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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY, 28 FEBRUARY 2018

9 November

Chairman attended the Field of Remembrance event at Carisbrooke Castle. A beautiful location for a lovely service. Delighted to attend.

10 November

Chairman attended the RBL Festival of Remembrance at Shanklin Theatre. First time attended, and it was very good. I especially liked the Cadets who read out their family connections and stories from WW1.

12 November

Chairman attended the Remembrance Service St Thomas Church Newport. A HUGE ATTENDANCE by local people. I cannot remember the church so full!

12 November

Chairman attended a Curry Lunch Remembrance Service at Country Club St Thomas Square. Paid for by myself! A good chance to catch up and be able to speak to many of the people attending the above service. My thanks to Peter who arranges this event. Delicious curry too!

19 November

Chairman attended a supper (paid for by myself) with visitors from Coburg. My thanks to the twinning organisation for arranging this visit.

22 November

Chairman opened the new JIGSAW charity shop in Newport High St. Good luck to the organisation and all volunteers who keep this vital charity going!

22 November

Chairman attended was delighted to celebrate the success of Southern Vectis and our volunteer drivers that help to keep 'communities connected' with community buses.

1 December

Chairman attended the IW Chamber of Commerce Awards Ceremony 2017 at Cowes Yacht Haven an excellent night show casing some of our incredible and very successful business' on the Island.

2 December

A pleasure to be asked to do the Big Switch on. For over 18 years this couple have 'put their lives on hold' from October- December and have raised thousands of pounds for local charities. Well done Sue and Terry Ramplin!

5 December

Chairman attended a Citizenship Ceromony Sea Close. Welcoming American, Polish and Thai residents.

6 December

Chairman attended the Lights of Love Carol Service in Aid of EMH St Marys Church Brighstone. An incredible event, which everyone should attend at some stage. The most inspirational tree decorations, good, kind people... delicious hot mulled wine, short carol service! Super.

11 December

Chairman attended Shanklin the Snow Queen at Shanklin Theatre. Delighted to attend First Acts' 50th production. My heartfelt thanks and my personal congratulations and thanks to each and every person that has helped these productions over the years.

12 December

Chairman attended a Citizenship Ceremony at for a lovely Polish family, including the two children.

13 December

Chairman attended a photo call for the Duke of Edinburgh Awards team. Again, credit to our staff that has helped and continue to support this excellent initiative.

15 December

Chairman attended a Enchanted Osborne to meet with the Deputy Mayor of Coburg and visitors bringing a 'touch of Coburg' to Osborne. As it was freezing and not too many people suggested they attend a warmer event in August. The Garlic Farm has offered to host them. My thanks to Debbie Andre from the twinning group for her help and hospitality!

18 December

Chairman received a very warm welcome from Children in Care Awards at Cowes Yacht Haven. So much energy and enthusiasm at this event. well done to each of the children that received awards and our Social Workers! Incredible team effort by all staff. Well done. I wish you all a contented and happy Christmas, with Good Health and Prosperity for 2018! A personal thank you to everyone that contributes to make our Island incredible.

19 January

Chairman attended the Staff Awards at Cowes Yacht Haven. A good chance to say thanks to all the staff that work so hard on behalf of the Island people.

27 January

Chairman attended the Royal British Legion IW County Conference - Wilberforce Hall Brighstone. Delighted to attend the Annual County Conference and welcome delegates from across the region. Super hospitality and great raffle!

27 January

Chairman attended the Holocaust Memorial Day at the Island Free School. A well thought through memorial. Horrendous to be reminded these events are still occurring daily in the world. I was delighted to receive positive comments about my speech.

6 February

Chairman attended a Citizenship Ceremony at Newport Registrar Office welcoming four new residents to the United Kingdom.

11 February

Chairman attended a WWII Commemorative Service. A real community event. From the excellent Shanklin Town Brass Band who provided superb music; to Traci Porter who sang beautifully; the children from St Blasius Academy, the Shanklin British legion members; the Fire brigade reading out the names of those who lost their lives. A sincere well done to everyone that arranged a sympathetic memorial.

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