

<b>FULL COUNCIL</b>	<b>3 DECEMBER 2020</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 4</b>
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### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – COUNCILLOR DAN VESMA**

I was honoured to be given a socially distanced tour of the new bells at St Michael & All Angels church by Tim Keys. Earlier in day, it was Tim who laid below the bells, and manually rang the moving tribute for Remembrance Day. The whole community should be proud of the work that has been done, and of the wonderful new facilities for tourists and bell ringers alike.

This is a difficult year for so many in our community, and in November I wrote to residents of local nursing and retirement homes to thank them for their patience and for the sacrifices that they are making to help keep our town safe.

Perhaps the highlight of my mayoral year to date was being given the opportunity to hand deliver the Youth Achievement awards. We are blessed with some inspiring young people in the town - I'm quite sure that the future will be safe in their hands. We also paid tribute this month to Kate and Lara Sysum, honouring them for their fantastic work in reaction to the COVID-19 crisis, and for helping pull the town together through the lockdown.

Another highlight was judging the annual Christmas Card competition, for which I would like to congratulate Theo Lambert for his excellent Christmas-cactus design, which we are using as our Town Council card this year.

This difficult year continues to highlight what we can do when we work together as a council and as a town. May you all have a safe and merry Christmas.