


News from the Mayor

Since my last message I have attended many more events and meetings and I have greatly appreciated the warm welcome received.

In the coming weeks I will be busy visiting schools and voluntary and community organisations who have kindly invited me to join their preparations and celebrations for Christmas and I very much look forward to meeting more of you during the remainder of the mayoral year.

My thanks to everyone for their kind hospitality. It has given me much pleasure to be included in so many worthwhile events, there are many highlights which I will share with you in my next message, I am having great fun.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and send my best wishes for a prosperous, safe and Happy New Year.



Caroline Spencer, Mayor


 For further information please contact the Mayor's office on **01784 446275** or e-mail mayor@spelthorne.gov.uk



Photo: local shop owner, Vanessa Inwood

School's Christmas card bonanza

Spelthorne Business Forum (SBF) has created a seasonal partnership with Matthew Arnold School to produce Christmas cards for local businesses.




Photo: Louise King

Seen in the photograph centre Councillor Colin Davis shaking hands with Ms Adams, Art Teacher at the Matthew Arnold School and students from year nine.

Year 9 students started work on their entries in October and will exhibit them at the Business Forum meeting at Shepperton Studios in November. Businesses will negotiate with the students to use their cards and the winning card will be adopted by SBF as their official Christmas card.

Councillor Colin Davis, Cabinet Member for Economic Development who came up with the idea said: **"Any proceeds from the cards will go to the school. This is a win-win situation. I'm delighted to kick-off Spelthorne's Christmas early".**

Councillor Philippa Broom, Chairman of the judges said: **"We were delighted to visit the school and were very impressed by the exceptional enthusiasm and professionalism of the entries. This competition will enable the students to develop their business and marketing skills".**

 For further information please contact Councillor Colin Davis on **01784 459255** or e-mail cllr.davis@spelthorne.gov.uk. To find out more about the Spelthorne Business Forum please visit www.spelthorne.gov.uk/sbf



Council Christmas Closure - the Council Offices at Knowle Green will be closed from 12 noon on Thursday 24 December 2009 until 8.45am on Monday 4 January 2010.