

CHAIRMAN'S ENGAGEMENTS

21 July 2014 – 20 October 2014

- 24 July** The Chairman and his wife attended a summer garden party at Watch Hill, Headington at the invitation of the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire.
- 26 July** The Chairman and his wife attended the Blue Plaque ceremony commemorating Alfred White Innkeeper and church bell-hanger at the Greyhound Inn in Besselsleigh. The plaque was unveiled by one of his descendant.
- 27 July** The Chairman and his wife attended the 23 Pioneer Regiment Farewell Parade and church service at St Edberg's Church in Bicester at the invitation of the Commanding Officers of 23 Pioneer Regiment and Bicester Town Council.
- 3 August** The Chairman and his wife attended a Commemorative Ceremony of Remembrance on the Church Green and at St Mary's Church, Witney to mark the outbreak of WW1, followed by a short service with secular readings and an observance of silence. This was at the invitation of the Mayor of Witney and the town council.
- 4 August** At the invitation of the Mayor and Banbury Town Council, the Chairman attended the Blessing and Dedication of two new stained glass windows at Banbury Town Hall; one looking back to commemorate the outbreak of WW1 and the other, looking forward, to commemorate the birth of Prince George.
This was followed by a viewing of a British Red Cross exhibition showing their involvement in the First World War in Banbury and then a Civic procession to St. Mary's Church for a Vigil Service which concluded with all the names of military personnel who lost their lives in the 1914-18 war, listed on the church war memorial, being read out.
- 11 August** The Chairman attended the Blue Plaque unveiling ceremony for William Penney, Baron Penney of East Hendred, who was a Mathematical Physicist and Public Servant, Rector of Imperial College.
- 2 September** The Chairman attended an event at County Hall to sign the Corporate Covenant committing Cherwell District Council to honour the Armed Forces Covenant and support the Armed Forces Community. This certificate is now displayed in reception at Bodicote House.
- 5 September** The Chairman and his wife took a team table at Banbury Town Council's Quiz Night which was held to raise funds for The Friends of Frank Wise School.
- 10 September** The Chairman attended the Annual General Meeting of the Oxfordshire Association for the Blind at the North Oxford Community Centre.
- 14 September** The Chairman and his wife attended the Banbury Town Council Battle of Britain Sunday parade and service at St. Mary's Church, Banbury.

- 14 September** The Chairman and his wife then attended a Civic Service at All Saints Church, Brill in the afternoon at the invitation of the Chairman of Aylesbury Vale DC.
- 23 September** The Chairman and his wife attended a "Tops in Blue" event at RAF Croughton.
- 25 September** An invitation was received from the Church Warden of St. Edburg's Church to the Institution and Installation by the Bishop of Dorchester and the Induction by the Archdeacon of Dorchester of the Revd. Verena Breed as Rector of the Bicester Team and Vicar of St Edburg's and this was attended by the Chairman and his wife.
- 26 September** The Chairman and his wife attended September Serenade, an evening of choral music at the invitation of the Banbury Choral Society. The event was held in the beautiful surroundings of the Great Hall at Broughton Castle.
- 1 October** The Chairman attended the Voluntary Organisation Forum which was held in the Council Chamber at Bodicote House.
- 4 October** At the invitation of the Oxfordshire Blue Plaque Board and MG Car Club, Abingdon the Chairman attended the unveiling of a blue plaque commemorating Cecil Kimber, creator of the MG Marque. The plaque was unveiled by Jonathan Wood, motoring historian.
- 4 October** The Vice Chairman and her husband attended Christ Church in Oxford at the invitation of the Canons and Students of Christ Church to the installation of The Revd. Canon Professor Martyn William Percy as Dean of Christ Church which took place during Evensong.
- 5 October** The Chairman attended Banbury Town Council's Canal Day with the theme 'Cowboys and Indians'.
- 9 October** The Chairman and his wife, at the invitation of HM Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, attended an event called X Marks the Spot to explore the Story Museum's '26 Characters' exhibition and met some of those associated with the project.
- 11 October** The Vice Chairman, at the invitation of the Chairman of Oxfordshire County Council, attended a reception at County Hall following 4624 squadron's Freedom of the County Parade.
- 12 October** The Chairman and his wife attended the Chairman of Stratford on Avon District Council's Civic Service at St. Michael's Church, Church Hill, Warmington.
- 14 October** The Chairman and his wife attended the High Sheriff's Law Lecture in the University of Oxford Examination School followed by the Court Sermon, delivered by the Right Honourable Baroness Hale of Richmond, Deputy President of the Supreme Court of the UK.
- 15 October** The Chairman attended the annual ritual of the 'Golden Key' ceremony at the opening of Banbury Fair together with the Mayor of Banbury and Mr Wilson, owner of the fair.

- 16 October** The Chairman attended the South East Reserve Forces' and Cadets' Association (SERFCA) Lord Lieutenant's Awards Ceremony which took place at Pembroke College, Oxford. This ceremony was an opportunity to recognise individuals who demonstrate the volunteer ethos that is important to the County and local community. This is done through the awards of British Empire Medals, HM Lord Lieutenant's Certificates for Meritorious Service and other Awards. HM 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 List.
- 17 October** The Chairman attended a Charity Dinner hosted by the Chairman of South Northamptonshire Council which was held at the Great Barn, Aynho and was raising funds for the Chairman's chosen charities.
- 18 October** The Chairman and his wife attended the Mayor of Bicester's 1940's Dinner Dance at the Bicester Hotel Golf & Spa.
- 19 October** The Chairman/Vice Chairman* attended the Blue Plaque unveiling for Elizabeth Bowen (writer 1899 – 1973) at the Coach House, The Croft, Old Headington. The plaque was unveiled by Prof. Dame Hermione Lee, FBA, FRSL President of Wolfson College, Oxford

Correct at time of printing.

***attendance unconfirmed at time of printing.**

Forward notification – the Chairman's Charity Dinner will be held on Saturday 31 January, 2015.