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Dear Mr Betts

I would like to say how much the Deputy Mayoress and I enjoyed attending the Rotary Area Semi-Finals East of the Young Chef Competition. It was really interesting and a pleasure to talk to the young contestants and to see, and sample, their prepared dishes.

I was, we both were, very impressed with the standard of the food and the attitude/manners of the young people. I was so pleased that I was able to see both sets of contestants.

I must congratulate the Rotarians for the whole project, inspirational!

You must be extra pleased now that Government has realised what a mistake removing cooking from so many schools has been.

Great that Rotarians along with schools that did not go down that road, have been proved to be so right.

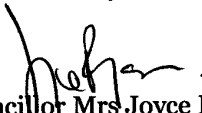
I shall certainly try to attend the next round but of course, as I said, it does depend on my diary.

Please pass on my congratulations to all those involved in the project.

If you have not already done so, I suggest that you visit Mike Mulvihill in his kitchen/restaurant at Redbridge College. You won't fail to be impressed.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely


Councillor Mrs Joyce Ryan
Mayor of Redbridge