

## CHAIR/VICE CHAIRMAN'S ATTENDANCE

19 July 2021 – 18 October 2021

During this period several scheduled events were cancelled or postponed even though lockdown restrictions had been lifted.

On **Wednesday 8 September** the Chair attended 'An Evening at Dorchester Abbey' at the invitation of the Lord-Lieutenant of Oxfordshire and the Bishop of Dorchester. The annual event to celebrate Local Government in Oxfordshire comprises a supper followed by a Service of Compline and is an opportunity for newly elected Mayors and Chairs to meet for the first time.

On **Sunday 19 September** at the invitation of Banbury Town Council the Chair joined an invited congregation at St. Mary's Church in Banbury for a service which marked the 81<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Britain and remembered the Royal Air Force pilots and aircrew who took part. Unfortunately, the planned flypast by two Spitfires had to be cancelled at short notice.

Due to the Chair and Vice Chairman being unavailable due to prior commitments, Cllr McHugh was able to attend RAF Croughton on **Wednesday 22 September** for their Civic Open Day in his capacity as Lead Member covering Community Development and also Armed Forces Champion. The event was at the invitation of Col. Jon Hannah, Commander, 422d Air Base Group, CM Sgt Michael Taylor, Senior Enlisted Leader, 422d Air Base Group and Laura Haddy, Community Relations Adviser. A 'meet and greet' session with other Air Base Squadron personnel took place followed by a Q&A Session and a 'windshield' tour of the base.

On **Friday 24 September** The Chair attended a farewell reception for the outgoing Lord-Lieutenant, Sir Tim Stevenson KCVO OBE which was held in the Long Library at Blenheim Palace. A Book of Oxfordshire Memories was presented to the Lord-Lieutenant comprising photographs and memories from his thirteen years of service in Oxfordshire.

\*On **Monday 4 October** the Vice Chairman attended the Stage One Start of the AJ Bell Women's Tour Cycle Race in Sheep Street Bicester and on the same day the Chair attended the Stage One Finish in South Bar Street, Banbury.

\* **Wednesday 13 October** - the opening of the annual Banbury Fair will take place with the usual Golden Key Ceremony. More details will be given in the next report.

*Correct at time of printing.*