

Chairman's Engagements 19 October – 14 December 2020

SERFCA Awards

On Thursday 29 October, 2020 the Chairman joined a virtual event at the invitation of HM Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire and The County Chairman for South East Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association. This was a virtual Presentation of Awards Ceremony which was hosted on Zoom.

Celebrating Diwali

The Chairman received an invitation from Oxford Hindu Temple and Community Centre to join them at their annual celebration of the Festival of Lights which this year was in the form of a Virtual Oxford Diwali. The event was run daily on Zoom between 3 and 6 November and included a mixture of culture, traditional dance, performances and workshop as well as Bollywood and Bhangra dancing.

Remembrance Sunday – 8 November

Despite current restrictions Remembrance Sunday events were attended, either 'virtually' or in a socially distanced way.

The Chairman attended a 'scaled back' event at St Edburg's Church in Bicester on the morning of Sunday 8 November where a small number of people were able to attend the service and wreath laying ceremony.

The Chairman also attended a similar event at Bodicote Church in the afternoon, where a small outdoor service and wreath laying ceremony took place.

Also, on Sunday 8 November, the Vice Chairman attended Banbury Town Council's small wreath laying ceremony in People's Park, Banbury.

In Kidlington a short Act of Remembrance and Wreath laying event was filmed prior to the day and screened by Kidlington Parish Council on Remembrance Sunday. On the day of filming it was not possible for either the Chairman or Vice Chairman to attend due to personal/work commitments but Cllr Timothy Hallchurch was able to step in to lay the wreath on behalf of CDC.

Parish Liaison Meeting – 11 November

The Chairman chaired the virtual Parish Liaison Meeting which was held on 11 November and attended by representatives from over 30 parishes.

Christmas Cards

The Chairman would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas. Due to the current situation, instead of sending 'actual' Christmas cards, the Chairman will be sending an electronic card and the money saved from purchasing/posting paper cards will be donated to his chosen charities which are Katharine House Hospice, ARCH (Assisted Reading for Children) and ROSY (Respite Care for Oxfordshire Sick Youngsters).

