

Chairman's Announcements – 12 December 2014

(Prepared by the Vice-Chairman of Council)

Major-General Peter Williams gave a talk on Russia and the Russians – 3 October on behalf of The Chairman of Herefordshire Council and the High Sheriff at the Town Hall. The event raised in excess of £5,000 for St Michael's Hospice and the Hereford Cathedral Perpetual Trust. Around 200 guests were enthralled by General Williams' talk which was derived from his extensive experience working with the Russians both in the Cold War and subsequently.

High Sheriff's Shrievalty Service, Hereford Cathedral – 5 October

The Chairman and the Vice-Chairman attended, and it was the Chairman's last public engagement. I know that the Chairman thoroughly enjoyed the occasion.

Poppy Launch, Maylords Orchard, Hereford – 25 October

The Vice-Chairman attended the Poppy launch at Maylords Orchard and at the Old Market, Hereford and it was a pleasure to see so many college students taking part.

RNC Celebration of Achievement Ceremony – 7 November

We look forward to the 10th IBSA (International Blind Sports Federation) European blind football championships in Hereford starting 22 August 2015.

Installation of the new Bishop of Hereford, Hereford Cathedral – 22 November

It was a very impressive and memorable occasion.

Chairman's Christmas Fayre, Shire Hall – 22 November

It was a pleasure to see so many stalls, and attend this well supported and popular event. I am told the event raised an estimated £3,700.

An evening at the newly built Herefordshire Archive and Record Centre (HARC) – 27 November

The evening presented the first opportunity for families in Herefordshire to see Herefordshire's fantastic new archive provision and to celebrate Herefordshire Council's investment in the County's archival heritage.

Visit to Royal Mail Sorting Office, Hereford – 3 December

This was a good opportunity to thank postal staff for all their hard work in the run up to Christmas.

Other engagements in Oct and Nov included:

World Mental Health Day with 2Gether – 10 October – Councillor J Stone

Military Charities Concert 18 October - Councillor Brigadier P Jones CBE

St Michael's Hospice Thanksgiving Service – 19 October – Councillor J Stone

Military Covenant Signatories Event – 21 October – Councillor J Stone

Sports Awards 2014, Sixways, Worcester – 4 November – Councillor J Stone

HVOSS Annual General Meeting – 5 November – Councillor J Stone

'Dinedor and Rotherwas Explored' Public Book Launch – 8 November - Councillor R Preece

Celebration of HOPE, Ross on Wye – 13 November - Councillor J Hyde

A Service for Road Victims, Hereford Cathedral – 16 November – Councillor J Stone

Hereford & Worcester Fire & Rescue Medal & Awards Ceremony – 21 November – Councillor J Stone

Finally I would like to express what a pleasure it was to serve as Vice-Chairman to Olwyn Barnett from May until November. She was always determined not to let anyone down and between us we managed to cover all the engagements and appreciated the help of several colleagues. Olwyn Barnett was tireless in her dedication to Herefordshire and she has done much to enhance the role of Chairman of the Council over the last 3 years. Her fundraising campaign for St Michael's Hospice and her initiation of the Diamond County Awards make her period as Chairman especially memorable and she so wanted to complete her term of office. I very much enjoyed working with her as Vice-Chairman and she will be greatly missed in her ward, Herefordshire Council and in public life throughout Herefordshire.