

## **PORTSMOUTH LORD MAYOR'S VISIT**



We went to the Portsmouth Guildhall to meet the Lord Mayor, Jason Fazackarley, in his chambers.

He greeted us with the background to the proposed changes to local government in our area and why we are not having local elections in May. He told us about how the building was destroyed by incendiary devices in 1941 and then eventually rebuilt in the 1950s. There is a lot of silverware that has been given to

Portsmouth over the years and some in his chambers were sporting trophies that were no longer contested. He also took us into the Lady Mayoress' s Chambers.

We then went on to the silverware corridor which was various cabinets containing all the civic owned silverware, including a silver model of HMS Victory.



Finally he took us into the Council Chamber and explained how council meetings were run.

It was a really fascinating visit which was brought alive by Jason. His humour made it all the better and we all came away amused and with a better understanding of how Portsmouth Council goes about its business.