

COUNCIL:

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Lord Mayors Announcements – 27th September 2018.

Congratulations to Councillor Jennifer Burke Davies who has given birth to twins Ruari Hywel and Saoirse Rose. Mum and babies all doing well.

Council will be saddened to hear of the sudden death of John Smart, chairman of Cardiff based JR Smart Builders Ltd, one of Cardiff leading developers. John was a true homegrown entrepreneur and a friend of many of us in this chamber. John dedicated all his working life to developing Cardiff for the future, replacing many of its run down areas such as Tyndall Street with modern, high quality offices and accommodation. John was recently recognised and awarded the MBE in the Queens Honours list for his contribution to the building industry in Cardiff.

Lords Mayors Engagements Overview.

15th August. The Lord Mayor & Consort supported a flag raising event for India Independence Day at Cardiff Castle.

27th August - The Lord Mayor and Consort attended a prize giving ceremony at the Extreme Sailing Series event, Cardiff Bay.

3rd September – The Deputy Lord Mayor represented the mayoralty at a ‘Fly the Red Ensign’ flag raising event to mark Merchant Navy Day.

7th September - The Lord Mayor attended the Welsh Veterans Table Tennis Association opening ceremony at the National Sports Centre for Wales.

16th September - The Lord Mayor attended a Family Fun Walk in Cardiff Bay to wish walkers well as they set off from the Norwegian Church to raise funds for the Noah’s Ark Charity.

16th September - The Lord Mayor and Consort attended a Royal Navy Mela at HMS Cambria in honour of Mr Raj Aggarwal OBE who has been awarded an honorary commission in the Royal Navy. The event was hosted by Brigadier Jock Fraser, Naval Regional Commander for Wales & Western England who attended a courtesy call with the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House recently.

18th September - The Lord Mayor hosted an event at County Hall for the Lord Mayors Own Scouts and presented them with neckerchiefs. A similar event for the Lord Mayors Own Guides was also held at the Mansion House on 25th September.

25th September – The Lord Mayor presented certificates of achievement to volunteers from the Friendly Trust, an organisation which supports vulnerable adults with their finances.

Lord Mayors Charity Update

The current running total is £39,399.62. Thank you to all the Member who attended the Coffee Morning at the Mansion House on 13th September which raised £850.91

The Lord Mayors Charity are looking for 'cheerers' at the Cardiff Half Marathon on 7th October. If anyone would like to come and help the charity can provide t-shirts and official cheering points. Councillor Ed Stubbs is running the race and he will be bringing a sponsorship form to Full Council.

A sparkling Afternoon Tea will be held at the Mansion House at 2pm on Thursday 22nd November – tickets will cost £25.00 per head and can be booked via the Noah's Ark website: noahsarkcharity.org/events/sparkling-afternoon-tea

Further events are being planned over the next few months which we hope Members will be able to support.

Recognition and Awards

Cardiff A-level students maintain high standards - The A-level results for Cardiff show that standards remain high in the capital city.

Congratulations to all the students who collected their results last month. All the hard work and dedication that has been put in over the course of the last two years, and everyone deserves to be congratulated.

This year's group of students should be extremely proud to have continued the trend of Cardiff's results being above the Welsh national average and I wish them all the very best for the future.

Ours thanks also to all the staff in our schools for the work they have done to help, support and guide their students throughout their time in sixth form.

Children and young people represented at Scrutiny Committee

Chloe Burrage, Cardiff Youth Council's Vice Chair, has been selected to attend committee on the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee. She attended the committee for the first time on 11th September.

Chloe said "I am very happy to have been asked to represent the voice of young people in Cardiff on the Children & Young People's Scrutiny Committee, it is a privilege and one that I do not take lightly. It is very encouraging to see the Council engaging with the younger generation in this way and I hope that this is just the start of more opportunities for young people to help shape the future of our city."

Cllr Lee Bridgeman, Scrutiny Chair, said "This is an important step to ensure that children and young people have their voice heard and are able to influence and scrutinise decision making at the highest level here in Cardiff. This is a key component in working together to embed a child rights approach and the work we are undertaking in partnership with Unicef in developing a child friendly city, demonstrating our progress in delivering the commitment set out in Capital Ambition."

Congratulations Vishal Gaikwad one of the Council's Payment Assistants, who has been named in the top ten of a prestigious list of the most influential LGBT people in Wales.

In ninth place Vishal Gaikwad appears higher than former Wales rugby international Gareth Thomas, footballer Jess Fishlock and the Assembly Member Adam Price in the Pinc List 2018. An annual list which recognises people who have made a substantial contribution to LGBT+ life in Wales over the past 12 months.

The judging panel were especially impressed with Vishal's work as the founder of Glitter Cymru. A social group for BME (Black & Minority Ethnic) people who identify as LGBT+.

Representing Wales in Netherlands - Employees Leo Comerford (People & Communities) and James Wilcox (Internal Audit) have been selected to represent Wales at the IKF European Korfball Championships 2018 in the Netherlands in October.

Wales will play against Scotland, Serbia and Hungary and if they top our group they will qualify for the 2019 World Championships in South Africa.
I would like to wish Lee and James every success in the championships.

Cardiff Academy launch new website - The Council's in-house training provider has launched a new website in order to extend its wide range of services to other public sector bodies.

Since it was created in 2008 the Cardiff Council Academy has been running internal courses for staff in areas such as leadership and management, entrepreneurship, mentoring skills, emotional intelligence awareness and improving health and safety in the workplace.

Based in City Hall, Cardiff Council Academy has a selection of modern IT suites and training rooms which provide the perfect environment for learning and these facilities can also be hired by external organisations via the website. It's an ideal location in the heart of Cardiff for business conferences and meetings for up to 50 people.

The training provided has been fully approved by the Institute of Leadership and Management and it's an excellent way of keeping public sector staff training budgets within the public sector. As an approved ILM Training Centre, Cardiff Council Academy delivers a range of ILM accredited programmes in addition to its core range of courses.

Information on the courses offered by Cardiff Council Academy and how to hire conference rooms can be found on the website:

<https://www.cardiffcouncilacademy.co.uk/>