

ETC Mayoral Visits – June and July 2023

Hawdon Sports Day - 22nd of June.

I attended the afternoon of games from 1.35 PM. The event was for years 4, 5 and 6. All the children who took part with the races looked like they were enjoying the whole experience. This was also a community event that encouraged a family picnic for parents to stay for the day. It was a very hot day and the ice-cream truck had queues the whole time there. I met many of the staff who were very committed not just making the day a success for the children but their whole time at Hawdon School.

Promise Inclusion - 22nd June AGM in Bracknell

This charity offers many activities across the Borough for children and adults with learning disabilities and autism, giving them the chance to access provision and facilities to improve their lives. This event was in the evening with the early part of the evening given time for a drink and to meet the various helpers and service users. It was very interesting talking to the various people. The AGM went well, voting in the many roles to continue with their good work in the Community. This was also followed with more mingling and looking at the work they do on display boards.

Project Salama Newbury Town Hall - 1st July

Project Salama supports victims of domestic abuse. This was a fund raising coffee morning including some very good looking cakes. Many people dropped in and I had many discussion about Newbury and how the many changes have taken place since we lived nearby in 1980. It was also attended by the Mayor of Newbury. It took place in the Newbury Town Hall which is a very interesting building with the pictures of past mayors on the walls going back a very long time. This group are hiring the Elizabeth Room on a weekly basis and also hope to use the Elizabeth Room to deliver training to their clients.

Maiden Erlegh Preschool - 13th July

The preschool moved from Silverdale Road site to Our Lady of Peace Community Hall last year so this was the Grand Opening/1 Year Anniversary Celebration. This event was in the garden where we had a couple of speeches of introduction including the Manager, Clarie Barlett. This was followed with selected children helping the cutting of a ribbon. We then enjoyed the mud kitchen play that did include a lot of water. The young children were so fully involved in their play I don't think they noticed us.

Cllr Caroline Smith
Town Mayor of Earley