

RETIRING CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Royal visits – 8 altogether: most memorably keeping up with the pace set by HRH the Princess Royal at the Southampton boat show, HRH the Duke of Edinburgh opening Explorer House – wonderful new Ordnance Survey building and much appreciating the time taken by the Earl of Wessex at a visit to the Rose Road Association to speak to members of the chain gang.

High Sheriff – always upstaged by my husband who inevitably as High Sheriff took precedence over your chairman but the two roles made our year very special if very busy as of course there were a number of events such as days in court and entertaining judges that were not chairman's duties. As chairman I felt particularly lucky to have seen so much of the process of the law – some aspects very relevant for the County Council e.g. work done in Portsmouth Crown Court where all care orders are made throughout the county in conjunction with our Children's Services officers and a day in the coroner's court (here in this chamber) where we saw a variety of low profile cases that made me aware of how important this service – funded by the County Council - is by bringing resolution to bereaved family members and so in keeping with our well-being priority.

Cathedral concert - I spoke at the last meeting about the Cathedral Concert we held jointly and I am still hearing from unexpected sources how successful and memorable it was and it certainly gave me as your chairman the most wonderful opportunity of showing off our outstanding music service to a range of people who had no idea of how good our young musicians are. As well as raising over £13000 for the cathedral a further £3000 has gone to the music service to enable children who would otherwise not be able to afford it to participate fully in activities such as tours.

Various engagements - Going through all engagements would take far too long but you can see the range I covered – lots in the Cathedral – always an exceptional pleasure – a variety of military, civic and voluntary sector events and there are two in particular I would like to draw your attention to. These were profoundly moving presentations by students from St Swithun's – one at the school and the second at the university - inspired by last year's Global Students Forum theme which was the appalling number of deaths arising from pregnancy in the developing world – it is the most glaring health inequality between developed and developing countries and the statistics are shocking – in this country one woman in 4700 dies as a result of maternal complications whereas it's one in 11 in Afghanistan. Their aim was to raise awareness of this and I said I would help them spread the word. You can find out more by googling Dying for Life or The White Ribbon Alliance.

Corporate parenting – members will remember that I have given reports on what we are doing for our children in care, and I would like to mention an outstanding initiative – the Wessex Dance Academy – I've attended 2 performances in the Theatre Royal in Winchester by young offenders and care leavers – first one already mentioned to you – and the second was no less striking. Some of the dancers who had performed the first time appeared again and their continued involvement is evidence of the long term benefit that is possible and indeed being achieved.

Heroes Welcome - As you know I have initiated the Heroes Welcome scheme and there are a growing number of organisations that have now signed up to it – thank

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you very much to those of you who have helped this to happen and I'm particularly grateful to our various country parks, museums, libraries and discovery centres I visited to launch the scheme and it was a wonderful way for me to see these various venues across the county. I also visited a Rushmoor primary school where the children of parents serving in the armed services read what they had written about what it was like for them when their parent was away – one little boy referred to the 'hole in his heart' that he felt – and all spoke most movingly – I felt that they themselves were heroes too to have spoken in front of the whole school about their feelings.

Working lunches – the role of chairman is sometimes difficult to reconcile with why I became a councillor in the first place – for me and I believe all of us it's about making a difference and it's hard to see that appearing in a chain at a civic event achieves that but there is no doubt that the position gives an opportunity to encourage networking between statutory agencies and the voluntary sector and as a way of making the most of that I have hosted several themed working lunches in Serles House and guests included relevant officers and members together with representatives from the voluntary sector and other statutory agencies. These have been at the suggestion of others – for example the chief constable suggested mental health as an area that needed closer co-operation between services and the chairman of the Rifles museum felt that there were opportunities for mutual benefit between our museum service and independent museums that were not being taken and judging by the conversations I heard there should be positive outcomes.

Value for money – in today's economic circumstances I have been very much aware of the need to carry out the duties of your chairman and make the most of that position without extravagance. I have used an official car on the very few occasions when I felt it was necessary and haven't claimed my petrol allowance either and chose instead to hold the lunches I've referred to which I believe have been a positive rather than reactive way of carrying out my role – and before you ask –no alcohol was served on those occasions!

Thanks – Freddie, Andrew, Nigel – officers who have spent time briefing me and taking me to our country parks and other venues.

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Date	Engagement	Venue	Attendance
24-Feb-12	Northrop Grumman Lunch	Officer's Wardroom, HMS Warrior	Attended as Chairman
24-Feb-12	NA: Mayor of Eastleigh's 60th Birthday Celebration	Mayor's Parlour, Eastleigh	Not Attended
24-Feb-12	Mayor of Winchester's Dinner in Honour of The Bishop of Basingstoke	Abbey House, Winchester	Attended as Chairman
25-Feb-12	NA: Mayor of Rushmoor's Charity Show	Princes Hall, Aldershot	Not Attended
26-Feb-12	NA: Mayor of Farehams Charity Lunch	Parish Hall, Castle Street, Portchester PO16 9PY	Not Attended
27-Feb-12	Visit to Naomi House - tour and presentation of cheque from Staff Carol Concert	Naomi House, Sutton Scotney	Attended as Chairman
28-Feb-12	Mental Health Working Lunch	Serle's House	Hosted as Chairman
29-Feb-12	NA: Mayor of Basingstoke's Ten Pin Bowling Competition	West Ham Leisure Park	Not Attended
01-Mar-12	Southampton Courts		High Sheriff Engagement
02-Mar-12	Judges Service + Lunch afterwards	Judges Lodgings	High Sheriff Engagement
03-Mar-12	Mayor of Basingstoke's Spring Concert	The Anvil, Basingstoke	Attended as Chairman
03-Mar-12	NA: Chairman of NFDC Charity Dinner followed by "Comedy with Mervyn Stutter"	Shorefield Country Park	Not Attended
05-Mar-12	Visit to Tower School re Heroes Welcome - Assembly to say a few	Aldershot	Attended as Chairman

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06-Mar-12	Mayor of Winchester's Luncheon Party celebrating Winchester Excavations Committee's 50th Anniversary	Abbey House, Winchester	Attended as Chairman
06-Mar-12	NA: Mayor of Eastleigh's Charity Event	The Berry Theatre, Hedge End	Not Attended
08-Mar-12	Court Lunch	Winchester	High Sheriff Engagement
09-Mar-12	Petersfield Musical Festival - Caberet Evening with Michael Mates & William Godfree	Petersfield Festival Hall	Attended as Chairman
10-Mar-12	Mock Trial Competition (times to be confirmed)	Aldershot Magistrates Court	High Sheriff Engagement
10-Mar-12	NA: Chairman of Hart's Supper and Barn Dance	The Harlington, Fleet	Not Attended
11-Mar-12	VC: Town Mayor of Alton's Civic Service	Alton Abbey, Abbey Road, Beech, Alton	Vice Chairman Deputised
11-Mar-12	St John Ambulance Service of Re-dedication	Winchester Cathedral	Attended as Chairman
13-Mar-12	Visit to Probation & Witness Support Teams (times to be confirmed)	Winchester Crown Court	High Sheriff Engagement
16-Mar-12	Visit to Alton College		Attended as Chairman
17-Mar-12	Dying for Life	University of Winchester	Attended as Chairman unaccompanied

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19-Mar-12	Basingstoke Neighbourcare - Launch of Volunteer Recruitment Project	Farleigh Estate	Attended as Chairman
19-Mar-12	Smile Care & Support Luncheon	Langrish House	Attended as Chairman
19-Mar-12	Wessex Dance Academy Graduation Performance	Theatre Royal, Winchester	Attended as Chairman
20-Mar-12	Chairman of EHDC Civic Disability Conference	Council Chamber, EHDC Offices	Attended as Chairman
20-Mar-12	RV: VC: Freedom March	Fareham	Royal Visit, Vice Chairman Deputised
21-Mar-12	Hampshire WI Spring Council Meeting + Lunch	Portsmouth Guildhall	Attended as Chairman unaccompanied
21-Mar-12	Hampshire & IOW Sports Awards 2012	Southampton Football Club	Attended as Chairman
22-Mar-12	Visit to NATS	Fareham	High Sheriff Engagement
22-Mar-12	Law Lecture + supper afterwards in FGJR	Ashburton Hall, EII Court	High Sheriff Engagement
23-Mar-12	RV: Rose Road Association and afterwards Southampton University	Southampton	Royal Visit
23-Mar-12	Celebration of the first year of South Downs National Park Sustainable Communities Fund	Petersfield Festival Hall, Heath Road, Petersfield GU31 4EA	Attended as Chairman
25-Mar-12	Chairman of NFDC Civic Service	Burley	Attended as Chairman

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26-Mar-12	Queen's Award Reception	Serle's House	Hosted as Chairman
27-Mar-12	Visits to HCC leisure venues re Heroes Welcome	East Hampshire area	Attended as Chairman
27-Mar-12	Good Neighbours Reception	Great Hall	Attended as Chairman unaccompanied
28-Mar-12	Mayor of Test Valley's Civic Day	Starting from TVBC Council Offices	Attended as Chairman
28-Mar-12	NA: HMS Special Event - On Your Marks	Ferneham Hall, Fareham	Not Attended
29-Mar-12	Mayor of Gosport's Civic Day	Starting from Royal Navy Submarine Museum, Gosport	Attended as Chairman
29-Mar-12	RV: Mayor of Winchester's Gala Reception and Concert (timings to be advised)	Winchester Cathedral	Royal Visit
30-Mar-12	NA: Mayor of Southampton's "Swings the Thing"	Central Hall (opp St Marys Church)	Not Attended
30-Mar-12	NA: Mayor of Havant's Charity Concert	Conference Centre, Public Service Plaza, Civic centre Road, Havant	Not Attended
31-Mar-12	NA: Inaugural "Vaisakhi Meet & Greet"	Gurdwara Nanaksar, Southampton	Not Attended
31-Mar-12	NA: Mayor of Eastleigh's Charity Ball	Botley Park Hotel	Not Attended
03-Apr-12	Final Court Lunch - Hallam Mills Declaration Day - Last day NMnS as HS	Winchester	High Sheriff Engagement
05-Apr-12	NA: Civic Visit to Sea City Museum arranged by Mayor of Southampton	Southampton Civic Centre	Not Attended

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12-Apr-12	Hampshire Quality Council Presentation Event	Serle's House	Hosted as Chairman
13-Apr-12	Reception to launch The Winchester Festival 2012	Winchester Guildhall	Attended as Chairman
13-Apr-12	NA: Mayoress of Rushmoor's Afternoon Tea Party	Parkside, Guildford Road, Aldershot	Not Attended
14-Apr-12	NA: Mayor of Test Valley's Charity Ball	The Lights Theatre	Not Attended
17-Apr-12	Hampshire Solent Museums Lunch	Serle's House	Hosted as Chairman
18-Apr-12	Mayor of Eastleigh's Civic Day	Starting from Mayor's Parlour, Eastleigh Civic Offices	Attended as Chairman
19-Apr-12	Annual General Meeting of the Court of the University + Lunch	Southampton University	Attended as Chairman
19-Apr-12	Installation of Dame Helen Alexander as the 7th Chancellor of the University of Southampton	Turner Sims Concert Hall, Highfield Campus, University of Southampton	Attended as Chairman
20-Apr-12	Reception to celebrate the publication of the next volume of Winchester Studies - The Winchester Mint	Old Museum, Winchester College	Attended as Chairman
20-Apr-12	NA: Mayor of Fareham's Charity Ball	Ferneham Hall, Fareham	Not Attended
21-Apr-12	Inauguration of Revd Canon Tim Dakin	Winchester Cathedral	Attended as Chairman
21-Apr-12	NA: Chairman of Hart's Civic Dinner and entertainment	Cross Barn, Odiham	Not Attended
23-Apr-12	Honorary Aldermen's Lunch	Smythe & Banqueting Rooms, Serle's House	Hosted as Chairman
24-Apr-12	NA: Mayor of Eastleigh's Charity Quiz & Curry Night	The Concorde Club	Not Attended

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25-Apr-12	Launch of the Eclipse Bus Rapid Transport	Explosions Museum, Gosport	Attended as Chairman
25-Apr-12	NA: Mayor of Winchester's Showtime	Great Hall	Not Attended
26-Apr-12	Mayor of Test Valley Civic Night	The Lights, Andover	Attended as Chairman
27-Apr-12	NA: Mayor of Southampton's Charity Ball	Southampton Guildhall	Not Attended
27-Apr-12	NA: Harmonium Singers & Grainger String Quartet Concert	Holy Trinity Parish Church, Upper Brook Street, Winchester	Not Attended
29-Apr-12	Chairman of Hart's Civic Service	St Andrew's Church, South Warnborough	Attended as Chairman + Mr MnS as Consort
30-Apr-12	Visit to Alice Holt	Meet at the FC Office	Attended as Chairman
01-May-12	Past Chairmen's Lunch	Serle's House	Hosted as Chairman
01-May-12	NA: RV: Business Centre	University of Winchester	Not Attended, Royal Visit
02-May-12	NA: Opening of Feathers Restaurant	Hawk Conservancy Trust, Andover	Not Attended
06-May-12	VC: Hampshire ABF Annual Spring Lunch	Buller Barracks, Officers Mess, Aldershot	Vice Chairman Deputised
08-May-12	NA: Winchester Film Festival Opening Night Reception and Film Screening	The Great Hall	Not Attended
09-May-12	NA: Alumni Networking Dinner & Grand Finale of the Enterprise Challenge Awards (Portsmouth University)	Southsea Castle, Clarence Esplanade, Southsea	Not Attended

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10-May-12	VC: Fareham Mayor Making	Starting at Mayor's Parlour then at Ferneham Hall	Vice Chairman Deputised
10-May-12	Chairman's Lunch - Armed Forces Community Partnerships	Smythe/Banqueting Rooms	Hosted as Chairman
11-May-12	Dinner Party in honour of The Bishop of Winchester	Abbey House	Attended as Chairman
13-May-12	NA: Annual Florence Nightingale Commemoration Service + optional buffet lunch	St Margaret's Church, East Wellow	Not Attended
14-May-12	Portsmouth Legal Service + lunch afterwards	Portsmouth Cathedral + Chimes Restaurant	Attended as Chairman
15-May-12	Portsmouth Mayor Making	Portsmouth Guildhall	Attended as Chairman
15-May-12	Pre-County Council Briefing	Room 121, Ell Court South (Chairman's Office)	Meeting
15-May-12	NA: University of Winchester Lecture - Diamond Jubilee: why have one?	The Stripe, University of Winchester	Not Attended
16-May-12	NA: Winchester Mayor Making & appointment of Dame Mary Fagan as High Steward of Winchester	Winchester Guildhall	Not Attended
17-May-12	NA: RV	Trelors	Not Attended, Royal Visit
17-May-12	Pre-County Council Briefing	Leader's Office	Meeting
17-May-12	Annual County Council Meeting	Council Chamber	Meeting

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