

District Councillor Report December 2019

Due to the imminent election, business at Babergh is slow and restrictions are in place for certain activities, so there is little to report this month. However, I would like to highlight the following:

- Free young persons swimming will continue during the Christmas period. Please note that adults must be responsible for their young people and registration by an adult is required. Contact your local swimming pools directly.
- Our Strategic Director Jonathan Stephenson has taken the position of Chief Executive at Brentwood. A bitter-sweet moment for me, as I am sorry to see him leave BDC (Nov 29th) but delighted for him, at the same time, for securing such a career enhancing position.
- I highlighted a concern regarding the lack of provision for burial grounds/crematoria within the District during the Joint Local Plan consultation. I understand that many of our burial grounds are becoming full and alternative areas need to be found.

To end on lighter notes, I have had the pleasure of joining in with the Lavenham Literary Festival where I happily undertook some stewarding and at *Top-Time* I crafted a Christmas wreath. In Cockfield I attended the Autumn Lunch and the monthly coffee morning.

I look forward to the Lavenham Christmas Fayre and the opportunity to share in some of the celebrations throughout the Ward within the differing parishes.

I extend my very best wishes to all residents for a very Happy Christmas, however you choose to spend the Christmas festival, whether it be on your own, with family and friends, or enjoying a vacation, may your celebrations be joyful.