

CHAIRMAN'S ATTENDANCE

18 October 2022 – 19 December 2022

19 October

The Chairman, together with the Mayor of Banbury, accompanied Mr Wilson the owner of Banbury Fair, at the opening ceremony of the Fair. As is tradition, the Golden Key was pointed at various rides enabling local children to have free goes.

27 October

The Chairman and his wife attended the Lord-Lieutenant's Awards Ceremony at the invitation of Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant and the County Chairman for SERFCA (South East Reserves Forces' and Cadets' Association). The event was held at Pembroke College in Oxford.

The Lord-Lieutenant's Awards Ceremony is an opportunity to recognise individuals who demonstrate the volunteer ethos and to build and nurture the enduring relationships that are so important to the County and local community. This is done through the awarding of Medals and Her Majesty Lord-Lieutenant's Certificates for Meritorious Service, amongst other awards. Her Majesty Lord-Lieutenant's Certificates for Meritorious Service were instituted in order to afford public recognition to those members of the Reserve and Cadet Forces whose efforts are not recognised by the twice-yearly Honours Lists. The Lord-Lieutenant's Certificate thus ranks second to the Queen's Honours Lists.

Each year, the Lord-Lieutenant also appoints a number of cadets from the Combined Cadet Force and each of the community Cadet forces to support them on official engagements during the year that they are appointed. The appointment marks the achievement of outstanding service by an individual to their Cadet movement. A Certificate is awarded, together with a Lord-Lieutenant's Badge which the individual is entitled to wear when in uniform.

28 October

At the invitation of the League of Friends of Bicester Hospital, the Chairman officially opened their Autumn Coffee Morning which was held at the Littlebury Hotel in Bicester.

29 October

At the invitation of the Commander 501st Combat Support Wing, the Chairman and his wife attended a ball at Sywell Aerodrome in Northamptonshire to mark the Occasion of the 75th Birthday of the United States Air Force.

The Guest Speaker was Flt Lt (Ret'd) Colin S. Bell Distinguished Flying Cross recipient. The 101yr old was an original "Pathfinder" and served in WW2 on operations as a Mosquito Bomber Pilot, carrying out over 50 bombing raids.

*Details correct at time of printing.

13 November

On Remembrance Sunday, at the invitation of the Royal British Legion, wreaths were laid on behalf of Cherwell District Council at several venues in the district. The Chairman and Vice Chairman attended services and parades in Bicester. Other Members attended services/parades and laid wreaths in Banbury, Kidlington and Bodicote.

17 November

The Chairman chaired a virtual Parish Liaison Meeting attended by representatives from numerous parishes within the district.

19 November

The Chairman hosted his Charity Dinner at The Heyford, Oxfordshire. The event was held to raise funds for Alexandra House of Joy (the Chairman's chosen charity for this year) and was a big success. It was a 'sell-out' event, attended by 70 people. The Chairman would like to thank those Members who attended and those who made donations. We will report on how much was raised at a later date.

10 December

At the invitation of Officers from RAF Croughton, London Annex, the Chairman and his wife attended a Christmas Dinner event at the Chesterton Hotel in Bicester.

18 December *

An invitation was received from the Lord Mayor of Oxford to attend a Christmas Carol Concert at Oxford Town Hall in aid of Aspire, Asylum Welcome and Emmaus Oxford.