

EVENTS ATTENDED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN

From 18 October – 18 December¹

18 October

The Chairman attended a photo shoot at the premises of her chosen charity, Second Time Around which will feature in the next edition of Cherwell Link.

19 October

The Chairman and Vice Chairman attended the annual opening of Banbury Fair where they used the power of the 'golden key' to give a free ride to local school children. This was done in conjunction with the Mayor of Banbury and the owner of the fair.

21 October

The Chairman attended the opening of Norbar Torque Tools facility on Wildmere Road. The event was also attended by Victoria Prentis MP and the Mayor of Banbury as well as a large number of delegates visiting from Norbar's international distribution network. The new facility is more than twice the size of the old premises and provides a positive and sustainable working environment for its 300 employees.

4 November

The Chairman opened the Broughton Castle Shakespearean acting workshop which was supported by CDC and involved 80 year seven pupils from schools across north Oxfordshire. The event was held in The Great Hall at Broughton Castle and was organised by Victoria Prentis MP to mark the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death. Pupils spent time looking at Shakespeare's Hamlet under the tuition of some of the RSC's celebrated actors.

8 November

The Chairman attended Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire Awards Ceremony which was held at Pembroke College in Oxford. The LL Award ceremonies are an opportunity to recognise individuals who demonstrate the volunteer ethos and build enduring relationships that are important to the County and local community. The LL Certificate ranks second to the Queen's Honours Lists.

On the same evening the Vice Chairman chaired a special meeting of full council at Bodicote House.

¹ CORRECT AT TIME OF PRINTING

9 November

The Chairman chaired the Parish Liaison Meeting at Bodicote House which was attended by representatives from a large number of parish councils.

10 November

The Chairman attended the annual Children Singing for Children concert at St. Mary's Church, Banbury which was organised by the Rotary Club of Banbury. The concert by local primary school children raised money Dogs for Good, Rotary End Polio Now, Sierra Leone Schools' projects and Rotary Children's Charities.

11 November

The Chairman, Vice Chairman and other CDC Members attended Remembrance Services and Parades in Banbury, Bodicote, Bicester and Kidlington and laid wreaths on behalf of the Council.

25 November

The Chairman and Vice Chairman attended the Mayor of Bicester's charity Dinner at the Bicester Hotel Golf & Spa. The dinner was held to raise funds for the Mayor's charities which this year are the Hummingbird Centre, local scouting organisations and the Army Cadet Training Corp.

1 December

The Chairman and Vice Chairman attended the annual Katharine House Hospice Lights of Love Service at St. Mary's Church in Banbury. Before the service the Chairman and the Mayor of Banbury switched on the lights on the Christmas tree on Horsefair.

3 December

The Chairman and Vice Chairman attended the Chairman of Oxfordshire County Council's Musical Dinner which was held at County Hall, Oxford. Music was provided by Oxfordshire Music Service String Quartet and Dixie Jazz Band as well as musicians from The Cooper School in Bicester.

6 December

The Chairman made a very early morning visit to Banbury Sorting Office to say a 'thank you' to the local postmen and women for their hard work throughout the year and particularly during the busy Christmas period. This year the Royal Mail is commemorating the 500th anniversary of King Henry VIII knighting the first Master of the Posts which initiated the creation of what is today called Royal Mail.

9 December

The Chairman attended the BBC Radio Oxford Carol Concert at St. Mary's Church Banbury which was recorded to be broadcast on Radio Oxford on Christmas Day. The event was held to raise funds the BBC's Children in Need appeal.

13 December

The Chairman attended the staff drinks and nibbles event held at Bodicote House which was hosted by the CEX which gave her an opportunity to meet staff.

13 December

The Chairman attended the funeral of ex-Chairman and District Councillor George Parish at St. Mary's Church, Banbury.