

## **Vote of thanks for The Mayor of Merton – Cllr Marsie Skeete**

Madame Mayor it gives me great pleasure to second this vote of thanks to Cllr Marsie Skeete for her dedicated service to our Borough as the Mayor for the Municipal year 2017 to 2018.

Cllr Skeete has been a great supporter of education and mental health causes, and that was her focus over her year with her chosen charities – Mencap and The Commonsides Community Development Trust.

I would also like to endorse the thanks paid to her Principal Consort Arexa plus Grandson Kahyjel, and Mr and Mrs Mingo for their work and support too over the Mayoral year. I must also pay tribute to the outgoing Deputy Mayor Judy Saunders. The Mayoral team ably supported by Sandra, Steve and Carl have attended over 300 engagements which is a tremendous achievement.

Our group have been pleased to support the many fund-raising events held by the Mayor for her charities and I myself have particularly enjoyed the Christmas Dinner at South Thames College, my husband Tom enjoyed the Winter Warmer celebrations of Merton Music and a number of us had a great time at the Mediterranean night and the recent 'Thank You Party' at the Canons.

This year the Ball was held at Chak 89 on the eve of the election providing a brief break from canvassing and campaigning as we turned to a night of fundraising and fun instead, I am pleased that members of our Group not only supported the event but also actively helped with the fundraising for it.

Madame Mayor I know I speak for our whole Group in thanking Cllr Skeete for her colourful and dedicated work over her year for which she can indeed be proud and I am delighted to endorse the citation and to second the vote of thanks.