

## **CHAIRMAN'S ATTENDANCE**

**28 February 2023 – 17 May 2023**

### **Wednesday 1 March**

The Chairman attended one of the Banbury Rotary Club Children's Spring Concerts which were held at St. Mary's Church in Banbury. After a lapse of 3 years due to Covid restrictions the concerts were organised again with 16 local schools performing over 3 nights. Over past years more than £95,000 has been raised for various children's charities with the proceeds from this year's concerts being donated to The Sunshine Centre, Helen & Douglas House and Children Seen and Heard.

### **Saturday 18 March**

The Chairman and his wife attended the Banbury Mayor's Civic Dinner which was held at Banbury Town Hall. An auction was held with the money raised being donated to the Mayor's chosen charities – Katharine House Hospice, Frank Wise School and Helen & Douglas House.

### **Thursday 23 March**

At the invitation of the Very Reverend Canon John Y Batthula, the Chairman joined members of the Catholic Community from in and around Bicester at a Thanksgiving Mass on the occasion of the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the Parish, the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Guild of St. Stephen and the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Church of the Immaculate Conception. The service was officiated by the Archbishop of Birmingham in the presence of past and present priests, as well as deacons and parishioners. The service was followed by a buffet supper at the St. John Paul II Centre in Bicester.

### **Friday 21 April**

The Chairman and his wife attended the Chair of South Oxfordshire District Council's Charity Dinner which was held at the Red Lion in Chalgrove. The event was held to raise funds for the Chairman's charities – the River Thames Conservation Trust and First Steps Family Hubs in Chalgrove and Watlington.

### **Sunday 23 April**

The Chairman attended a St. George's Day lunch at Denis Mediterranean Restaurant in Bicester which was raising funds for the Mayor's charities – Nai House, Heyford and Bicester Veterans and Causeway Carers Bicester Rethink Group.

### **\*Sunday 7 May**

The Chairman and his wife attended Bicester Town Council's Church Service at St. Edberg's Church in Bicester to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III.

\*Details correct at time of printing.

**\*Tuesday 9 May**

The Chairman, in recognition of past service, was nominated to attend one of the LGA Royal Garden Parties at Buckingham Palace. As this event is due to be attended on the date of agenda publication, the Chairman will give a short verbal update at the meeting.

**\*Monday 15 May**

The Chairman attended Bicester Town Council's Annual Meeting and Mayor Making incorporating the presentations for the Good Citizen Awards and Grant AID which was held at the John Paul II Centre in Bicester.