

**Mayoral Communications**

Since the last Full Council meeting on 23 February I have been very busy attending events and functions throughout the borough and across London. Here are just a few.

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March I took part in the annual London Mayor's Walk. The London Mayor's Walk has taken place for the past 40 years and covers the original walk of Dick Whittington over 600 years ago. Luckily it was a beautiful day and we had a very enjoyable walk.

It was my pleasure on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March to open the Protecting Our Women (POW) awards ceremony at Haringey Civic Centre.

The POW project is part of the Public Health prevention programmes and was developed by Solace Women's Aid as an educational training programme for young people aged 13-25 years as well as professional and volunteers who work with young people.

I would like to thank my colleagues Councillors Peter Morton and Bernice Vanier for their help at this event presenting certificates to the young people.

I attended a splendid service at Westminster Abbey on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the re-organisation of Local Government in London. Thank you to Tara Scott and Reverend 'Bunmi' Fagbemi for accompanying me to this event and I hope my specially invited guests enjoyed the occasion too.

I was honoured to read out a specially written message from the Queen at the annual fly a flag for the Commonwealth day event on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March. This was followed by a new initiative from the National Association of Civic Officers to commemorate the centenary of World War 1. I was joined by our Chief Executive, Nick Walkley, Haringey's Deputy Lieutenant, Captain Peter Baker, fellow councillors and ex servicemen and women. The ceremony was based on a feeling of darkness that came over people all over Europe 100 years ago and used candle light as a symbol of hope for the future.

I hosted a reception in my parlour on 16<sup>th</sup> March where I was delighted to receive a cheque for £2000 for my special fund from the organisers of the London New Years Day Parade. The donation was in recognition of Haringey's Hornsey Carnival float winning 5<sup>th</sup> prize at the New Years Day Parade. Members of Hornsey Carnival Queens including their Chairman, Gordon Rathbone, were awarded medallions for their contribution to the parade.

And finally I would like to thank everyone who attended the Haringey's Artistic Talent event on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March in support of my special fund. In particular I would like

to thank Nitin Ganatra, Andy Abraham and the wonderful young people of Haringey whose performance always makes me very proud of Haringey.