

## **CHAIR/VICE CHAIRMAN'S ATTENDANCE**

**18 October 2021 – 13 December 2021**

### **Banbury Fair**

The opening of Banbury Fair took place on **Wednesday 13 October**. Due to the unavailability of the Chair and Vice Chairman, Councillor Chapman attended and, together with the Mayor of Banbury, was able to join the organisers in the usual walk-around and Golden Key ceremony. It is customary for the Cherwell Golden Key to be pointed at various attractions at the start of the Fair to give local children a free ride.

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*During the period covered by this report several scheduled events were cancelled or postponed despite lockdown restrictions being lifted.*

### **Parish Liaison Meeting – Wednesday 10 November**

The Vice Chairman chaired the 'virtual' Parish Liaison meeting which as usual was attended by representatives from over 30 Parish Councils within the Cherwell district.

### **Remembrance Sunday – 14 November**

The Chair attended Banbury Town Council's event which involved a parade from the Town Hall to St Mary's church and a wreath laying ceremony in People's Park.

Later that day the Chair also attended the service organised by Bodicote Royal British Legion which was held at Bodicote church and where a wreath was laid on behalf of CDC.

On the same day the Vice Chairman attended Bicester Town Council's event in the morning which also involved a parade, a church service at St Edburg's Church and a wreath laying ceremony in Garth Park.

Councillor Griffiths attended the morning event organised by Kidlington Parish Council/Kidlington Royal British Legion which included a church service and a wreath laying ceremony where she laid a wreath on behalf of CDC.

### **Royal Visit to The Sunshine Centre – Friday 19 November**

As part of a series of visits to various places in Oxfordshire, His Royal Highness, The Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO, together with the Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire and Sir Tony Baldry – Deputy Lieutenant, visited The Sunshine Centre in Banbury on Friday 19 November. The Vice Chairman attended the event where he met Trustees, Volunteers and Staff before being joined by HRH and the Centre Manager, Jill Edge who gave a short presentation on the Life Journey of The Sunshine Centre after which an open discussion took place.

## **Katharine House Hospice Lights of Love Ceremony – Thursday 2 December**

Due to work/Council commitments the Chair and Vice Chairman were unable to attend this annual event. However, Councillor Ilott was able to step in and attended to represent Cherwell District Council.

This year's event was slightly different in that after a gathering at the tree near Banbury Cross for the lights switch-on, individuals were invited to move on to one of five venues to take part in a service to remember those lost this year and last year, not just with Katharine House but as a wider act of remembrance for COVID to support the community of the town. Cllr Ilott attended the service in St. Mary's Church. Other participating venues in Banbury were Marlborough Road Methodist Church, St. Johns' Church in South Bar, The People's Church on Horsefair and MJAH Ibn Baaz Masjid on Park Road.

## **Christmas Cards**

The Chair would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy Christmas.

As last year, instead of sending 'actual' Christmas cards, the Chair will be sending an 'e-card' and the money normally spent on purchasing the card, overprinting and postage will be donated to the Chair's nominated charities – The Green Dome Trust Community Fridge, The Sunrise Multicultural Ladies Drop-In Project and Banburyshire Benefits Advice Centre.



***Details correct at time of printing.***