airfield
On 19\textsuperscript{th} September a Planning Inspectorate inquiry was opened at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre. Wisley Property Investments Ltd had appealed against GBC’s refusal of their planning application.

On 19\textsuperscript{th} April Surrey County Council reminded bikers that anyone riding motorbikes on Wisley Airfield without the permission of the landowner would be subject to penalties.

WORPLESDON

Jacobs Well May Fayre
On 1\textsuperscript{st} May 2017 the annual May Fayre was held at the village hall. The event was organised by the Residents’ Association and featured the Pilgrim Morris Men and the String Bandits Band.

Wood Street Village Show
On 15\textsuperscript{th} July the annual Wood Street Village Show was opened by Bunny Dee Tebbitt, who had been crowned ‘Coronation Queen’ at the show in 1953, 64 years previously. There was a horticultural show, a car boot sale, a dog show, maypole dancing, morris dancers, choirs, children’s games, and stalls.

Muscle Acre
On 16\textsuperscript{th} July Muscle Acre in Wood Street Village held its Summer Madness obstacle races. There were 5km, 10km and 15km courses made up of over forty obstacles.
**Fairlands May Fayre**

On 20th May the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, officially opened the Fairlands May Fayre at the Fairlands Community Centre.

**Fox Corner Community Wildlife Area**

In August the summer barbecue of the Fox Corner Community Wildlife Area was held at the Fox Pub. Around twenty members toured the wildlife area and another forty joined them at the Fox.

Throughout the year conservation work on the area was carried out by teams of volunteers from the Pirbright Institute and Network Rail.

**Worplesdon and District Bridleways Association**

On 18th August the Worplesdon and District Bridleways Association opened the Summer Ride on Whitmoor Common, on the newly-resurfaced path which had taken a year to complete. The Association raised the £17,334 needed with funding from the British Horse Society’s "Paths for Communities", the Whitmoor Common Association, Sports England and Surrey Wildlife Trust.

**Sutherland Memorial Park**

On 5th March an unauthorised traveller encampment was set up on the Sutherland Memorial Park car park, with more than ten caravans. The following day GBC served them with a formal notice directing them to leave as soon as practically possible. This was ignored and the Council applied to the courts for an eviction order on 9th March.

**Heath Fires**

On 15th April 2017 an extensive fire broke out on Whitmoor Common. Fire crews and appliances from Woking and Guildford attended the nature reserve at Saltbox Road.
Local Government

Guildford Borough Council

On 3rd May Cllr Nigel Manning was elected Mayor of Guildford for 2017-18 at the Annual Meeting of the Council in the Guildhall. Cllr Mike Parsons was elected Deputy Mayor.

On 7th May the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, headed the procession to Holy Trinity Church for the annual Civic Service. The civic party included the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Michael More-Molyneux, Anne Milton MP and the Chairman of Surrey County Council, Mrs Sally Marks.

On 18th July Guildford Borough Council adopted the Safer Guildford Partnership’s plan for the following three years. It focused on serious and organised crime, child sexual exploitation, modern day slavery, domestic abuse, threat of radicalisation, cyber-related crime, supporting vulnerable victims, identifying and tackling anti-social behaviour locations and perpetrators, reducing re-offending, and promoting reassurance to the public. Members of the partnership included Surrey Police, Surrey County Council, Surrey Fire and Rescue Service, the National Probation Service and the Guildford & Waverley Clinical Commissioning Group.

On 19th July Chilworth Gunpowder Mills were awarded Green Flag status for the first time by the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy. The award recognises the best green spaces, which are assessed according to their sustainability, community involvement, horticultural standards, and cleanliness. The award was given once more to Allen House Grounds, the Castle Grounds, Riverside Nature Reserve, Stoke Park, Sutherland Memorial Park, Guildford Crematorium, and Stoke Cemetery.

On 1st August the RAC Foundation released figures showing that Guildford Borough Council had the 9th highest income from car parking of any council outside London. In the year 2015-16 it received £12.1 million, a 5% increase on the previous year. In April the town-centre parking charges were increased by 3%.

On 14th August Guildford Borough Council launched its Joint Enforcement Team, a collaboration between the existing enforcement teams and Surrey Police. It aims to tackle anti-social behaviour and low-level crime.

On 7th September Guildford Borough Council won the award for Best Commercialisation and Entrepreneurship Initiative for its Asset Investment Strategy from the Association for Public Service Excellence.

On 11th September a sub-committee of councillors found that Cllr David Reeve, the Guildford Greenbelt Group councillor for Clandon & Horsley ward, had disclosed confidential information, brought the council into
disrepute and had failed to treat others with respect. He had published a report on housing need in the Borough, quoting a statistic obtained from a confidential document. He was required to apologise and take training in the role of a councillor and the code of conduct.

On 26th September the Executive decided on the formal termination of the little-known twinning agreement with Bar-le-Duc in France, and sought to progress new international relationships with the French city of Versailles and Dongying in China.

On 15th October the Mayor of Dongying, Zhao Haozhi, the Leader of Guildford Borough Council, Cllr Paul Spooner, and Managing Director, James Whiteman signed a partnership agreement with the Chinese city, to benefit the borough and help develop relationships with international towns and cities. The partnership agreement was signed at a special meeting at Dongying. Proposals for the partnership had been approved by a full council meeting at Millmead House on 10th October. Subsequently, the Dongying Municipal Government donated £5,660 to Guildford Philanthropy.

On 15th October the former round pound coin ceased to be legal tender, and GBC had to spend £33,312 to update its parking ticket machines to take the new twelve-sided coin.

On 7th November the Mayor hosted the annual Guildford Design Awards at the Guildhall. The winners were Beech Cottage, Guildford for renovation, and the Jenner Building, Pirbright Institute for a commercial new build.

On 17th November the Mayor and the Deputy Leader of the Council, Cllr Matt Furniss, attended the Trade Promotion and Business Conference of Henan Province, China, in the Marriott London Hotel.

From 12th to 21st December the Mayor visited Guildford Borough Council's staff to thank them for their hard work during the year and to wish them a merry Christmas.

On 10th January the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attend the High Sheriff of Surrey's At Home dinner for mayors at Baynards Manor.

On 7th February Guildford Borough Council approved its budget for 2018-19; the first year that the Council would receive no revenue support grant from the government. The Lead Councillor for Finance and Asset Management, Cllr Michael Illman, said that the Council would start from a very strong financial position, which would help it manage the impact of reduced funding from the government and Surrey County Council, without having to significantly increase its share of council tax. However, of the top ten most expensive authorities, Guildford ranked as having the 9th highest council tax in the country. All but two of the top ten were in Surrey. This is due to Surrey County Council having the highest council tax in the country.
Guildford Borough Council has the second lowest council tax in Surrey, and the Borough’s share of council tax is in the lowest quartile nationally.

On 20th February the community grants for 2018-19 were agreed at the Council's Executive meeting. They included Emerge Advocacy’s ‘Emerge’ project (£13,000), Oakleaf Enterprise's 'Reach out for wellbeing' project (£10,000), and CHIPS Guildford's 'Healthy Lives, Brighter Future' project (£10,000). Other smaller schemes included support for Furniture Link’s Upcycling Workshop, a Guildford Local Hub Co-ordinator for Family Voice Surrey and The Dance Movement’s Wise Words project.

Local Plan

On 9th June a third consultation on the Local Plan was launched. This was targeted on the changes to the plan resulting from the previous year’s consultation.

On 21st November GBC decided to submit its plan to the Secretary of State. It would be in place until 2034, and addressed housing, employment, retail and leisure requirements, suitable infrastructure including education, healthcare and transport. The proposals included two new railway stations and a minimum of 12,426 new houses.

On 14th December the plan was submitted. The Secretary of State then appointed a planning inspector.

On 23rd March the planning inspector examining the Local Plan asked significant questions. Amongst other points, he required clarification on housing supply numbers, the Green Belt, affordable housing, student housing, and the North Street development.

Surrey County Council

On 4th May the following were elected for the County Council divisions in Guildford Borough, with their percentages of the vote:

Ash; Marsha Moseley*, Conservative 60%
Guildford East: Graham Ellwood*, Conservative 45%
Guildford North: Angela Goodwin*, Liberal Democrat 42%
Guildford South East: Mark Brett-Warburton, Conservative 51%
Guildford South West: David Goodwin*, Liberal Democrat 54%
Guildford West: Fiona White, Liberal Democrat 43%
Horsleys: Julie Iles, Conservative 54%
Shalford: Matt Furniss*, Conservative 55%
Shere: Keith Taylor, Conservative 62%
Worplesdon: Keith Witham, Conservative 69%

(*also a Member of Guildford Borough Council)

On 31st October SCC’s cabinet expressed its opinion that the proposed works Farnham Road railway bridge, carrying the A31 over the main Waterloo to Portsmouth line, would provide an inadequate load capacity. The bridge is owned by Network Rail, who stated that the bridge has B4 liability, which means that they are responsible for providing a load capacity of 24T. However, Surrey CC requires a bridge on a principal road network to have a load-bearing of 40T to 44T. If the loading was not improved, heavy goods vehicles would have to make detours.

On 4th December the Council introduced charges for depositing certain types of non-household waste at the Slyfield Industrial Estate recycling centre.

Parliament

On 25th April 2017 the pressure group Guildford-in-Europe held a hustings meeting at the Guildford Institute, in advance of the general election in May. David Pillinger of the group said that Guildford was a town ‘closely connected to the rest of the world’.

On 8th June the general election saw the following votes cast in the Guildford constituency:

Anne Milton (Conservative Party) 30,295 (54.6%)
Zoe Franklin (Liberal Democrat) 13,255 (23.9%)
Howard Smith (Labour Party) 10,545 (19.0%)
Mark Bray-Parry (The Green Party) 1,152 (2.1%)
John Hope (The Peace Party) 205 (0.4%)
Semi Essessi (Independent) 57 (0.1%)

Anne Milton was re-elected as Member of Parliament.

On 12th June Anne Milton MP was appointed a Minister of State at the Department for Education in the post-election cabinet reshuffle.
Law and Order, Fire and Rescue

Surrey Police

On 9th May 2017 it was announced that Nev Kemp had been appointed as Surrey Police’s Assistant Chief Constable. His previous 22 years with Sussex Police had included experience as Head of Crime and Counter Terrorism Operations, Head of Crime Investigations, and Protecting Vulnerable People. At Surrey he was responsible for Local Policing, Criminal Justice and Contact Management.

On 28th June PC Erin Bowditch and PC Rachel Upton of Surrey Police were nominated for the National Police Bravery Awards. In April 2016 the officers had jumped into the River Wey to pull a vulnerable woman, missing from the Royal Surrey County Hospital, to safety.

In July figures were released which showed that there had been over 8,000 crimes reported in Guildford between March 2016 and March 2017.

On 10th September police officers from Surrey were amongst a contingent from 14 British forces which flew to the British Virgin Islands to assist the local police following the devastation caused by Hurricane Irma.

In September it was reported that between January and the end of June there had been an average of 72 violent or sexual offences committed each month in central Guildford.

On 28th October Surrey Police’s LGBT liaison officers were issued with distinctive epaulettes to help identify them more easily. The epaulettes featured a rainbow above the officer’s rank.

On 9th November the Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner, David Munro, called for the cap on the policing precept of the council tax to be removed, and more funds provided. He said the force was currently working “at the limit of its capabilities”.

On 9th November Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services published a police efficiency report on Surrey Police. They found it was ‘good’ at understanding the demands for its services; ‘required improvement’ at how it uses its resources; and was ‘good’ at planning for the future.

On 17th November 24 arrests were made during Out in Force, a targeted operation involving an additional 300 officers. It included search and arrest warrants, targeting offenders, crime prevention activities, street-sweeps-looking for weapons and drugs hidden in public places, and road safety operations.
In April figures were released which showed that 12,893 crimes had been reported in the Borough during the previous year. Over four thousand of these had been committed in the Town Centre, and over a thousand of these related to anti-social behaviour.

**Surrey Fire and Rescue**

On 7th May 2017 Surrey Fire & Rescue attended a fire caused by burning rubbish on the railway track at Guildford Station. It was quickly extinguished with no injuries.

On 21st June the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, met the Safer Guildford Partnership Junior Citizens at Guildford Fire Station on Ladymead.

On 12th July fire broke in outbuildings in Long Reach, Ockham. Ten pumps attended the blaze. At the same time, there was another which largely destroyed the Weybridge Health Centre. Surrey Fire and Rescue had to call for assistance from three neighbouring brigades to cope. The Fire Brigades Union claimed that the two incidents, combined with budget cuts, meant the fire service was overstretched.

On 16th July a fire started in a shower at Red Hot Yoga in North Street. The building was evacuated, but yoga instructor Alex Churchley Cook re-entered it and threw a wet towel over the fire. Appliances from Guildford, Godalming and Woking stations attended, and closed off Leapale Road while they dealt with the incident.

On 29th July the Guildford Fire Station held an open day at Ladymead. Events included live displays and collision demonstrations. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended.

On 31st October David Munro, the Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner announced that he would not be taking over responsibility for the Fire and Rescue Service in Surrey, following a detailed study. He called on Surrey County Council to ensure the Fire and Rescue Service would work more closely with other fire services in the region and other emergency services.

On 12th November a gas cylinder exploded in the kitchen of the Farmhouse Café at Rokers in Holly Lane, Worplesdon. Customers and staff were safely evacuated before firefighters tackled the fire.

On 5th April Guildford fire station was only able to operate one fire engine between 9am and 6pm, rather than the usual two, due to staff shortages.

**HMP Send**

In November three officers working at HMP Send were dismissed for having inappropriate relationships with prisoners. A male warder was suspended.
Kent, Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company

On 2\textsuperscript{nd} May 2017 the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Community Rehabilitation Company opened a centre at the Guildford Probation Office in Park Street, offering rehabilitation services to people who have been sentenced by a court.

Street Angels

On 29\textsuperscript{th} September Guildford was awarded the Purple Flag for the fourth year running, the only town in Surrey to do so. The award recognises a town where dining, entertainment and culture are combined with promoting the safety and well-being of visitors and local residents. Guildford Street Angels, Surrey Police, Surrey Fire and Rescue, Guildford Pubwatch and Guildford Borough Council, had worked to raise Guildford's profile and night-time economy.

On 12\textsuperscript{th} November the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the Street Angels Commissioning Service at St Mary's Church, Guildford.

On 17\textsuperscript{th} January The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mike Parsons, was a guest at the Community Angels launch lunch at St Saviour's Church.

On 15\textsuperscript{th} April the Mayor attended the Street Angel's 'Angel Cake' celebration at Guildford Cathedral to mark the 'Be An Angel' campaign's 10\textsuperscript{th} anniversary.

Safer Guildford Partnership

On 11\textsuperscript{th} July the Safer Guildford Partnership reported to GBC’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee that the Partnership no longer received funds from the Home Office, and that its current budget was approximately £46k. Organised crime affected the Borough, particularly drug dealing and modern day slavery. Reduced resources and constrained budgets had increased the importance of sharing intelligence between partners.

Service for the Judiciary

On 6\textsuperscript{th} October the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, greeted the High Sheriff of Surrey, Mr Robert Napier, C.B.E., Crown Court & District Judges and Surrey Magistrates prior to processing to Holy Trinity Church for the annual Service for the Judiciary, a special service to mark the beginning of the legal term.

Murder

On 2\textsuperscript{nd} September, at Guildford Magistrates court, Mohammed Abubaker of Wandsworth was charged in connection with an attempted murder that took place at Wood Street Village on 5\textsuperscript{th} July. On 12\textsuperscript{th} April, at Guildford Crown
Court, he was sentenced to 10 years and 10 months in prison for causing life-threatening injuries to the man

**Arson**

Between March 2017 and February 2018 Guildford’s criminal damage and arson crime rate was 8.2 crimes per 1,000 working people. The area had the 22nd lowest crime rate out of 104 in England and Wales.

**Rape**

On 19th May Avan Mogridge was sentenced to 18 years in prison at Guildford Crown Court for raping a teenage girl in woodland near Stoke Park in the previous October. A trainee soldier at Deepcut Barracks, he had been found guilty of two charges of rape, two charges of sexual assault by penetration, and one of making a threat to kill.

**Burglary**

In January Money Super Market’s annual Burglary Claims Tracker revealed that houses in the GU3 postcode area had proportionately more thefts reported during the previous five years than anywhere else in Britain. The area, to the west of Guildford, includes Normandy, Puttenham, Worplesdon, Christmas Pie, and Flexford, and reported 52.31 claims per thousand home insurance quotes.

In contrast, the neighbouring GU2 area, with Guildford Park, Onslow Village, Park Barn, and the University of Surrey came 383rd, having 22.63 claims. The central Guildford GU1 postcode was 658th on the national list with 17.64 claims.

**Drugs**

On 14th November three people were arrested following a police car chase on the on Aldershot Road. A 17-year-old male from Guildford was arrested for possession with intent to supply, resisting arrest and possession of a bladed article. A 22-year-old female from Croydon was arrested for concern in the supply of a class B drug. A 22-year-old male from Guildford was arrested for concern in the supply of a class B drug, failing to stop and driving whilst under the influence of a controlled drug.

**Guildford Crown Court**

On 26th January the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was a guest at the High Sheriff of Surrey's Dinner for the Judiciary at Watts Gallery, Compton.

On 17th March the Mayor attended the Magistrates Association's Mock Trial Competition at the Crown Court, Guildford.
Guildford People

Cllr Nigel Manning

On 3rd May Cllr Nigel Manning was elected Mayor of Guildford for 2017-18 at the Annual Meeting of the Council in the Guildhall. He was born and brought up in Brighton, and entered the Civil Service. Moving to Guildford in 1990, he became a Parish Councillor for Ash in 2000 and a Guildford Borough Councillor for Ash Vale in 2001. For his mayoral theme, he chose 'It's our Community, support it, embrace it!' The Mayor's chosen charity for the year was the British Heart Foundation.

On 1st June the Mayor, accompanied by Mrs Jenny Paterson, attended a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

On 19th June the Mayor visited Waitrose in Guildford to collect a donation for the Mayor of Guildford's Local Distress Fund. This was part of the Waitrose Community Matters scheme where shoppers donate tokens gained whilst shopping and the money is divided between three chosen charities each month.

4 July The Mayor attended the High Sheriff of Surrey's garden party at The Glasshouse, RHS Wisley.

On 6th July the Mayor was a guest at the Surrey ABF - The Soldiers' Charity Summer Reception and Beat Retreat at Charterhouse School.

On 18th January the Mayor joined the Mayors and Chairmen of Surrey for a charity Curry Night in Fetcham, by invitation of the Chairman of Mole Valley District Council, Councillor Simon Ling.

On 19th January he joined the Mayors and Chairmen of Surrey for a charity 'World of Wine' tasting evening at the Holiday Inn, Shepperton; by invitation of the Mayor of Spelthorne, Councillor Vivienne Leighton.

On 14th March the Mayor hosted a charity evening at the Shahin Tandoori Restaurant on Woodbridge Hill. It raised funds for the Mayor's chosen charities; the British Heart Foundation and the Mayor of Guildford's Local Distress Fund.

On 28th March the Mayor joined the Mayors and Chairmen of Surrey at County Hall, Kingston-upon-Thames, for the Chairman of Surrey County Council's Volunteers Reception & Buffet.

On 14th April the Mayor was a guest at the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey's Commonwealth Celebration lunch at Orange Court, Guildford.

On 18th April the Mayor joined the Mayors and Chairmen of the Surrey
Districts for the Surrey Clubs for Young People national boxing championship and Volunteers Awards at County Hall, Kingston-upon-Thames. He was the guest of the Chairman of Surrey County Council, Mr Peter Martin.

Susanna Argile
On 29th July Susanna Argile won the 72kg powerlifting championship at the British Women's Classic Championships at Dover. A student at the University of Surrey, she had previously attended George Abbot School. She set new British records of 170kg squatting, 100kg benching and 452.5kg lifting total.

Harry Grieve
On 13th August Harry Grieve, aged 16 and a pupil at the Royal Grammar School became the national Junior Chess Champion at the Delancey UK Schools Chess Challenge in Daventry. The Minister of State for International Trade, Lord Mark Price, presented him with a £2,000 cash prize.

Nikki Henderson
On 13th September Nikki Henderson of Guildford, the youngest ever skipper in the Clipper 2017-18 Round the World Yacht Race, took the lead as the first leg of the event reached its first stop in Punta del Este, Uruguay.

Suzanne Antelme
On 17th October Suzanne Antelme of Guildford was ranked among the top fifteen poets at the Foyle Young Poets Awards for her poem One Day.

Lucy Trafford
On 1st November Lucy Trafford of Guildford was hailed as Fundraiser of the Year by the Stroke Association. Her Saddle for Stroke, a three-day London to Paris cycling challenge, drew over a hundred participants and raised over £130,000 for the charity.

Georgina Nelthorpe
On 12th April the wrestler Georgina Nelthorpe of Guildford won a bronze medal for Britain in the Commonwealth Games held in Australia. She beat Sierra Leone's Hajaratu Kamara in the women's 76kg.
Guildford People: Honours

THE QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY HONOURS

On 16th June the following were honoured.

Humphrey Cadoux-Hudson

Humphrey Cadoux-Hudson of Guildford was made a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for services to Secure Low-Carbon Electricity. He was the Managing Director of the Nuclear New Build Generation Company Ltd, a subsidiary EDF Energy.

William Bagnall

William Bagnall of Guildford was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire for services to Education. He was Governor and Chair of the Finance and Strategy Committee, The Sixth Form College Farnborough.

Lilian Fuller

Mrs Lilian Fuller was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to Elderly People in Ash, Surrey.

OTHER HONOURS

The Guildford Roll of Honour

On 12th September the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, hosted the Roll of Honour Dinner at the Guildhall, at which Professor Alf Adams, Professor of Physics at the University of Surrey, had his name added to the Guildford Roll of Honour. Prof Adams had invented the strained-layer quantum well laser while working at the University in 1986. His findings helped to pave the way for technologies such as DVD, CD and Blu-Ray players, supermarket barcodes and fibre optic broadband, as well as the internet.

NEW YEAR’S HONOURS

Raymond Long

Raymond John Long of Guildford, formerly Programme Director at the Department for Work and Pensions Digital Group, was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath for services to Government and the Public Sector.

John Pattullo

John Cook Pattullo of Guildford, formerly Chair, NHS Blood and Transplant, was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire for services to Healthcare.
Maria Angel

Mrs Maria Emilia Angel of Guildford was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire for services to the community in Normandy. On 16th February the Queen presented her with the honour at Windsor Castle.

Karen Bryan

Professor Karen Bryan of Shalford, formerly Pro Vice-Chancellor and Dean of the Faculty of Health & Wellbeing at Sheffield Hallam University, was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire for services to Higher Education.

THE MAYOR OF GUILDFORD’S AWARDS

The Mayor’s Award for Service to the Community were given to:

Ken Bare for his work for the Surrey Hills Society.

Stephen Belgum for his work for the Guildford Time Bank.

Ann Dengate for her fundraising in Guildford, and work with Pond Meadow.

Graham Eyre for his work with the Ash Residents Association.

Neil Freeman for his work for the community of Send Marsh.

Julian Knowles for his work with the Guildford Hard of Hearing Support Group.

Nigel Lewis-Baker for founding and working for the Topic of Cancer charity.

Karen Lord for her work with the Girl Guides in Send.

Diana Martin for her services to the people of Guildford.

Jane Morgan for her work for Ash U3A.

Haydn Huw Morris (posthumously) for his work for the Catalyst charity.

Brian & Elizabeth Oliver for their services to the people of Normandy.

Richard Paxton for his services to the people of Compton.

Anne Philips for her work with the Sidney Sime Gallery at Worplesdon.

Pat Radcliffe for CPR Training at Onslow Village Hall for the BHF.
Surrey Community Hub for their work with Surrey Choices Lockwood.

Karen Taylor for her services to the people of Park Barn and Onslow Village.

Dreda Todd for her work with Ripley Good Neighbours.

Carolyn Woods for her work with the Albury memorial library café.
Roger Nicklin
On 29th May the Guildford optician Roger Nicklin ended his life after a long battle with depression. Born in Guildford in 1947, he was educated at the Royal Grammar School and studied optometry at the City University, London, from 1967 to 1970. After a pre-registration period with Bateman’s Opticians, he joined his father Barrie at the family practice in the Upper High Street, where he continued to work until his death. He had a wide range of interests, including, rugby, flying, sailing, music, skiing and motor cycling. He was a member of the General Optical Council, the local Round Table and then the Rotary Club, as well as serving as Chairman of the Old Guildfordians Association. On 22nd June his memorial service at Holy Trinity church was attended by over 600 people, a testimony to the high regard in which he was held by the community.

Claude Kauffmann
On 6th June Claude Ludovic Kauffmann died at the age of 87. Born in Rio de Janeiro in 1930, he later came to England and to Guildford. He was a Conservative, and actively promoted the country’s role in Europe. He was also a Roman Catholic, and a leading figure in the local Catenian Circle, serving as President and then Provincial President for a time. He joined the County Club in the late 1980s, becoming Chairman in 2004, then President in 2015.

Andrew Morgan
On 14th August Andrew Hargreaves Morgan of Guildford died at the age of 96. Born in Scotland, he had been a Spitfire pilot during the Second World War, and for a time was a prisoner of war. He then had a career as a professional footballer, moving to Guildford to play for Guildford City in 1954.

Bill Bellerby
On 19th September Honorary Freeman Bill Bellerby died at the age of 100. Born in Wales, he came to Guildford when he joined the Queen’s Regiment at Stoughton Barracks early in the Second World War. He married his wife Doreen in 1941 and they settled in Guildford after the war. He worked as a teacher in a series of local schools. Bill was first elected to Guildford Borough Council in 1953 as a Labour councillor for Stoke Ward and he retired, after 42 years’ continuous service, in 1995. He stood as the Labour Party candidate for Guildford at the 1959 general election and served on Surrey County Council as well. He was elected Mayor of Guildford in 1972-73 and 1973-74. Bill made an outstanding contribution to the life of Guildford, with an interest in the arts, activities for young people and disabled groups. Together with his wife Doreen, who died in 2015, he was awarded the MBE in 1991 in recognition of his services to the community. In the same year, they were both
awarded Honorary Degrees by the University of Surrey. In 1995, Guildford Borough Council conferred the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Guildford on both Bill and Doreen in recognition of their long and distinguished public service as councillors.

Mary Lloyd-Jones
On 2nd December Hon. Alderman Mary Lloyd-Jones died. She had been first elected to the Borough Council in 1979 for Ash Vale Ward, and was a councillor for twelve years. She served on the Arts & Recreation Committee (1979-1983); the Housing & Health Committee (1979-1990), and the Policy & Resources Committee (1983 to 1990). Mary was also elected as Mayor of Guildford in 1990-1991. In 1995 the council conferred the title of Honorary Alderman on her. She also served as a School Governor of South Ash County Middle School, on the Court of the University of Surrey, the West Surrey & North East Hampshire Health Authority, and the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre Trust.

Jamie Barber
On 29th December James Barber, director and chief executive of the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre died suddenly at the age of 59. 'Jamie', as he was generally known, was born in Guildford, and educated locally. He completed a technical course at the London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art before joining the Arnaud as assistant stage manager in 1978. He went on to become general manager in 1984 and theatre director in 1992. Securing funding became a major part of his work, especially after the theatre’s Arts Council grant was withdrawn in December 2007.

Eric Morgan
On 1st January Eric Morgan died suddenly, aged 86. Born in 1931, he became a physicist. Eric married his wife Sandra in 1957 and came to live on the Fairlands Estate. In the 1970s he served as chairman of the Guildford branch of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. From the late 1990s he sat on the Surrey County Council Schools Admission Appeals Committee. Eric was active in local history, writing and recording local history articles for newsletters for the blind. He was a key figure in the Guildford Town Guides, organising the guides’ rotas and taking groups of school children on tours around the town. He was also a tour guide at Guildford Cathedral and a founder member of the Friends of Guildford Museum, editing their newsletters.

Rosemary Hall
On 29th January Honorary Alderman, Mrs Rosemary Celia Hall died peacefully from Alzheimer’s Disease, aged 94. She had been made an MBE in the 2002 New Year’s honours for services to the community in Ash. There was a Requiem Mass for her at the Holy Angels Catholic Church, Ash on 14th
February, attended by the Mayor.
Religion

Guildford Cathedral

On 17th April 2017 Lord Bourne, the Government Minister for Faith and Integration, visited Guildford Cathedral. He emphasised the importance of strong faith links following the Westminster terrorist attack the previous month, and praised the Cathedral for its interfaith work.

On 21st April 2017 Robert Napier was installed as High Sheriff of Surrey at a service in Guildford Cathedral. He set out to support the work of charities, faith groups, youth groups and others who were working in some of the economically and socially challenged areas in the county. The Mayor, Cllr Gordon Jackson, attended the ceremony.

On 31st May a Half Term Activity Day at Guildford Cathedral celebrated the nearing completion of the building works with fun-filled activities for children. There was a 12m-long cardboard model cathedral to build with artist Lindsey Southworth, creative crafts, stories and exploration trails. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended the event.

On 3rd June a charity abseil event was held at the Cathedral, to raise funds for the cathedral and the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended the event.

On 4th June The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, joined hundreds of local Christians at Guildford Cathedral to celebrate the end of a week of global prayer for the Archbishop’s ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ initiative. He prayed for all those suffering following the recent terror attacks and called for people not to turn on the Muslim community.

On 8th June the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended Evensong at the Cathedral. This was followed by the private view of an exhibition by ‘Cabinet of Curiosity’, a partnership of Caroline Collinge and Edmond Salter whose projects are defined by a creative philosophy where art inspires science and science inspires art.

On 8th July the Mayor attended Guildford Cathedral’s Summer Celebration to mark the end of the cathedral's refurbishment.

On 10th December the Venerable Paul Davies was installed as Archdeacon of Surrey at a service in Guildford Cathedral. He had previously been an Archdeacon of Bangor in Wales. The service was attended by representatives from the Surrey Archdeaconry, in the western portion of the diocese, and Bangor.
On 25th November the charity Restored marked International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women with a concert at Guildford Cathedral. The Prime Minister, Theresa May, sent a letter supporting the event.

On 20th December the Mayor was in the audience of the Young Epilepsy Christmas Concert at the Cathedral.

On 20th January the Mayor attended a stargazing event at Guildford Cathedral.

On 27th January the Waverley Singers gave a performance of Verdi’s Requiem at the Cathedral. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, was in the audience.

On 31st January the Bishop of Guildford, the Rt. Revd Andrew Watson, released a video explaining the finances of the Diocese of Guildford. It raised £12 million, almost entirely from church donations. The money went to fund 162 parishes, 85 church schools and many social and community projects.

On 25th March, Palm Sunday, Barry Rose conducted Stainer’s Crucifixion, with the BBC Singers and Guildford Cathedral choristers. Barry Rose had founded the cathedral choir in 1961, and worked with the BBC Singers for sixty years. The oratorio was broadcast by BBC Radio 3.

Holy Trinity, Guildford

On 7th November the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, opened the Retirement Fair at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford.

In January restoration work began on the steps leading up to the north door of Holy Trinity from the High Street. The project continued with the repair of the west door’s steps. The work was funded by a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund, another from Guildford Borough Council, and by money raised by the Holy Trinity Big Appeal.

Emmanuel, Stoughton

On 7th October the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the Leprosy Mission Regional Conference at Emmanuel Church, Guildford.

On 2nd March the Mayor attended the Women's World Day of Prayer at Emmanuel.

St Nicolas, Guildford

On 26th April 2017 the Mayor, Cllr Gordon Jackson, attended the Caleb
Lovejoy Charity' reception held at St Nicolas' Parish Centre, Guildford.

On 24th February the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was in the audience of the Occam Singers Concert at St Nicolas’ Church, Guildford.

**Christ Church, Guildford**

On 17th September Christ Church was visited by Pastor Andre Ouedraogo from Burkina Faso. The church had supported the charity Transform Bukina in its health education and clean water projects.

**Guildford Churches Together**

30 March the Good Friday Walk of Witness, organised by Guildford Churches Together, set off from the Rotunda at the bottom of North Street. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was one of those in the procession.

**All Saints’, Onslow Village**

On 4th June All Saints Church marked the end of fifty days of celebration to mark the laying of the present building’s foundation stone in 1967. It took the form of a service for Pentecost, to which local community groups had been invited, followed by a Hog Roast Picnic with entertainment in the church field. The Mayor Cllr Nigel Manning was in the congregation.

**Guildford & Woking Humanists**

On 10th April the first monthly meeting of the Guildford & Woking Humanists was held at the Guildford Institute. Ten members discussed Dignity in Dying.

**St Mary’s, Guildford**

On 24th June the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons attended the Opera Foundry’s *German Opera* at St Mary’s Church.

During the year, the roof over the chancel and the north aisle roof were retiled following a quinquennial inspection.

**St Joseph’s RC Church**

On 22nd November is St Joseph’s RC Church in York Road was lit with red floodlights to mark Red Wednesday. Aid to the Church in Need had organised the national event to express solidarity with persecuted Christians and all who suffered for their peacefully-held beliefs.

**Guildford & Godalming Interfaith Forum**

On 19th November the Guildford & Godalming Interfaith Forum met at St Nicolas’ church to mark Interfaith Week. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, opened the event, which had the theme of Standing Together. Representatives of the Jewish, Hindu, Christian, Muslim, Sikh and Baha’i faiths attended.
Charities

Voluntary Action South West Surrey

On 30\textsuperscript{th} November the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended the AGM of Voluntary Action South West at the Greenark Hall in Stoke Park.

On 10\textsuperscript{th} April Voluntary Action South West Surrey held its annual conference in the Rik Medlik Building at the University of Surrey. The theme was \textit{Charity: The New Welfare State?} Some 150 delegates from local charities and voluntary organisations were welcomed by the Vice-chancellor, and heard speeches by Debra Alcock-Tyler, Chief Executive of the Directory of Social Change; Joanna Killian, Chief Executive of Surrey County Council; Jo Cookes, Director of Communities Engagement at the Diocese of Guildford; Ian Handy of the University of Surrey Students’ Union; and Joanne Tester, the chief executive of Guildford Action.

Samson Centre

On 11\textsuperscript{th} July John Hambly, the founder of the Samson Centre for Multiple Sclerosis based in Riverside, was awarded the Order of Mercy by the League of Mercy for his distinguished voluntary service.

Disability Challengers

On 10\textsuperscript{th} September a fire broke out at Challengers' Stoke Park headquarters. Surrey Fire and Rescue sent six fire engines, two from Guildford, and extinguished the blaze. There were no injuries, but significant smoke damage. Preschool, play and after-school services were suspended for a time.

From 24\textsuperscript{th} September the play scheme was run from the Urban Saints building adjacent to the damaged building.

On 15\textsuperscript{th} January Barratt Homes Southern Counties Division presented Challengers with over £65,000, after the company had collected money for them over the previous year. Fundraising events included a sponsored head shave, the Surrey Three Peaks walk and a golf day and dinner, which raised £50,000.

On 19\textsuperscript{th} February Challengers reopened its Guildford play centre, five months after the fire. On 2\textsuperscript{nd} March the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning was at the official re-opening of the play centre.

Guildford Club for the Disabled

On 7\textsuperscript{th} December the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended the Guildford Club for the Disabled’s Christmas Tree and Carols event at Jacob’s Well Village Hall.
Shooting Star CHASE

On 7th March Shooting Star CHASE celebrated the refurbishment of its Christopher's Hospice at Artington. The interdealer brokers ICAP had contributed £250,000 towards the cost. Among the guests were Tony Hadley and Michael More-Molyneux of Shooting Star CHASE, and the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning.

Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice

In June the law firm Stevens & Bolton LLP, based in the Farnham Road, presented a cheque for £27,963 to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Care. Over the previous two years, the firm had organised a variety of volunteering and fundraising activities.

On 24th February the Phyllis Tuckwell held the Glasswalk, a fundraising event in which nine sponsored volunteers walked barefoot over a ten-foot bed of broken glass. The event was organised at the Rotunda at the bottom of North Street by Time4Change, a training and events organisation specialising in self-motivation.

On 24th March a remembrance event was held by the Phyllis Tuckwell at the Memory Meadow in Stoke Park. Around a hundred people gathered to commemorate their loved ones and celebrate their lives. There were readings and songs, and all were given a Book of Remembrance as a keepsake. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended.

Rape & Sexual Abuse Support Centre

On 4th December HRH Sophie, Countess of Wessex visited the Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre at Tycho House in the Research Park. The visit celebrated the 25th anniversary of charity's service. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was amongst those who greeted her.

On 11th July the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended the RASASC’s AGM at Tycho House.

On 5th February the Centre held an Awareness Walk up Guildford High Street to demonstrate solidarity for victims of sexual assault as part of Sexual Abuse and Sexual Violence Awareness Week. The Mayor, accompanied by the Mayoress, Cllr Marsha Moseley, attended.

On 10th February the Mayor returned for another event organised by the Centre, a surprise event in the High Street with a flash mob of the Guildford, Godalming & Farnham Rock Choir.

Halow Project

In July a group of young people from ARTGU had a work experience day at Philip’s UK headquarters in Guildford. They were taken through various
aspects of a business; including marketing, sales, stock control, taking orders from customers and customer service. They were given two products and were responsible for creating marketing posters.

On 14th September Halow won a gold award for the best allotment at the Guildford in Bloom Awards held at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre. The young people had been fully involved with all aspects of managing their allotment; from preparing the land to deciding what to grow, planting and nurturing their crops, and reaping the fruits of their labour.

On 7th December the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the Halow project's Christmas Gala Concert at St Nicolas’ Church, Guildford.

Mencap
On 10th October Mencap's Planning for the Future Seminar was held at the Guildford Institute. Parents and carers of children with a learning disability learnt how best to make long-term provision for them. A solicitor and the Wills and Trusts Team gave advice to enable children to live a fulfilling life, with financial security.

Carers Support Guildford
In April 2017 Carers Support (Guildford) closed after losing an important contract. It donated £55,000 to Guildford Philanthropy.

Fountain Centre
On 23rd July the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the Fountain Centre’s Great American Songbook concert, performed by the Royal Surrey Choir at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford.

On 23rd September the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended the Fountain Centre's charity fashion show at the Mandolay Hotel, Guildford.

In October the Centre’s Children & Family Services received over £350,000 from the National Lottery’s Reaching Communities programme, enabling it to continue for a further five years.

On 12th December the Mayor attended the Fountain Centre's Christmas concert at St Nicolas’ Church, Guildford.

On 27th January the Mayor was in the audience of the Royal Surrey Choir's One Moment in Time concert at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford.

Cancer Research UK
On 29th and 30th July Race for Life’s Pretty Muddy was run over a 5k obstacle course in Stoke Park. A total of 2,239 women took part, negotiating walls, an A-frame, nets inflatables and a mud pit. It was organised by
Cancer Research UK.

**Prostate Project**

By April 2017 the Prostate Project’s ‘Buy a Brick for £10’ appeal had raised £80,000 towards a new urology centre at the Royal Surrey County Hospital.

On 12th March the Royal Oak, Wood Street Village raised £1,072 for Prostate Cancer UK by a knock-out darts competition. There was also a raffle, with prizes donated by local firms and individuals.

**Guildford Undetected Tumour Screening**

On 23rd September the first GUTS Fighting Bowel Cancer ultra-marathon and half marathon running event was held, finishing on Guildford High Street. There was a 58km run from London and an off-road half marathon from Effingham Junction.

**Macmillan Cancer Support**

On 9th July Macmillan Cancer Support staged its annual Classic Motor Show at Clandon Park, by kind permission of Robin, Countess of Onslow. As well as classic cars, there were stalls, children’s entertainment, and a birds of prey display.

On 29th September Macmillan Cancer Support’s World's Biggest Coffee Morning saw many local venues participating, including Guildford Cathedral, Guildford Rugby Club, the Park Room Restaurant at Guildford College, Guildford Nursery School & Children’s Centre in Hazel Avenue, and the Holiday Inn, where the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning was one of the guests.

**Dignity in Dying**

On 16th January the first meeting of the Guildford group of Dignity in Dying was held at the Guildford Institute. Vicky Rimmer, a former nurse from Guildford, founded the group to campaign for a change in the law to allow terminally-ill, mentally-competent adults the option of an assisted death.

**TALK**

On 25th April 2017 the Mayor, Cllr Gordon Jackson, attended the TALK annual lunch at the Holiday Inn, Guildford.

On 27th June the Deputy Mayor attended the TALK AGM at St Catherine’s Village Hall.

On 16th April the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the TALK 20th anniversary lunch at the Holiday Inn, Guildford.

**Oakleaf Enterprise**

On 2nd June the Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service was given to the
mental health charity Oakleaf Enterprise, based in Walnut Tree Close.

On 11th September the Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service was presented to Oakleaf Enterprises at the Guildhall. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, was present.

**Save the Children**

On 20th February the Save The Children charity shop in Jeffries Passage celebrated thirty years of operation, having raised over £1½ million in that time.

**Guildford Café Bridge**

On 5th October Guildford Café Bridge, a fund-raising event in aid of Link Able and Breast Cancer, was held in the town centre. Players met at St Mary’s Church, where they were given instructions and a map of the venues. They then went to the first venue and played four hands of bridge. When finished, they walked to the next venue and played again, and so on during the day.

**British Heart Foundation**

On 8th July the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, joined Shirley West and her team at the Guildhall, for the British Heart Foundation Street Collection.

On 14th July at the Holiday Inn the British Heart Foundation celebrated Her Majesty the Queen's sapphire anniversary and also paid tribute to Dame Vera Lynn, on her 100th birthday. The Mayor was among the guests, which also included Anne Milton MP and Honorary Freeman Bill Bellerby.

The Mayor attended a number of British Heart Foundation events. They included:

On 16th October a sponsored swim at the Spirits Health Club at the Holiday Inn, Guildford.

On 9th November a Reception for the British Heart Foundation volunteers at the Guildhall.

On 15th November the British Heart Foundation’s annual reception at the House of Lords.

On 25th November the Foundation’s concert at St Mary the Virgin Church, Worplesdon.

On 2nd December the BHF Santa Fun Run at Stoke Park.

On 3rd December Friary Guildford Brass Band Concert at the Park Barn
Centre.

On 10th February he joined volunteers at Tesco in Guildford to help raise funds for the British Heart Foundation during ‘Heart Month’.

On 20th February he attended the BHF CPR training session at Onslow Village Hall.

**Headway Surrey**

On 2nd June the Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service was given to the brain-injury charity Headway, based in Stoughton.

On 4th October the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the presentation of the Queen’s Award for Voluntary Services to Headway Surrey at the County Club, Guildford.

On 15th December the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, visited the new Headway Day Centre, North Road, Guildford, for their Mince Pies Morning and open day.

**Diabetes UK**

On 14th June Roy Johnson of Guildford and South West Surrey Diabetes UK was presented with the charity’s regional Campaigning and Influencing Award in recognition of his campaigning locally and nationally for better diabetes services.

**Community Foundation for Surrey**

On 13th March the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons attended the Community Foundation for Surrey’s annual reception at the Royal Holloway, University of London, Egham.

**Cherry Trees**

On 22nd July the Cherry Trees Free Happy Circus was opened by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, at Home Farm, East Clandon. Some 200 people attended, and there was face painting, games, cycling, Sumo wrestling, performance cars and dancing before the circus itself. There were also contributions from Guildford Lions, Wheels for All, Renaissance Cars, Affinity Water, the Surrey Pumas band and the Tuesday Dad’s club.

In October a team of volunteers from Kimberly Clark redecorated the premises, brought new furniture and built a Wendy house for the children.

On 25th October Cherry Trees were presented with a new wheelchair-accessible minibus funded by The Lord’s Taverners, with a contribution of £18,000 from the Guildford Lions Club.
Kicks Count
On 16th July the childbirth charity Kicks Count held a family fun day at Sutherland Memorial Park in Burpham. There was a tombola, face painting, children’s activities, stalls and refreshments.

Age UK Surrey
In August Age UK Surrey was given the Outstanding Community Organisation’s Spirit of Age award for its Men in Sheds activity. The award recognises the significant achievements of a local organisation, project or group which supports, or is run by, older people. Men in Sheds is based in Ash and brings together older men to socialise and learn new skills from each other. The main activity is woodworking, supervised by a qualified leader.

On 21st December the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the Age UK Carol Service at Guildford Cathedral.

On 9th January Age UK Surrey launched Café Culture at Bill’s Restaurant in the Angel Hotel to bring together lonely older people.

Dementia UK
On 1st March the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the Dementia UK ‘Time for a Cuppa’ event at Claremont Court in Hart Gardens.
Organisations and Societies

Guildford Lions

On 17th April 2017 the Mayor, Cllr Gordon Jackson, opened the Guildford Lions Club’s Easter Fayre at Shalford Park. Attractions included classic cars, a dog show, tug-of-War and medieval knights. Over £6,500 was raised for charities.

On 6th May the Guildford Lions’ 'Last Night at the Proms' concert was given at G Live. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, was in the audience.

On 1st July the 44th Annual Guildford Lions Raft Race had 28 entries and was started off at Millmead Lock by the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning. The Mayor then travelled by boat to the Waterside Centre to present the winners with their prizes. The theme was ‘The Movies’, and The Black Pearl won the general class prize. The Dad’s Army team was awarded the Blue Ribbon for the best presented raft and crew.

On 10th September the Guildford Lions Club’s annual Hatchlands Run was held at Hatchlands Local Historic Park & Gardens in East Clandon. Over 200 runners took part, and the Mayor opened the event and presented the prizes. The event, sponsored by Ewbank and Fitstuff, raised some £3,000 for charity.

On 4th November the Mayor addressed the crowd from the Guildhall balcony before leading the torchlight procession to Stoke Park Guildford for the Lions Fireworks Fiesta, to the music of the Sea Cadet Band. There he lit the Town Beacon. The proceeds went to the local charities Challengers and Headway Surrey.

On 16th November the Guildford Lions celebrated the centenary of Lionism Worldwide at the Park Restaurant, Guildford College. The Mayor attended.

On 13th December at the Guildhall, the Guildford Lions presented a cheque for over £15,000, the proceeds of the November fireworks display. The Mayor attended.

On 20th January the Guildford Lions OAP Tea Party at Shalford Village Hall, saw the Mayor as one of the guests.

On 2nd April the annual Guildford Lions’ Easter show at Shalford Park had to be cancelled due to the heavy rain, which had left the ground waterlogged. There was also an earth collapse at the main gate.

Freemasonry

On 20th August the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended the International Tercentennial Celebrations of Freemasonry at an afternoon tea
at the Masonic Centre in the Portsmouth Road.

On 8\textsuperscript{th} October the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was a guest at the Province of Surrey's annual Masonic lunch at the Guildford Masonic Centre, prior to attending the Province of Surrey's Service at Guildford Cathedral.

**Rotary Club of Guildford**

On 24\textsuperscript{th} April 2017 the Mayor, Cllr Gordon Jackson, attended the Rotary Club of Guildford's lunch at the Holiday Inn.

On 7\textsuperscript{th} October the Mayor attended the Rotary Club of Guildford's 'An Evening with Terry Waite C.B.E.' at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford.

On 6\textsuperscript{th} December the Mayor was guest of honour at the Rotary Club of Guildford's dinner at the County Club.

On 10\textsuperscript{th} December the Mayor attended the Rotary Club of Guildford's 'The Mayor of Guildford's Christmas Concert' at Holy Trinity Church. Funds raised from the evening were donated to the Mayor of Guildford's Local Distress Fund and the Mayor's chosen charity for his Mayoral year, the British Heart Foundation.

On 22\textsuperscript{nd} January the Mayor, accompanied by the Mayoress, attended the Rotary Club of Guildford's Youth Speaks at the Guildhall.

**Rotary Club of Guildford District**

On 14\textsuperscript{th} May the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, started the Rotary Club of Guildford District's Charity Walk at Shalford Park.

On 14\textsuperscript{th} June the Mayor attended the Rotary District's Kids Out event at Aldershot Rugby Stadium.

On 15\textsuperscript{th} March the Rotary Club of Guildford District's 5\textsuperscript{th} annual Schools Charity Concert was held at G Live. Three local schools, the Duke of Kent, George Abbot and Priors Field performed, together with the More House School Jazz Band. The Mayor attended.

**Probus '83**

On 7\textsuperscript{th} December the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was a guest at the Probus '83 Christmas ladies' lunch at the Guildford Masonic Centre.

**Surrey Hills Society**

On 13\textsuperscript{th} July the Surrey Hills Enterprises held a social gathering at the Komo Bar in Millbrook. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, was a guest.

On 24\textsuperscript{th} July the Surrey Hills Society received a 'Sharing Heritage’ grant of £6,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund, for a project to celebrate the 60\textsuperscript{th}
anniversary of the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

**Guildford-Freiburg Association**

On 12\textsuperscript{th} June the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, hosted a reception for the Guildford-Freiburg Churches Link at the Guildhall.

On 20\textsuperscript{th} August the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, was a guest at the Guildford-Freiburg Association’s summer lunch party at Merrist Wood College.

On 10\textsuperscript{th} November the Deputy Mayor attended the Guildford-Freiburg Churches Link’s annual autumn event at St Mary’s Church, Shalford.

On 3\textsuperscript{rd} December the Guildford-Freiburg Association’s German Mini Market was held at the Guildhall. The Mayor attended.

On 28\textsuperscript{th} February the Deputy Mayor was a guest at the Guildford-Freiburg Association’s Dinner at Weybourne House, Guildford.

**Circle 8 Film Group**

On 30\textsuperscript{th} June Circle Eight Film Group’s Summer Festival show at the Guildhall featured *Guildford, This is Guildford*, a history of the town’s railways, and *The Story of Guildford Cathedral*.

**Charlotteville Jubilee Trust**

On 9\textsuperscript{th} July the Charlotteville Jubilee Trust’s 5\textsuperscript{th} Seaside Extravaganza was held at the Spike in Warren Road. There was live music, a licensed bar, real ale, a barbeque, a ‘beach’ and stalls.

**Guildford Institute**

On 22\textsuperscript{nd} April 2017 the Guildford Institute celebrated its 125\textsuperscript{th} anniversary with a tea party and an exhibition at its headquarters in Ward Street. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was amongst those who attended.

At the end of August the Manager, Trish Noakes, left the Guildford Institute. During her seven year’s tenure, the Institute had seen a major refurbishment. The Institute had increased the range and provision of courses, talks and visits and also enhanced its role as a community centre, where local clubs and societies could meet.

On 10\textsuperscript{th} November the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended Guildford Institute’s AGM. The Institute celebrated its 125\textsuperscript{th} anniversary by the Mayor placing the first item into a time capsule.

On 11\textsuperscript{th} November the time capsule was sealed and placed in the Institute’s archives. The items, suggested by the Institute’s members, included copies of the day’s newspapers and other contemporary items. It was intended to be
opened on the 150th anniversary.

On 4th January some 120 people attended a packed meeting at the Guildford Institute organised by the pro-remain group Guildford & Woking in Europe. Two local MPs, Anne Milton of Guildford and Jonathan Lord of Woking, heard local businessmen explain the adverse impact Brexit had already had on them. All were struggling to recruit from within the UK, and had seen a decline in applicants from the EU. Guildford and Woking both voted Remain in the 2016 referendum, by 56% to 44%.

On 1st February Amy Rice was appointed as Manager of the Guildford Institute. She had gained a degree in psychology and worked with other charities, including Children of the Mekong, the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice and Age UK, before joining the Institute in January 2014. At first the Membership and Marketing Assistant, she was promoted to Deputy Manager in October 2015.

**Guildford Model Engineering Society**

On 2nd July the Guildford Model Engineering Society’s 50th annual rally and exhibition was held at Burchatts Farm. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended.

**Guildford Archery Club**

On 28th August the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, shot the first arrow to open Guildford Archery Club’s Acorn Tournament at Manor Fruit Farm, Normandy.

**David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation**

In July the David Shepherd Wildlife Foundation appealed for the old ‘round’ pound coins, which would cease to be legal tender on 15th October to be donated at their headquarters in Kings Road, Shalford. The money went towards combatting the illegal trafficking of pangolins.

**Hungarian Cultural Association**

On 7th October the Hungarian folk band Kolompos played for dancing at a meeting of the Hungarian Cultural Association at the St John’s Centre in Merrow.

**Guildford Bengali Community**

On 30th July the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended the Guildford Bengali Community Cultural Festival at Normandy Village Hall.

**The County Club**

On 4th May the County Club Car Rally, each car being worth less than £500, set off from Guildford High Street. The 730-mile journey took them to Dover then Calais, Holland and Belgium before returning to Calais and so back
home. Funds were raised for a charity for the disabled.

On 21st December the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was a guest at the gentlemen’s Christmas lunch at the County Club.

On 22nd March the Mayor, accompanied by the Leader of the Council, Cllr Paul Spooner, hosted a celebration dinner at the County Club for local recipients of national honours and others who had been recognised for outstanding achievement during the previous year. They included representatives of local voluntary organisations.

**RSPCA**

On 17th June Anna Hull of the RSPCA Guildford branch was given the RSPCA’s Lord Erskine Silver Award for outstanding contribution to animal welfare. She had been fostering rabbits for several years and had become an expert in their welfare.

**Amnesty International**

On 18th June Guildford Amnesty International held a Great Get-together Picnic on Waverley Mead to celebrate the murdered MP Jo Cox’s statement that "We are more united and have more in common than that which divides us".

On 11th December the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parson, was one of those signing cards at Amnesty International’s Card Signing at St Nicolas’ Church, Guildford.
Culture and Entertainment

Vivace Chorus
On 11th November the Vivace Chorus gave a concert at the Cathedral. They performed Bruckner’s *Mass in E minor* and Mahler’s 2nd symphony ‘*The Resurrection*’ with the Epsom Chamber Choir and Brandenburg Sinfonia, conducted by Jeremy Backhouse. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was in the audience.

On 3rd March the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended the Vivace Chorus’ *Baroque Treasures* at Guildford Cathedral.

Guildford Choral Society
On 17th March Guildford Choral Society performed J S Bach’s *Mass in B Minor* at Guildford Cathedral. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was in the audience.

Great Surrey Choir
On 14th February the Great Surrey Choir was launched at the Guildford Institute. It was led by Steven Luke Walker, a West End vocal coach. With a variety of classic and modern musical genres, it aimed to raise money for local and national charities.

Guildford Symphony Orchestra
On 20th May the Guildford Symphony Orchestra gave their ‘Tango Fiesta’ concert at G Live. The programme included Ravel’s *Bolero* and dances from *West Side Story*, Piazzolla’s *Grand Tango* and Libertango and Gershwin’s *Cuban Rumba*. It featured tango dancers from the Guildford School of Acting and the Sambadrome Drummers. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was in the audience.

On 18th November the Guildford Symphony Orchestra’s autumn concert at G Live was *Romance and Revolution*. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended.

25 March GSO’s spring concert was *Northern Lights* at Charterhouse School. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended.

Guildford Art Society
On 3rd November the Guildford Art Society gave its private view of its autumn exhibition at Guildford House Gallery. Amongst others, the President’s Award went to Hannah Bruce and the County Club Claude Kauffmann Open Award to Fiona Champion. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended.
Surrey Photographic Association
On 6th the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, officially opened the Surrey Photographic Association's Biennial Exhibition at Guildford House Gallery.

Surrey County Show
On 29th May the Surrey County Show was held in Stoke Park. There was a dog ring, horse jumping in the Grand Arena and a live milking parlour. Over a thousand animals were present. However, there were also armed police patrols, following the national terror threat level being raised to critical after the attack in Manchester. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was a guest at the Surrey County Agricultural Society County Show President's Lunch.

Always the Sun
From 8th to 10th September the second Always the Sun, a community arts and music festival promoted by the Boileroom, was held in Stoke Park. Headline acts included Lucy Rose, Public Service Broadcasting, Dreadzone, and The Strypes.

G Live
On 29th April 2017 The Mayor, Cllr Gordon Jackson, hosted his Blue Sky Charity Ball at G Live, with music from The Co-Stars, in support of the Mayor's chosen charities.

On 18th October the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the Seafarers UK concert at G Live.

On 20th October the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, visited the Jenna Hook Art & Design Exhibition at G Live.

On 21st March the Deputy Mayor returned to G Live for the Guildford Schools Music Festival.

The Boileroom
On 15th November the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended the Surrey Youth Focus 'Youth SOUP' at The Boileroom. This was an opportunity for individuals or small groups of young people to develop ideas or projects that would benefit their community and pitch for some seed funding to get started.

On 12th January the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, visited The Boileroom's 'Open House' event.

On 14th April the Deputy Mayor returned to The Boileroom for JIGSAW's Charity Music Gig.
**Casino Nightclub**

On 10\textsuperscript{th} June the Casino Nightclub in Onslow Street was re-launched under new ownership.

**Guildford Shakespeare Company**

On 4\textsuperscript{th} May 2017 the Guildford Shakespeare Company Trust won the Charity/Social Enterprise of the Year category in Eagle Radio’s Biz business awards, recognising a charity or non-profit making organisation that has demonstrated exceptional work.

On 19\textsuperscript{th} June the Guildford Shakespeare Company held a press night for its production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* in Racks Close. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended.

On 17\textsuperscript{th} October the Mayor saw the Guildford Shakespeare Company's production of *The Legend of Arthur* at the Spiegeltent in Stoke Park.

In January the Company joined with the High Sheriff’s Youth Awards to allow three children to attend their Saturday Drama Club free of charge throughout 2018. All children aged 8-9 years old at Weyfield Primary School were invited to apply. The school assisted with the selection process, to ensure those taking part would benefit the most from the experience.

On 6\textsuperscript{th} February the Mayor was once more in the audience for the GSC’s production of *Romeo & Juliet* at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford.

**Guildford Summer Festival**

From 12\textsuperscript{th} June to 12\textsuperscript{th} August the Guildford Summer Festival provided a wide range of events with the Town Centre Cycle Race, Guildford Festival Craft Fair, The Cheese and Chilli Festival amongst many more.

**Guildford Jazz Festival**

On 20\textsuperscript{th} October the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, officially opened the first Guildford Jazz Festival at Tunsgate, to the music of Scarlett’s New Orleans Parade Band. The three-day festival featured jazz and blues, with shows taking place in G Live, the Harbour Hotel, the Stoke, the Keep, the Boileroom, Tunsgate, Holy Trinity Church, the High Street and ‘The Village’.

**Herald Players**

From 7\textsuperscript{th}-10\textsuperscript{th} March Creation and The Herald Players presented an all-female production of *Macbeth* at the Electric Theatre.

**Surrey Sculpture Society**

From 19\textsuperscript{th} August until 24\textsuperscript{th} September the Surrey Sculpture Society’s summer sculpture trail was exhibited at RHS Wisley.
Guildford House Gallery

On 15th June the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended a private viewing of the English Observations exhibition at the Guildford House.

Yvonne Arnaud Theatre

27 April 2017 the new Tapas at the Top Bar was launched at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was among the guests.

On 4th May 2017 the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre won the Community Consideration category in Eagle Radio’s Biz business awards, recognising its efforts in the local community.

On 29th June the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, saw the Yvonne Arnaud Youth Theatre's production of The Wizard of Oz.

On 4th July the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, was a guest at the Guildford Arts opening preview, in the Mill Studios at the Yvonne Arnaud.

On 3rd December the annual Yvonne Arnaud Theatre service was held at St Mary's Church, Guildford. The Mayor was in the congregation.

On 8th December the Mayor officially opened the pantomime Dick Whittington.

On 25th February the Mayor hosted his Charity Musical Extravaganza at the theatre.

On 22nd June the Academy of Contemporary Music signed a lease to operate the Electric Theatre, which is next to its base in the Rodboro Buildings. The theatre is owned by the borough council, and it chose the Academy after a formal bidding process in January. The theatre would continue as a venue for community use.

Electric Theatre

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On 18th August Experience Guildford's urban beach ‘Guildford-on-Sea’ was opened by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, at the Electric Theatre. It ran for three days, with sand, deck chairs, balloons, Punch & Judy shows,
free face painting and candyfloss.

On 14\textsuperscript{th} December the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, saw The Man in the Moon Theatre Company's production of \textit{A Christmas Carol}.

On 9\textsuperscript{th} March the Mayor attended the Creaction Theatre Company's production of \textit{Macbeth}.

On 5\textsuperscript{th} April the Mayor was in the audience of the Man in the Moon Theatre Company's production of \textit{The Jungle Book}.

**Guildford Arts**

From 5\textsuperscript{th} to 20\textsuperscript{th} July Guildford Arts staged its 22\textsuperscript{nd} Yvonne Arnaud Art summer exhibition at the Mill Studio. There was work in both two and three dimensions, from local artists and those further afield, in contemporary and traditional styles.

**Big Draw**

On 1\textsuperscript{st} October the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the launch of Guildford Borough Council's Big Draw 2017 Workshop at The Village. There was a programme of eleven free creative workshops during October, with a theme of 'Living Lines'.

**Cheese & Chilli Festival**

On 23\textsuperscript{rd} and 24\textsuperscript{th} July the Cheese & Chilli Festival was held at Shalford Park, with the support of Guildford Tourist Information Centre and Guildford Borough Council. Some 10,000 visitors attended. There was live music, a falconry display and children's activities. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, started the Chilli Eating Competition. One visitor was taken to hospital after he drank a shot of vodka infused with an exceptionally hot chilli.

**Guildford Beer Festival**

On 2\textsuperscript{nd} and 3\textsuperscript{rd} June the 8\textsuperscript{th} annual Guildford Beer Festival took place at Guildford Cricket Club in the Woodbridge Road. It featured over 125 ales and ciders from independent and micro-breweries in Surrey, Hampshire, Sussex and Berkshire, and a selection of wine and soft drinks. For the first time there was also a Gin Bar, serving locally produced gins and spirits. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended on the first day.

**Friary Guildford Band**

On 3\textsuperscript{rd} June the Friary Guildford Band, with the Occam Singers, gave a fanfare concert at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, and the Mayoress attended.

On 18\textsuperscript{th} March the Friary Guildford Band won the London & Southern
Counties Regional Championships for the fourth successive year. The test piece was Kevin Norbury's *Odyssey*, under the direction Chris King. Friary Guildford also won the Best Trombone Section prize, and the Best Cornet, Richard Straker, and Best Horn, Chris Pannell, were Band members.

**Guildford Book Festival**

On 4th October the 28th annual Guildford Book Festival was launched at the Guildhall, in the presence of the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons.

From 8th to 15th October the Book Festival ran over fifty events in 16 venues, including for the first time a marquee at the cricket ground in Woodbridge Road.

The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended several of the events, including the Guildford Book Festival Literary Lunch at the Harbour Hotel on 9th October; Simon Cooper's 'The Otters Tale', Steven Church's 'Henry III - A Simple & God Fearing King', and Patrick Crowley's 'Loyal to Empire' at the Guildhall on 11th October; Charles Spencer's 'To Catch a King - Charles II's Great Escape' at the Guildhall on 12th October; and Nigella Lawson's 'At My Table' at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre on 15th October.

**Surrey New Writers Festival**

On 6th May the annual Surrey New Writers Festival was held at G Live, affiliated with the Creative Writing programme at the University of Surrey. Speakers included Monica Ali (Writer in Residence) and Elizabeth Noble. The festival included panel discussions on writing for television, film and the stage, the role of lyric and sound in narrative, how to market yourself and your work, and the importance of genre and labels.

**Guildford Opera**

On 12th the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, saw the Guildford Opera Company's *Lakmi* at Holy Trinity Church, Guildford.

On 8th November Guildford Opera Company staged Verdi's *Macbeth* at the Electric Theatre. The Mayor was in the audience

**Southern Pro Musica**

On 13th October the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was a guest at the Southern Pro Musica’s ‘Music for Guildford’ season reception at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre.

On 22nd October the Southern Pro Musica Orchestra gave its *Great Classics* concert at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre under their conductor Jonathan Willcocks. The Mayor attended.
On 14\textsuperscript{th} January the Mayor returned to the Yvonne Arnaud for the SPM's New Year concert.

On 25\textsuperscript{th} February Southern Pro Musica gave a Family Concert at G Live. The orchestra had been working with young musicians from Bushy Hill, St. Thomas of Canterbury, Sandfield and Guildford High Junior Schools. The Mayor attended.

**Guildford Fringe Festival**

From 1\textsuperscript{st} to 30\textsuperscript{th} July, the Guildford Fringe Festival presented 130 events in twelve town-centre venues.

**Guildford Chamber Choir**

On 17\textsuperscript{th} June the Guildford Chamber Choir gave a concert with music by Rutter, Shearing and Will Todd, in association with Guildford Jazz at Guildford United Reformed Church. They were conducted by Steven Grahl. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was in the audience.

From 25\textsuperscript{th} to 27\textsuperscript{th} August the choir performed in Rouen

On 18\textsuperscript{th} November *Drawn on Sweet Night*, a concert in Holy Trinity Church, featured works by Bach, Wilbye, Grahl, Howells, and Escaich. The Mayor attended.

**Pranksters Theatre Company**

From 21\textsuperscript{st} July the Pranksters Theatre Company celebrated its 40\textsuperscript{th} anniversary with a production in the Castle Grounds of Shakespeare’s *As You Like It* set in 1977 – the year the company was founded.

**Guildford Spring Music Festival**

On 6\textsuperscript{th} March the annual Guildford Spring Music Festival in Holy Trinity Church opened with a performance by the saxophonist Jess Gillam with Anthony Hewitt on piano.

Jazz Saturday was 17\textsuperscript{th} March, with the George Abbot Big Band, a Vocal Workshop with Pete Churchill and The Pete Churchill Quartet and the Jazz Choir.

Amongst other events was the Gala Concert on 24\textsuperscript{th} March, with Haydn’s *The Creation* performed by Surrey Mozart Players with the Guildford Chamber Choir and the Occam Singers, conducted by Kenneth Woods. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was in the audience and the retiring collection went to the British Heart Foundation, the Mayor's chosen charity.

The festival ended on 25\textsuperscript{th} with *Rachmaninoff in words and music*, with Lucy Parham and Henry Goodman.
Heritage

Dicing for the Maid’s Money

On 25th May the annual distribution of How’s Charity took place at the Guildhall. Known as ‘Dicing for the Maid’s Money’, two home support workers rolled a pair of dice to determine which should receive it. Francis Farmer won and was given £60. The loser, Laurette Parsons, was given the Parsons’ charity money as a consolation prize – which actually amounted to £62.

Admiral Sir James Stirling

On 31st May the Diocese of Guildford reported that remains had been discovered which were believed to be those of Admiral Sir James Stirling and his wife, Ellen. They were in a vault unearthed during an exploratory excavation on land adjacent to the old rectory at St John’s, Stoke-next-Guildford.

Sir James became the first Governor of Western Australia in 1854. He had previously met Ellen Mangles, whose family lived in Guildford and was involved in naval and shipping matters. They married in 1823. He died in Guildford in 1865 and Ellen in 1874.

Guildford MPD

On 9th July a plaque was unveiled at the Farnham Road bridge entrance of the multi-storey car park to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the closing of Guildford’s motive power depot and the end of steam on the Southern Region of British Railways. The plaque was organised by Geoff Burch, a retired railwayman who started his career at Guildford.

Abbot's Hospital

In October, scaffolding was erected at the frontage of Abbot’s Hospital to allow brickwork to be repointed. The work was completed in January.

On 17th October the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was a guest at the Gaudy lunch at Abbot's Hospital.

On 13th December the Mayor attended the Hospital’s Christmas coffee morning.

Stoke Hospital

On 14th December the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, was a guest at Stoke Hospital's Christmas coffee morning.

WAAC Centenary

On 18th September ATC Pirbright was visited by the double Olympic gold
medallist Dame Kelly Holmes as part of the Army’s celebration of the centenary of the formation of the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps. Dame Kelly had served in the Women’s Royal Army Corps, whose depot was at Stoughton.

**Guildford Town Guides**

On 30\(^{th}\) November the Guildford Town Guides held their AGM, at which it was reported that 2,293 visitors had attended 156 walks during the previous year. Referring to the increase in Chinese visitors, it was pointed out that “Guildford” translates in Mandarin as “auspicious blessing”. £2,000 was donated, between four local charities: Guildford Action for Families, No 5 Hostel, Children in Special Needs, and the Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice.

On 30\(^{th}\) January the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, hosted a reception at the Guildhall for the Guildford Town Guides to mark his appreciation of their work.

On 19\(^{th}\) February the Guides were invited to a reception for nominees for the Queen’s Award for Voluntary Service at Loseley Park by the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey, Mr Michael More-Molyneux. They had been nominated in the Social Centre/Community category. The Mayor attended.

**Heritage Open Days**

From 7\(^{th}\) to 10\(^{th}\) September the Heritage Open Days saw 54 premises open to the public in the Borough. For the first time the Theatre in the Woods at West Horsley Place was amongst them. There were also over a hundred associated events, including a High Street procession by Historia Normanis, a medieval re-enactment group, organised by the Guildford Heritage Forum.

**May Morning and Summerpole**

On 1\(^{st}\) May the Pilgrim Morris Men of Guildford met on top of St Martha’s Hill to greet the dawn, as they did every year.

On 29\(^{th}\) April the Pilgrim Morris held their annual Summerpole celebrations, with dancing on the High Street and around the pole erected on the Castle Green. The Summer Court led the procession, followed by dancers from Pilgrim Morris, Ewell St Mary, Marlings and Fleur de Lys.

**Guildford Castle**

On 11\(^{th}\) July the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, welcomed a delegation of Chinese students and teachers at Guildford Castle.

On 6\(^{th}\) August The Deputy Mayor visited Guildford Borough Council’s 'Inspired by Alice’ Family Fun Day at the Castle Grounds.
Guildford Museum

On 18th May Guildford Museum in Quarry Street stayed open late as part of the Museums at Night Festival. There was a vintage magic lantern presentation.

In August, Guildford Museum invited local residents to share their memories of life in the borough for its ‘Your Stories, Your Museum’ project, funded by Arts Council England.

On 24th October the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended Guildford Borough Council's Heritage Services' event, ‘Our Stories, Our Museum’, at Guildford Museum.

On 22nd November the Mayor launched Guildford at Work, an exhibition at the Museum. It was staged in conjunction with the Joining In! Men’s Group, which meets monthly in Park Barn. They contributed brief histories and personal memories of Guildford industries, trades and services, and related objects.

On 9th December the Mayor attended the Heritage Services' 'Christmas at the Castle', celebrating the festive season as it was enjoyed by King Edward III in 1347. The Mayor greeted the costumed procession, headed by the King and Queen from the High Street into the Castle.

On 13th December the Mayor visited ‘A History Forged in Battle & Fire’, an exhibition staged at Guildford Museum in association with the Trustees of Surrey Infantry & PWRR Museum.

On 20th March the Mayor hosted the ‘Your Stories - Your Museum' event at the Guildhall.

First World War commemorations

On 28th July Historic England marked the centenary of the Battle of Passchendaele by listing the Guildford war memorial in the Castle Grounds under the Planning Act 1990, and rated Grade II for its special historic interest. The 10th (Service) battalion of The Queen's Royal (West Surrey) Regiment was one of those involved in the battle.

On 2nd December the bellringers of Holy Trinity Church rang 5,040 changes of Grandsire Triples with the bells half-muffled. This was to commemorate the centenary of the death of Private Albert Victory Burdock of the Machine Guns Corps. He lived in Guildford and had been a bellringer himself at Holy Trinity. He has no known grave, but is commemorated on the Tyne Cot Memorial in the military cemetery at Passchendaele.

Armistice Day

On 11th November hundreds gathered outside the Guildhall to hear a short
service conducted by the Rector of Holy Trinity, Canon Robert Cotton. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, joined Cllr Paul Spooner, Leader of the Council, and James Whiteman, Managing Director, GBC. The 11th hour was marked by a maroon and following two minutes’ silence reveille was sounded. The verse from Binyon’s *For the Fallen* was read by Ian Chatfield, who had served in the 5th Queen’s, and the Kohima Epitaph was read by Cadet CSM Jonathan Andrews of the Royal Grammar School CCF.

**Remembrance Sunday**

On 12th November the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, led the Council procession to Holy Trinity Church for the annual Service of Remembrance. Following the service the procession was joined by representatives from local service organisations, including the army, cadet detachments, Scouts, Guides, the British Red Cross, and St John Ambulance. They proceeded to the music of the Friary Guildford Brass Band to the Castle Grounds for the laying of wreaths at the war memorial. One was laid by Guildford’s MP Anne Milton.

**Tourism**

On 5th February the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, welcomed a delegation of Chinese pupils to Guildford at the Tourist Information Centre.

**Christmas lights**

On 16th November the Christmas lights were switched on from the Guildhall balcony by stars from the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre’s pantomime, *Dick Whittington*. The event was hosted by the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning and 96.4 Eagle Radio. During the day there were reindeer and Newfoundland dogs in the town centre, entertainment on the Experience Guildford stage outside Holy Trinity Church, and a mascot parade. The evening finished with a firework display, sponsored by White Lion Walk shopping centre.

**Christmas Day**

On 25th December the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, visited Guildford Fire Station to wish the crews a Happy Christmas. He then went on to Guildford Ambulance Station to wish the crews there a Happy Christmas as well.

The Mayor visited the Royal Surrey County Hospital; at the A&E Department he wished the staff a Merry Christmas before visiting the Maternity Ward to visit and present gifts to the new mothers and babies.

**Easter**

On 31st March the Wintershall Passion of Jesus was performed on Guildford High Street. The Mayor attended.
Guildhall

On 6th July the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, hosted a reception for visiting Syrian refugee families at the Guildhall.

On 17th July the Mayor, welcomed a delegation from Dongying, China, to the Guildhall; followed by a visit to the University of Surrey.

On 20th July the Mayor greeted 48 students from Sichuan & Hunan Province, China at the Guildhall.

On 12th September the Mayor joined the Leader of the Council, Cllr Paul Spooner and the Managing Director of Guildford Borough Council, James Whiteman, in welcoming a delegation of Chinese visitors from Zhejiang/Sino-Bridge, China. The delegation saw presentations on tourism and planning, before leaving for a tour of Guildford.

On 14th September the Mayor attended a meeting with a delegation from Henan, China, at Millmead House.

On 12th October the Mayor hosted a reception for Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement volunteers at the Guildhall.

On 24th October the Mayor welcomed a delegation from Anhui, China, at Millmead.

On 29th October the Mayor hosted his charity Pizza, Fizz & Fright Night at the Guildhall. Proceeds from the evening went to the Mayor's chosen charities.

On 4th November the Mayor joined fellow Councillors, Honorary Freemen, Honorary Aldermen and other volunteers at the Guildhall to sell poppies for the annual Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

On 19th November the Mayor attended the National Eczema Society's Combined Charity Christmas Fair at the Guildhall, Guildford.

On 30th November the Mayor hosted a charity wine tasting evening at the Guildhall. Proceeds from the evening went to the Mayor's chosen charities.

On 13th March the Mayor hosted a reception at the Guildhall to welcome thirty students from the College Du Sacré-Cœur, Versailles.

Guildford Pancake Races

On 13th February The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, officially started the annual pancake races from the Guildhall. Organised by the Charlotteville Jubilee Trust, it raised funds for the Prostate Project. In one of the races, the Guildford Borough Council team beat Waverley Borough Council’s.
Anne Milton, MP for Guildford, cooked and sold the pancakes.

**The Reformation**

From 30\(^{th}\) October to 2\(^{nd}\) November the exhibition ‘The Reformation – the Revolution that changed the World’ was held at the Guildhall. The local Christian group Life Matters celebrated the 500\(^{th}\) anniversary of Martin Luther nailing 95 theses to the door of the castle church in Wittenberg.

**Children and Young People**

**Child care**

On 20\(^{th}\) October a report by the Trades Union Congress showed that childcare costs in Surrey had risen by 54% since 2008, while the average pay of parents with a one-year-old child had increased by only 12%.

**Homeless children**

In December a report by the charity Shelter revealed that at the end of June there were 70 children in Guildford living in temporary accommodation.

**CYP Haven**

Figures released by the Royal Surrey County Hospital revealed that 5,343 children had been treated for intentional self-harm between 2010 and 2016.

On 15\(^{th}\) May the CYP Haven for children and young people began work at the Discovery Centre in Ward Street for a two-year trial period. The Haven Trust, together with Surrey County Council and Guildford and Waverley CCG, provided the service, which gives 10-18 year olds a place to talk about things they are struggling to deal with. Sharon Dean, Mindful Service Lead at Surrey and Borders Partnership, said that the Haven would add a new dimension to child and adolescent mental health services.

On 20\(^{th}\) July the Chairman of Surrey County Council, Cllr Peter Martin, officially opened the CYP Haven. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was among the guests.

**Home-Start Guildford**

On 6\(^{th}\) October the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the family support charity Home-Start Guildford's Annual General Meeting at their offices at Astolat, Coniers Way.

On 27\(^{th}\) October the Home-Start Guildford held an event to raise awareness of its work at Guildford Cathedral.

Throughout the summer, the Pilgrim Morris Men of Guildford raised £700 for Home-Start.
Bright Horizons Day Nursery & Pre-School

On 14th September the Mayor Cllr Nigel Manning, officially opened the pre-school classroom at Bright Horizons Day Nursery & Pre-School at the University of Surrey.

Scouting

On 23rd April 2017 the Guildford East and West Scout Districts held their annual St George's Day parade at Guildford Cathedral. It was the first time that the 1st Weyfield Cubs attended. The Mayor, Cllr Gordon Jackson, was in the congregation.

On 20th May the Surrey Scouts Tea Party was held at Bentley Copse, Shere. The event was an opportunity to show what Bentley Copse Activity Centre had to offer, and to thank its supporters. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was a guest. Beaver Scouts from 1st Jacobs Well then took part in the first county sleepover.

On 11th June the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, officially opened the 1st Shalford Scout Group’s fête at Shalford Cricket Club Pavilion.

On 14th June the Deputy Mayor attended the Guildford East Scout AGM at the 1st Ripley Scouts Headquarters.

On 8th July the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was a guest at the 1st Ash Vale Scout Group Jamboree.

On 11th July the Mayor attended the Guildford West Scout AGM at the 1st Normandy Scout Headquarters, Normandy.

In December Scouts, Explorer Scouts and Police Cadets came together for the Emergency Services weekend at Bentley Copse. The group was split up into police officers and suspects as well as witnesses and a victim. The scenario took them through the issue which started at school, being arrested after a fight, going through the processes of police custody all the way to court.

From 12th to 14th January Scouts from Guildford attended the Frost Camp at the Bentley Copse Activity Centre. Activities included climbing, abseiling, Jacob’s ladder, bush craft, air rifles, archery and tomahawk throwing.

On 10th February the Mayor attended the 1st Ash Vale Scout Quiz Night at the Ash Parish Centre.

On 22nd April the Mayor, was a guest at the Guildford East and West Scout Districts’ St George’s Day parade and service at Guildford Cathedral.
Girlguiding
On 21st May the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, visited the Girlguiding South West Surrey camp site's 40th anniversary celebrations at Tilford.

1st Guildford Boys Brigade
On 11th December Charles Russell Speechlys announced that it would give a grant of £2,800 from its Community Fund to the 1st Guildford Boys Brigade. The money would go towards new kayaking and camping equipment for the group, which is based at St John’s Church, Stoke.

YMCA
In April 2017 nine engineering apprentices volunteered their services to transform a storage room into a counselling and meeting room at YMCA Guildford, for the YMCA’s Dialogue counselling service. They raised £150 for paint and decorating materials, and researched therapeutic and calming colour schemes. The Co-Masonic Benevolent Fund donated £5,000 towards the low-cost counselling service.

On 7th December the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning officially opened the YMCA’s Guildford Foyer at Midwey House in Wharf Road. Thanks to a grant from the Housing and Communities Association, the hostel had been redeveloped to provide modern accommodation for 34 local young people.

On 16th March YMCA Guildford, part of YMCA DownsLink Group, held its annual Sleep Easy sleep-out in the Castle Grounds, where the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, visited the 34 sleepers there. Elsewhere in the town centre and at the University there were other groups. Several thousand pounds was raised.

Combined Cadet Force
On 10th July the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the Combined Cadet Force launch afternoon at Ash Manor School.

261 (Guildford) Squadron Air Training Corps
On 15th September the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the RAF 261 Squadron annual inspection at the Guildford Air Cadets in Stocton Close.

On 11th February the Mayor attended the Surrey Wing Air Training Corps thanksgiving service and parade at Guildford Cathedral.

Guildford Sea Cadets
On 19th October Sgt Kevin Lomas of the Guildford Sea Cadets received a Certificate of Meritorious Service at the South East Reserve Forces’ & Cadets’ Association and Lord Lieutenant of Surrey’s Awards Ceremony. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended.
Duke of Edinburgh’s Awards

On 3rd and 4th June nearly 80 girls from Tormead School’s Year 10 undertook their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh’s Award qualifying expedition, testing navigating, hiking and camping. They made their way from Epsom to Ranmore via Box Hill. After spending the night under canvas, all the girls passed.

Surrey Youth Games

On 17th and 18th June the Specsavers Surrey Youth Games was held at the Surrey Sports Park. Every borough and district in the county entered teams of 7 - 16 year olds, and over 2,000 young people took part in sixteen different sports. Guildford won gold medals in Contact Mixed Boxing (School Years 6 - 11) and Mixed Lacrosse (School Years 7 - 10), but finished overall 9th out of the eleven boroughs. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended on the first day.

On 14th March The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended the Guildford Borough Council/Specsavers’ Surrey Youth Games Young Ambassadors briefing in the Council Chamber, Millmead.

Surrey Scorchers

19th June The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mike Parsons, attended the Scorchers Basketball Tournament for Learning Disabled Young People at the Surrey Sports Park, Guildford.

On 29th September Surrey Scorchers opened the British Basketball League championship season with a 78-81 away win against DBL Sharks Sheffield.

On 22nd October Scorchers confirmed their place in the quarter-finals of the BBL Cup by a 74-71 victory over Plymouth Raiders.

On 3rd November Surrey Scorchers were knocked out of the BBL Cup by a 93-64 defeat against DBL Sheffield Sharks in the quarter finals.

On 12th November Scorchers beat Manchester Giants 95-70 in the BBL Championship, their best performance all season. On 19th November they followed with a 85-104 win over Glasgow Rocks.

Before Christmas Scorchers stood 7th in the League, with 6 wins in 13 matches.

On 5th January they beat Leeds Force 92-65 in the BBL Championship.

In February Scorchers won all three of their League fixtures, against Manchester Giants, Bristol Flyers and Cheshire Phoenix. Tony Hicks was named BBL Player of the Month.
On 25th March, Scorchers' 93 – 79 win over Newcastle Eagles marked their 7th consecutive home win and 5th place in the BBL table.

**Guildford Cricket Club Under 15s**
On 14th August, Guildford C.C’s under-15 team won the English Cricket Board’s National title and the Harry Seacombe Trophy at Rugby School, beating Horsford by 12 runs.
**Schools**

**Weather closures**
At the beginning of March several schools closed for a time due to the cold, snowy weather. They included Chilworth C of E (Aided) Infant School, which closed on 1\textsuperscript{st} March, Burpham Foundation Primary School and Bushy Hill Junior School, which closed on 2\textsuperscript{nd} March. Both the latter re-opened on 5\textsuperscript{th} March.

**Royal Grammar School**
On 23\textsuperscript{rd} June the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended the Royal Grammar School's sports day at the athletic track at Guildford Spectrum.

The school’s A Level results earned them second place among the county’s schools, with an average score of A.

On 8\textsuperscript{th} September the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the Royal Grammar School's Service of Commemoration at Guildford Cathedral.

On 14\textsuperscript{th} December the Deputy Mayor was in the congregation for the Royal Grammar School's carol service at Guildford Cathedral.

On 26\textsuperscript{th} February the Deputy Mayor visited the Royal Grammar School for the King's Lecture. The BBC’s Turkey Correspondent, Mark Lowen spoke about the world of the BBC, journalism and the political climate in Turkey.

**Lanesborough Preparatory School**
On 30\textsuperscript{th} June the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, saw the Lanesborough Preparatory School’s Pre-Prep show, ‘The Dream Factory’.

On 7\textsuperscript{th} July the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the Lanesborough Preparatory School’s speech day and prize giving in the Sports Hall.

**Guildford County School**
On 23\textsuperscript{rd} and 24\textsuperscript{th} September the World Cube Association held its Rubik's cube open competition at the County School in Farnham Road. Charlie Stark broke the world record for solving the Square-1 with a time of 5.73 seconds.

On 3\textsuperscript{rd} November the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the Guildford County School awards evening at Guildford Cathedral.

On 19\textsuperscript{th} December the Mayor attended the Guildford County School’s Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at the Cathedral.
Guildford High School for Girls
The High School’s A Level results saw them the best performers among the county’s schools, and sixth best in the country, with an average score of A+.

On 29th December, Guildford High School’s Executive Director of Sport, Louise Stone, was awarded an MBE in the New Year’s Honours List for her services to education.

Tormead School
On 5th July the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, joined the Governors, Headmistress and staff of Tormead School for the Speech Day at G Live.

Tormead’s A Level results saw them rated the 9th best performers among the county’s schools, with an average score of B+.

On 14th November ‘Tormead’s got Talent’ raised over £1,000 for the BBC Children in Need fundraising appeal. An audience of 180 watched acts including singing, dancing, and comedy. Organised by the girls and staff of the school’s Wellington House, the event was filmed by BBC South.

King’s College
On 19th April the Mayor, Cllr Gordon Jackson, saw King’s College’s production of ‘Westborough Tales’ at the Mill Studio at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre.

On 5th July the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the King’s College ‘Taking Control Day’ at the Holiday Inn, Guildford.

On 15th August the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, visited Guildford Borough Council’s FISH Playscheme at King’s College.

George Abbot School
On 26th May the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, gave a talk to Year 10 at George Abbot School about the mayoralty and how the Council works, as part of their Personal and Social Education lesson.

On 10th July the Mayor received students from George Abbot School in the Council Chamber at Millmead. The Mayor spoke about his role within the Council.

St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School
On 27th June the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the 50th anniversary celebration of St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic School in Horseshoe Lane West.
St Peter's Catholic School

On 19th April 2017 the Mayor, Cllr Gordon Jackson, visited Artventure at St Peter's Catholic Comprehensive School.

On 3rd July the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, toured the St Peter's Catholic School Art Exhibition.

On 14th September the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended the St Peter's Catholic School presentation evening at St Joseph's Church, Guildford.

A-level results

On 17th August senior students received their A-level results.

Guildford County School 56% of students achieved grades of A* and B, with 31% gaining an A* to A grade. Overall, the school's students enjoyed a pass rate of over 99%. 85% of all grades were A* to C grades.

George Abbot School reported that 65 A* grades were awarded, which corresponds to 12% of its A2 grades. A further 20% of grades were A grades, resulting in more than one in three grades awarded were A* or A.

The Royal Grammar School achieved another outstanding set of A-level results as, from a cohort of 132 students, more than 77% of the grades were secured at A* or A grade and 71 boys achieved the extraordinary accolade of a clean set of A* and A grades. In total, 36% of all grades were A*, compared to the national average of approximately 8%. 30 students received offers from Cambridge and Oxford universities.

Guildford High School saw 43.4% of grades awarded as A*, with 97.5% of grades at A* to B. In a year group of 88, 30 students have achieved three or more A*/A grades, with 22 students achieving three or more A* grades.

St Peter's Catholic School had 38% achieving A* to A grades and 64% A* to B.

GCSE results

On 24th August GCSE results were released.

Guildford County School had an overall pass rate of 99% with the percentage of pupils who gained five A*-C grades at 88%. 38% of all grades awarded were A* or A and 65% A*-B.

George Abbot School achieved a 99.2% pass rate. In total, 83% of students achieved a grade 4 or above in maths and English.

Howard of Effingham school had 81% of their students gaining a grade 9-4
in both maths and English. One third of the grades awarded across all subjects were A and A* equivalent and 231 students gained at least 10 A*-A and 9-7 grades.

The Royal Grammar School achieved a 100% pass rate out of a cohort of 141 students with 92% of all grades at A* or A. 28 achieved A* grades in all of their I0 or more subjects, with 90 boys gaining all A* and A grades.

St Peter's Catholic School saw 84% of their students achieving five or more A*-C grades and 85% achieved a grade 4 or above in both English and Maths. In total, 46% gained A*'s, As, and grades 9 to 7 with their pass rate at 100%.

Guildford High School had its best ever year of GCSE results with 96.7% of pupils being awarded A* and A grades and 57% of the year group awarded nine or more A* grades.

Tormead School had 60% of all entries being awarded A* grade and over half of all girls gained all A* and A. French and Greek grades were 100% A* whilst over 90% A* and A grades were scored in history, drama, geography, Latin, religious studies, music and German.

**Burpham Foundation Primary School**

On 3rd May Burpham Foundation Primary School was rated as ‘outstanding’ in all categories in an Ofsted report.

**Northmead Junior School**

On 13th December the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons saw Northmead Junior School's pantomime production of 'Aladdin Trouble'.

**Bushy Hill Junior School**

On 23rd and 24th May Bushy Hill Junior School in Merrow was visited by inspectors from Ofsted, who rated the school overall as ‘good’. The previous rating had been ‘requires improvement’. In personal development, behaviour and welfare, it was considered ‘outstanding’.

**Young Enterprise**

On 23rd January the Royal Grammar School hosted ‘The Y Factor’, the main Surrey Young Enterprise event. The business competition was judged in three categories. The first judged the businesses as a whole including finance, innovation and presentation, the second was for best trade stand, and the third for e-advertising. The RGS Evo group won the Y Factor 2018 title with their Teenage Survival Guide, led by Harry Maine. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended.
Higher Education

University of Surrey

In April 2017 around 4,200 students living in halls of residence on the Guildford campus - around a third of the total student population - were offered the meningitis B vaccine after a student had died following a sports trip to Rimini in Italy. At least two others were infected.

On 2nd May the University of Surrey's Department of Politics held a roundtable discussion on local politics in the context of Brexit, specifically on the role of EU citizens in post-Brexit local politics. Local party candidates formed the panel and the Mayor, Cllr Gordon Jackson, attended.

On 4th May the newly-elected Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended the Surrey Centre for Law and Philosophy's inaugural lecture, 'The Crooked timber of Judicial Humanity'.

On 13th May the Festival of Wonder celebrated the University’s 50th anniversary with music, theatre and talks, food stalls, sports activity and children’s entertainment. It also showcased science, technology and health innovations, with hands-on workshops. The Festival of Wonder attracted around 6,000 visitors. Past graduates were welcomed back and thanked for their part in establishing the University’s success. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, joined the Vice-Chancellor for lunch at the Lakeside Restaurant.

On 15th May the University of Surrey's inaugural Student & Society Awards Ball was held at G Live. The celebrations recognised students who had made outstanding contributions to the student community. The Mayor attended.

On 22nd June the University of Surrey received a gold award in the first Teaching Excellence Framework. The panel rated it as an 'outstanding' institution.

On 3rd July the Deputy Mayor attended the University of Surrey Students’ Union’s Community Zone networking day event at Union House.

On 3rd July the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was a guest at the Students' Union annual election dinner at Rubix.

On 19th July Professor André Gerber, Section Lead of Systems Biology at the University, was given a Wolfson Research Merit Award from the Royal Society for his research on the biology of ribonucleic acid.

From 19th to 21st July the 18th annual Towards Autonomous Robotic Systems conference was held. The conference presented and discussed the latest results and methods in autonomous robotics research and
applications, and included an academic conference, industry exhibitions, robot demonstrations and other satellite events.

On 6th September it was announced that Professor Max Lu, President and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Surrey, had been appointed to the Prime Minister’s Council for Science and Technology. The Council advises the Prime Minister on strategic science and technology policy issues and help the government set priorities in these areas.

On 20th September the Mayor took part in the 'Topping Out' ceremony for the new student accommodation, by laying the final stone at the Manor Park Campus.

On 24th September the University of Surrey was rated the second best university in the South East, after Oxford, in the Sunday Times Good University Guide.

On 3rd October economics students arriving for their first semester found that staff had over-recruited by more than fifty places, resulting in a shortage of lecture theatre space. Other sites had to be used, including Guildford College and the Odeon Cinema.

On 22nd November the Mayor met the new Students’ Union Community Representatives in the Rik Medlik Building.

In November Vice-chancellor Prof Max Lu signed a partnership agreement between the university and the Sharjah Performing Arts Academy in the United Arab Emirates. In it, Guildford School of Acting agreed to become a strategic advisor for the formation of the new academy. Earlier in the year His Highness Dr Sheikh Sultan Bin Mohammed Al Qasimi, Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Sharjah, had visited the acting school.

On 30th November the Queen’s Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education was awarded to the University of Surrey in recognition of its excellence in the field of food and nutrition.

On 21st December the University of Surrey was awarded an £108,000 grant from the British Heart Foundation to investigate how stem cells could be used to repair damage caused to the heart following a heart attack.

On 23rd January the Deputy Mayor visited the University of Surrey’s Faculty of Arts & Science Festival at the Medlik Building.

On 24th January the Mayor attended the University’s 'Surrey Ambition' evening at the Medlik Building.

On 22nd February over a hundred staff at the University of Surrey walked out. It was part of a dispute between Universities UK and University and
College Union about proposed changes to their pension schemes. The strike affected 61 universities in Britain, and continued over the following four weeks. On 14th March ten students at the University of Surrey occupied the eighth floor of Senate House, outside the Vice Chancellor Max Lu's office. They expressed solidarity with staff members striking over their pensions. After a meeting with the Vice Chancellor, the students left the building the following morning.

On 20th February the Deputy Mayor was a guest at the Chinese Society's Chinese New Year Gala at the University Hall.

On 22nd February Professor Max Lu, President and Vice-Chancellor, and Professor Susan Lanham-New, Head of the Department of Nutritional Sciences, represented the University of Surrey when they received the Queen's Anniversary Prize for Higher and Further Education, which was presented by HRH Prince Charles and the Duchess of Cornwall at Buckingham Palace. The award recognised the University's ground-breaking research into cardiovascular disease, obesity, diabetes, osteoporosis, vitamin D, iodine and food labelling.

On 28th February the Mayor attended the University of Surrey's lecture with Professor Martin Sweeting at the Medlik Building. It was followed by a private dinner at the Lakeside Restaurant, with His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent.

In March Ryan Abbott, Professor of Law & Health Sciences, and Bret Bogenschneider, Senior Lecturer in Finance Law & Ethics, both of the University of Surrey, published an article in the Harvard Law & Policy Review. In it they argued that robots should be taxed, for the switch to automation would dramatically reduce the government's tax revenue as fewer human employees would pay taxes.

In March, after six months of work, Surrey students Stewart Hutchins, Xuhui Li, Courtney Elmy and Will Bennet won first prize in the Hiscox University Data Challenge. The team took an inspired approach to building machine-readable recall data, as well as creating thorough guidance on reducing the impact of product recalls. They were presented with a trophy and £1,000 for the University of Surrey Maths Society.

From 11th to 13th April the Mayor and Deputy Mayor represented the Borough at the University of Surrey's Higher Degrees ceremonies at Guildford Cathedral.

**Guildford College**

On 28th April 2017 the Mayor, Cllr Gordon Jackson, attended Guildford College's Choices & Decisions event at the Stoke Park campus.

On 23rd June students taking ‘A’ levels at Guildford College's Stoke Road
campus were told that from September all ‘A’ level teaching would be transferred to Farnham. This would free Guildford College to develop its vocational expertise at further and higher levels of education. Some students opposed the move and set up a petition calling for the college to reconsider.

On 8th December the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended the Guildford College graduation and awards ceremony at G Live.

On 22nd February a report by a Further Education Commissioner into Guildford College was published. It recommended that the College should merge with another partner to address its ongoing financial difficulties. The report also mention concerns over the quality of teaching and the College’s leadership, with three chief executives in the previous year.

On 28th March it was announced that the Guildford College Group had selected Activate Learning as its merger partner in a new phase of development, which would secure the future of Guildford College, Merrist Wood and Farnham Sixth Form College.

**Merrist Wood College**

On 24th May Merrist Wood College hosted the Southern College Climbing Competition of the Arboricultural Association’s Arborist Tree Challenges. The College’s team of first and second year Arboriculture students won the prize.

On 7th July forty Public Services students took part in their annual Passing Out Parade held at Merrist Wood College. The students were inspected by guests invited from the uniformed public services. They included Detective Chief Superintendent Helen Collins of Surrey Police, Captain Andrew Butcher of the First Battalion, The Grenadier Guards, and Chief Petty Officer Jack Goozee from the Royal Navy. Special awards were given; winners included Freddie Harrington as ‘Public Services Student of the Year’ and Jordan Knight as ‘Top Academic Student’.

On 26th September Helen Pritchard of the Stella Hancock Driving Group, based at Merrist Wood, was named as Volunteer of the Year by the Riding for the Disabled Association, at their annual gala awards dinner in London.

On 3rd December Merrist Wood College staged Festive Animal Fun, a seasonal celebration which included animals including goats, pigs, calves and turkeys, woodland crafts such as willow weaving and wood carving, face-painting and a Winter Wonderland treasure trail.

**The University of Law Guildford**

On 6th July the University of Law celebrated the 50th anniversary of its opening at Braboeuf Manor, in the Portsmouth Road. The Deputy Mayor,
Cllr Mike Parsons, was among the hundred or so guests.

**Academy of Contemporary Music**

On 17\textsuperscript{th} June Eddy Thrower, the drummer of Lower than Atlantis, offered free drumming classes to over 12s at the Academy of Contemporary Music as part of Learn to Play Day.

**Guildford School of Acting**

On 13\textsuperscript{th} March the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, saw the Guildford School of Acting's production of 'CATS' at the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre.
Science and Technology

Surrey Space Centre

On 11th July Surrey Space Centre at University of Surrey celebrated the successful operation of the Inflate Sail satellite. This was the first European deployment of an inflatable sail, designed to prevent the creation of future space junk. The sail does this by the drag produced, making the satellite gradually reduce its altitude until it re-enters the Earth’s upper atmosphere and burns up harmlessly. SSC was responsible for the design, construction and testing of the spacecraft on behalf of the Von Karman Institute of Belgium. On 14th September it successfully burnt up on re-entry.

On 8th November the University’s Future AI & Robotics for Space Hub was funded by a £6.9m grant from the Engineering & Physical Sciences Research Council and the UK Space Agency, with a further £7.5m from the sector on the Hub's core research programme to create space robots that perform complex tasks on long missions. The Hub had received another £15m from a business development fund.

The Pirbright Institute

In April 2017 Dr Bryan Charleston, a leading expert in the study of the foot-and-mouth disease virus, was appointed Institute Director for the Pirbright Institute.

On 20th June Vishi Reddy, a post-doctoral scientist at the Pirbright Institute, was awarded the High Quality Poultry Science Award by the animal health company, MSD Animal Health.

On 28th June a study published in the Journal of Clinical Microbiology by scientists at the Pirbright Institute and Wageningen Bioveterinary Research showed that early detection of foot-and-mouth disease during surveillance would reduce the risk of transmission between herds of cattle on neighbouring farms, and help to reduce the social and economic impact of culling.

On 4th August it was announced that the Institute had successfully validated two new portable tests for the diagnosis of foot-and-mouth disease. One test confirmed the presence of FMD virus, and the other was the first portable test able to differentiate between the four FMD types prevalent in Africa. The kits developed with Tetracore were taken to Tanzania, Ethiopia and Kenya to confirm their effectiveness the field.

Surrey Satellite Technology

On 22nd June the German company OHB System AG was awarded a contract to produce an additional eight navigation satellites for the Galileo programme, Europe's own global navigation satellite system. As with
previous contracts, Surrey Satellite Technology Ltd would contribute the navigation payloads.

On 12th July John Hayes MP, the Transport Minister, visited SSTL. He toured the facilities and discussed the government’s work on space flights.

On 12th December Surrey Satellite Technology saw the launch of four of its Galileo satellites from Kourou in French Guiana. On the same day a third batch of navigation payloads for the Galileo Constellation went into production. The contract, signed OHB System AG, was for another 12 navigation payloads, in addition to the 18 payloads already in-orbit, completing the constellation.

G3 Futures
On 5th July the 3rd G3 Futures Annual Conference, ‘Taking Guildford Games to the Next Level’ was held at the University of Surrey’s 5G Innovation Centre. Seeking to develop talent, infrastructure and technology in the area, it was free to members of the local games and related industries. Around 80 companies worked in the Guildford area, employing some two thousand people.

Innovate Guildford
On 17th March the science and arts festival Innovate Guildford took place at G Live. Organised by Guildford Borough Council, it featured exhibitors, activities and presentations on science, technology, engineering, maths and the arts. There were performances by Guildford Shakespeare Youth Theatre and Momo Theatre, a McLaren supercar, slime making and satellite technology. The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, welcomed visitors before handing over to the Leader of the Council, Councillor Paul Spooner and the Right Honourable Anne Milton MP, who opened the event.

Big Bang South East
On 28th June at the 6th Big Bang Fair South East saw two Guildford schools earn prizes in the UK Young Scientists & Engineers Competition (formerly the National Science and Engineering Competition). Guildford County High School won the Junior Science competition, was rated Coast 2 Capital LEP STEM Club of the Year, and was awarded the Eurotherm by Schneider Electric Prize for Commercial Potential for their Vitamins and Minerals from Recycled Foods project. The Royal Grammar School won the Institution of Mechanical Engineers’ Prize for Engineering Design for their Remote Sensing entry.

From 14th to 17th March Ewen Ward of the Royal Grammar School was one of the South East finalists at the Big Bang Fair at the Birmingham NEC, with his Open-Source Science and Malaria project.
**Advanced Technology Institute**

In October Dr Radu Sporea and Prof Ravi Silva won the Best Paper award at the CAS 2017 conference in Sinaia, Romania. The paper, entitled "Design Considerations for the Source Region of Shottky-Barrier Source-Gated Transistors", presented findings on the optimisation of electronic devices with applications in wearables, remote sensors and printed electronics.

**SATRO**

On 3\textsuperscript{rd} July the educational charity SATRO’s Year 8 Construction Challenge was held at the Royal Grammar School. Eighty Year 8 students from eight different schools in Surrey took part in a bridge-building challenge, including Guildford High School for Girls, Guildford County School, Christ’s College and the Royal Grammar School itself. The event was sponsored by the local construction company Beard Guildford, which also coached the teams.

**Ai Corporation**

On 2\textsuperscript{nd} March the fraud and payments software company Ai Corporation, based at the Surrey Research Park, celebrated its 20\textsuperscript{th} anniversary at its annual conference.
Health

Health Profile

On 4th July Public Health England’s annual Health Profile said that the health of people in Guildford was generally better than the average for England. Guildford was one of the 20% least deprived authorities, however about 10% (2,300) of children live in low income families. Life expectancy for both men and women is higher than average.

Guildford & Waverley Clinical Commissioning Group

On 10th October NHS Guildford & Waverley Clinical Commissioning Group announced that the Royal Surrey County Hospital had been selected to provide Adult Community Health Services from 1st April 2018 for Guildford and Waverley following a re-procurement process.

Royal Surrey County Hospital

On 10th May the Royal Surrey County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust was awarded the Top Hospitals' National Patient Safety award by the Comparative Health Knowledge System. The awards celebrate excellence and are given to acute-sector organisations for their achievements in healthcare quality and improvement. The Royal Surrey was also named one of CHKS Top Hospitals, given to the top-performing trusts.

On 25th July Hindhead, and Ewhurst Wards were awarded the Elder-Friendly Quality Mark in recognition of the support staff give to older patients. The Trust’s Eashing Ward, which is also part of the Older Persons Unit, has previously secured the same accreditation.

From 1st October Blue Badge holders had to pay for the first time to park at the hospital. The £4 charge was necessary at a time when budgets were under pressure.

On 5th October the hospital launched a campaign to help patients get up and get dressed in their own clothes as soon as possible. This would help speed up their recovery, promote rehabilitation and independence, and could result in an earlier discharge from hospital.

On 16th November the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended the Royal Surrey County Hospital Stars staff awards at the Holiday Inn, Guildford.

In January figures obtained by the BBC revealed that negligence claims against the Royal Surrey County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust’s medical staff led to over £53 million being paid out between 2012 and 2017.

In February figures were released which showed that the Royal Surrey ranked 6th out of 133 trusts for its performance in treating or admitting
patients within 4 hours of entering A&E. However, for cancer care, performance in beginning treatment within 62 days of urgent GP referral saw the hospital ranked only 117th out of 133 trusts.

On 8th March the Royal Surrey Hospital asked patients only to visit its emergency departments if it was absolutely necessary. High levels of acute illnesses had led to the hospital seeing around 50 additional patients each day. On 6th April the Royal Surrey again appealed to the public to stay away from A&E as it had continued to see high numbers of patients. All beds were reported to be full.

On 24th March the A&E department had to be closed after a patient came in after an incident with a toxic, industrial-strength pesticide. Ambulances were diverted to other hospitals in the area. The affected patient was isolated, and no other patients or staff suffered harm. A deep decontamination was carried out and the A&E department reopened the following day.

On 1st April adult community health services for people living in Guildford and Waverley were transferred to the Royal Surrey County Hospital and Procure Health, a federation for local GP practices.

Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust
In May Surrey and Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust launched a trial of Technology Integrated Health Management for dementia patients. The trial involved 1,400 people and tested how the Internet of Things could help to modernise NHS healthcare for the benefit of older people with dementia. Partners in the trial included the Alzheimer’s Society, University of Surrey, Royal Holloway University of London, Kent Surrey Sussex Academic Health Science Network and nine technology innovators.

On 31st October the Technology Integrated Healthcare Management study, led by the Surrey & Borders NHS Foundation Trust and the University of Surrey, was voted the Best Mental Health Initiative at the annual ehi (sic) awards.

On 20th March the Deputy Mayor was a guest at the NHS Surrey & Borders Partnership Trust’s CARE 2017 awards at Woking.

Nuffield Health Guildford Hospital
On 7th August the Care Quality Commission report on the Nuffield Health Guildford Hospital rated it as ‘good’ in every aspect of its services, following an inspection in November 2016.

Mount Alvernia Hospital
On 10th January the private Urgent Care Centre at BMI Mount Alvernia Hospital was officially opened by the international rugby player Kyle Sinckler. The Urgent Care Centre offers fast diagnosis and treatment for
minor accidents and injuries on a walk-in basis.

**South East Coast Ambulance Service**

On 4th July South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust announced that it had ordered 42 new ambulances to serve Surrey, Sussex, and Kent. They would have the same design as previously, with a box body on a Mercedes Sprinter chassis, and begin to be introduced at the end of the year. It was hoped that the new vehicles would save over a million pounds in annual running costs.

On 5th October the Care Quality Commission rated the South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust as remaining 'inadequate' despite a year in special measures. Poor leadership and safety procedures were areas of particular concern.

On 2nd November Dr John Williams, a Guildford GP, visited Guildford Ambulance Station to thank the ambulance crews who helped save his life after he suffered a cardiac arrest the previous August.

In November it was reported that the number of people waiting in South East Coast ambulances for at least an hour outside A&E departments before treatment was 11,949 for the year to March 2017. This compared with 2,919 during the same period in the previous year, an increase of over 400%.

On 22nd November new vehicle response standards were introduced to improve efficiency.

**St John Ambulance**

On 26th October the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, hosted the St John & NHS Organ Donor Awards at the Guildhall.

On 28th October the Mayor attended the awards ceremony for the St John Ambulance volunteers in Surrey at the University.

**Defibrillator**

On 5th April The Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, unveiled a publicly-accessible defibrillator at Wetherspoons in Bridge Street. Jointly funded by Guildford Borough Council, Guildford Lions and Experience Guildford, the defibrillator was the tenth in the town centre.

**Brighter Space**

On 15th March Brighter Space held a community event at its Quarry Street premises, where it had nine therapy rooms available to rent. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended.
World Mental Health Day
On 10th October Guildford Cathedral, the Castle Keep, the Guildhall and the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre were lit with purple lights to mark World Mental Health Day.

Jarvis Centre
On 14th October Children and Family Health Surrey’s Children’s Continuing Healthcare Team held a recruiting event for community carers and nurses at the Jarvis Centre in Stoughton Road.

Surrey Community Action
In May Surrey Community Action published a report on the impact of Surrey County Council cuts in funding Surrey’s Voluntary Community and Faith Sector organisations. They had carried out a survey during February and March 2017, which revealed that over a third of respondents currently in receipt of a County Council grant or contract expect that they would have to cease operating if they lost this source of funding.

On 19th October over a hundred people from charity and not for profit organisations attended a Fundraising Fair at Broadwater Pavilion. There were stalls from Big Lottery, Big Society Capital, Charity Bank, In Kind Direct, Surrey LEADER, Surrey County Council Community Partnerships, Surrey Military Covenant, Heritage Lottery Fund, Guildford Poyle Charities, the Community Foundation for Surrey, the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner, Active Surrey and Fredericks Foundation.

On 19th February an event ‘Introducing Community Led Housing in Surrey – West’ was held at the Guildford Baptist Church in Millmead. It was organised by the Surrey Community Housing Partnership, which was formed Surrey Community Action Together with eight Surrey boroughs and districts.

Guildford Walking for Health
In July Guildford Walking for Health was granted £8,230 by the National Lottery Fund to run its three existing groups, set up a fourth in Compton and Shalford, and for a bus to bring walkers from north Guildford to Whitmoor Common. The voluntary organisation aims to reduce the demand on the NHS by improving people’s fitness and health.
SPORT

Surrey Sports Park

On 26th April 2017 the Mayor, Cllr Gordon Jackson, attended the Active Surrey’s Surrey School Games Spring Festival at Surrey Sports Park.

On 28 and 29th May the third annual GoFest, a multi-sport and activity festival, was held at the Park.

On 17th June the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, attended the Active Surrey/Guildford Borough Council Surrey Youth Games at the Surrey Sports Park.

On 11th July the Mayor co-hosted a welcome reception for the FIL Rathbones Women’s Lacrosse World Cup at the Guildhall, and the following day attended the opening ceremony, in the presence of HRH The Princess Royal, at the Surrey Sports Park. The USA defeated Canada 10-5 in the final to win the World Cup. England beat Australia 10-9 to win a bronze medal.

On 2nd November the Active Surrey Schools Conference took place at the Surrey Sports Park. It sought to help schools in their PE and sport provision, and understand their influence over long-term wellbeing. Dr William Bird examined the importance of physical activity and how inactive lifestyles could affect children in the future.

Town Centre Cycle Races

On 5th July the annual Guildford Town Centre Races organised by the Charlottesville Cycling Club attracted over 200 riders. The Elite event was won by Lewis Atkins and the Women’s by Emily Ashwood.

RideLondon-Surrey

On 30th July the Prudential RideLondon-Surrey saw over 26,000 cyclists pass through Ripley, West Horsley and Newlands Corner.

Guildford Sabres Handball Club

In April 2017 Guildford Sabres Handball Club was established by two PE teachers from local schools. There were teams for adults (men & ladies) and juniors (U14 & U16).

On 7th October the Sabres’ men played Eastbourne in the South East Men’s Regional ‘A’ league, winning by 40-16. There followed a succession of victories until 7th January, when London GD II defeated them 21-25.

On 21st January Guildford Sabres U14’s first tournament took place at Medway Park on Sunday 2018. The girls came away with 2 wins and 1 loss.
and the boys won both their games.

**Guildford City Football Club**

On 28\textsuperscript{th} April 2017 Guildford City Football Club announced that manager Steve Dormer had resigned, having been in the post for six months.

On 19\textsuperscript{th} August Guildford City decisively beat Camberley Town 4-0, seeing them go on to the first qualifying round of the FA Cup.

In September two youth teams from Freiburg came to play the Guildford City Boys teams at Stoughton Recreational Ground.

On 21\textsuperscript{st} October Guildford City went down by 5-3 on penalties against Colliers Wood United in the Surrey Senior Cup tie at Spectrum. This meant that Guildford City went out of the season’s cup competitions.

On 25\textsuperscript{th} November Guildford City beat AFC Hayes 3-1 in the Premier Division of the Combined Counties Football League.

On 18\textsuperscript{th} December Guildford City lost 2-1 to Redhill, their first defeat in six matches.

On 17\textsuperscript{th} February Guildford City drew 1-1 with Chertsey Town. During the match, the City goalkeeper Luke Badiali was knocked unconscious by a heavy blow to the head and was taken to hospital.

On 24\textsuperscript{th} March Guildford City went down to AFC Hayes 3-2, leaving them 15\textsuperscript{th} in the Premier League.

On 31\textsuperscript{st} March they gained their first victory in nine games, beating Horley Town 0-1 and moving to 13\textsuperscript{th} place in the table.

On 7\textsuperscript{th} April Guildford City beat Epsom & Ewell 4-3, claiming three points.

**Guildford Cricket Club**

On 6\textsuperscript{th} May the first Surrey Championship league fixture saw Guildford lose away to newly-promoted Cranleigh, by four wickets. The next four games saw three defeats, leaving them second from bottom.

On 15\textsuperscript{th} July Guildford beat Ashtead 319 – 323, with a century from Will Jacks. It was only their second win of the season.

On 5\textsuperscript{th} August a five-wicket defeat of Reigate Priory still left them second to bottom of the league.

**Guildford Cricket Festival**

From 9\textsuperscript{th} to 11\textsuperscript{th} June Surrey CCC played Essex CCC in the Guildford Cricket Festival at Woodbridge Road. Essex won by 8 wickets. The Deputy
Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons welcomed guests to his hospitality tent.

**Guildford Spectrum**

On 5th August Spectrum’s Get Up and Get Active Day saw over 5,000 visitors trying the free sporting activities and discounted leisure activities, including swimming, ice skating, tenpin bowling and soft play. Of these, there were 2,500 swimmers, 1,000 ice skaters, and 1,300 bowlers. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, was among the visitors.

From 7th August parts of the leisure centre were closed to allow work to proceed on roof maintenance.

On 30th and 31st October four members of the Guildford Ice Figure Skating Club, based at Spectrum, won places at the Oxford Open Figure Skating Competition.


On 9th January four men hid in Spectrum when the building was locked, then came out to film themselves in the pool and on the ice rink, including them driving the ice resurfacer. They then posted the video online, apparently as part of a global internet challenge.

On 25th January the Mayor co-hosted a charity ten pin bowling event with the Mayor of Waverley, Cllr Simon Inchbald. The proceeds were split between the Mayors’ chosen charities.

On 23rd February the Spectrum Leisure Centre celebrated its 25th anniversary. Since opening in 1993, the leisure complex had received over 43 million visitors. The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, joined Manager Nyssa Jackson in cutting a cake.

**Sport Guildford**

On 2nd November the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, presented prizes at the annual Sport Guildford Awards at George Abbot School. Outstanding achievements by local athletes, sports coaches, teams and clubs were celebrated. Amongst others, Liam Heath MBE was given the Sports Personality of the Year award for his outstanding gold medal performance at the Canoeing World Championships, and his club, the Wey Kayak Club was hailed as Sports Club of the Year.

**Guildford Rugby Club**

On 2nd September Guildford began the season by losing 47-20 to Hertford in the London & SE Premier league. The end of the month saw them with three losses and two wins.
By the end of October they stood 9th in the league, with 19 points.

On 4th November Guildford beat league leaders Guernsey 33 -22.

On 25th November Guildford were held to a 38 - 38 draw by Towcestrians.

On 6th January Guildford defeated Southend Saxons 31 - 25 at Broadwater.

**Guildfordians**

On 21st October Guildfordians decisively defeated Reigate 69-5 at Stoke Park. Their season's unbroken winning streak put them joint top of the London & SE Division -Surrey Four.

**Guildford Flames**

On 9th September the Guildford Flames lost 6-4 against Belfast Giants in their first game in the Elite ice hockey league.

On 16th September the Flames secured their first Elite League match table point when they tied the game to force overtime against Nottingham Panthers. However the extra session led to a 3-2 defeat.

On 23rd September another overtime loss, 6-5 to Manchester Storm, earned them another league point.

On 29th October Guildford Flames’ home match against Dundee Stars was abandoned after the first period due to problems with the ice at the Spectrum rink.

On 4th November a 4-1 defeat by Coventry Blaze left the Flames 7th in the Elite League.

On 18th November Coventry Blaze once more defeated Flames, 5-2, in the final Challenge Cup group-round match.

On 25th and 26th November Flames scored wins over both Dundee Stars and Milton Keynes Lightning.

On 26th and 27th December they beat Milton Keynes both home and away.

On 2nd January Guildford Flames defeated the visiting Edinburgh Capitals 10-1.

On 6th January they beat Cardiff Devils, the leaders of the Elite League, by 3-2.

On 27th January, after three defeats in a row, Guildford Flames defeated Edinburgh Capitals 2-4 in the Elite Ice Hockey League. They also beat Milton Keynes Lightning by 2-5 the following day. During the match a Milton
Keynes player was sent off and struck a Guildford Flames fan.

On 3rd February Guildford once more beat Milton Keynes, by 5-2, in a Patton Conference game. The Conference comprises Guildford Flames, Coventry Blaze, Manchester Storm and Milton Keynes Lightning. On 4th February Flames followed this with a 4-1 win over Coventry Blaze.

On 4th March the Flames achieved another 4-1 win over Coventry Blaze.

On 1st April their 5-4 win over Sheffield Steelers in the quarter finals of the League was not enough to see them through to the semi-finals, losing on aggregate.

**Guildford Rowing Club**

On 28th May the Guildford Rowing Club’s juniors distinguished themselves at the National Schools Regatta at Dorney Lake. They all made the semi-finals, then two crews competed in the 'A' finals and two crews in 'C' finals. One crew won a bronze medal in the 'A' finals.

**Guildford City Amateur Boxing Club**

On 13th November the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning visited Guildford Boxing Club to meet Kallia Kourouni, the twice world champion female kickboxer known as "Pink Tyson". On 24th November Pink Tyson fought for first time in Britain at the Tolworth Recreation Centre.

**Guildford Academy of Martial Arts**

On 17th June Giorgio Visioli, of the Mavericks Martial Arts Academy in Ward Street, defeated his Swiss opponent in the -47kg Light Continuous section of the World Association of Kickboxing Organisations' Best Fighter contest in Rimini, Italy. Aged 14, this was his first international victory.

**Castle Green Bowling Club**

On 28th May the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was a guest for afternoon tea at the Castle Green Bowling Club.

On 11th June Castle Green regained possession of the Millennium Trophy, beating Stoke Park by 89-73 (+16).

On 22nd July the Mayor was a guest at the Castle Green Bowling Club's President's evening.

On 12th August the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended the Macmillan Cancer Support 'Brave the Shave' charity event at the club.

**Stoke Park Bowling Club**

On 27th July the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended the Frank
Henry Mayor’s Charity Cup bowling tournament at Lido Road, Guildford.

**Wey Kayak Club**

On 28\(^{th}\) May the Olympic champion Liam Heath of the Wey Kayak Club won the gold medal in the K1 200m in Szeged, his first race of the season. He followed it up a week later by winning the silver in the men’s K1 200 A final at the ICF World Cup series in Belgrade.

On 16\(^{th}\) July Liam Heath won the men’s K1 200 metres final at the European Canoe Sprint Championships in Bulgaria, with a record time of 33.38 seconds. This was his fifth gold medal at the European Championships.

On 27\(^{th}\) August Liam Heath completed a canoe sprint Grand Slam by winning gold in the K1 200 at the World Championships at Racice in the Czech Republic. This meant he held the Olympic, World and European titles simultaneously.

**Guildford Hockey Club**

By March Guildford stood third in the South Hockey League Premier Division Two.

On 11\(^{th}\) March the Under-10 Girls team won both the Surrey Cup and the Surrey Plate at the Surrey Hockey Association’s County Finals. The Under-10 Boys won their Surrey Cup, and both teams went forward to the England Hockey South Finals in May. The Under-16 Boys won their England Hockey Area Finals in the National Championships, and progressed to the National Finals in April. That weekend saw the Guildford Ladies’ 1st XI reaching the top of their South League table. GHC Men’s 1st XI won their semi-final of the Surrey Cup against London Edwardians.

**Guildford City Swimming Club**

On 19\(^{th}\) July Alicia Wilson of Guildford City Swimming Club won the silver medal for the Girls’ 50m Butterfly at the Commonwealth Youth Games in the Bahamas. On 22\(^{nd}\) July she won the gold medal for the Girls’ 200m Individual Medley.

**Friday Swimmers**

On 23\(^{rd}\) June the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, was a guest at the Friday Swimmers annual lunch in the Park Room Restaurant at Guildford College.

On 19\(^{th}\) November the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, attended the Friday Swimmers Guildford Games at Spectrum.

**Guildford & Godalming Athletics Club**

On 20\(^{th}\) July Georgina Hermitage of Guildford & Godalming Athletics Club
won the Women's 400m T37 race with a world record time of 1:00.29 minutes at the World Para Athletics Championships in London. On 22nd July she followed this by winning a second gold medal in the Women's 100m T37 with a time of 13.36 seconds.

On 10th December the 57th annual Hogs Back Road Race was organised by the Guildford & Godalming Athletics Club (GGAC). Starting at Loseley House, runners followed a route out to the Hogs Back. The 11.7km road run was GGAC’s largest fundraising event, and saw the return of sponsors Wilkins Kennedy (and their team of runners), along with a new charity partner: Lucy Air Ambulance for Children.

**Castle Green Bowling Club**

On 22nd August eleven members of the Haagse Bowls Club from The Hague, Holland, visited the Castle Green Bowling Club. The Haagse Bowls Club normally plays on an artificial surface, and for several players this was the first time they had played on grass. Three triples matches were played between the two clubs.

**Surrey Storm**

On 3rd June Surrey Storm’s 70-63 defeat by Loughborough Lightning left them fifth in the Vitality Netball Superleague for London and the South East. This ended their chances of taking part in the finals.

**Cross Country Challenge**

On 15th October the annual Kelly's Storage Cross Country Challenge was run at Loseley Park. Over 500 competitors took part in 5k, 10k, and half-marathon events. The Mayor was on hand to start the children’s races.

**Clandon Park Run**

On 17th March the Kelly’s Clandon Park run took place with the patronage of the Earl of Onslow. Organised by George Abbot School’s PTA and Kelly’s Self Storage, 380 runners took part. They were started at the school by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Mike Parsons, and passed through Clandon Park grounds before returning. The £12,000 raised through donations and sponsorship went towards refurbishing the school gym.

**Surrey Half Marathon**

On 11th March the Surrey Half Marathon saw over three thousand entrants take part in a 13.1 mile run. There was also a 5km and a children’s run. There were road closures in the Worplesdon, Jacob’s Well and Sutton Green area.

**Guildford Walkfest**

On 2nd September the Mayor, Cllr Nigel Manning, started the opening walk
for the 2017 Walkfest Festival at the Jolly Farmer, Worplesdon.

On 4th September the Mayor started the Riverside Park, Water Meadows, Tank Traps & Art walk, starting at Stoke Park’s Home Farm entrance in Nightingale Road.

On 19th September the Mayor was once more the starter for Lakeside Nature Reserve walk in Ash Vale. This was a fundraising event in aid of the Mayor’s chosen charity, the British Heart Foundation.

On 2nd October the Mayor hosted a Thank You reception for the Walkfest volunteers in the Council Chamber at Millmead.

**Guildford Orienteers**

In August Christine Kiddier and Adam Conway were selected to represent England at the Junior Home Internationals and Veteran Home Internationals. These competitions were a competition between England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

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