

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL
ON WEDNESDAY, 16 MAY 2018**

15 March

09:30- 14:30- Showcasing Mayor of Test Valley- Houghton Lodge - An excellent event, and my goodness I have no idea where they get their funding from, but they certainly do have some exceptional and beautiful tourism/industry locations.

17 March

18:00 - 22:00 – Lord Mayors St Patricks Night Dinner Dance, Guildhall Portsmouth – George to attend.

20 March

10:30 – 11:30 - Citizen Ceremony – Registrar Office Newport - Once again a busy event with residents from across the globe including America, Ireland and Europe.

22 March

18.45 -9.45 - IW Sports Award Ceremony. The first time I have attended this one at Medina Theatre; what an ideal setting for the awards to take place. Once again, blown away by the huge achievements of our sportsmen and women on the Island. An excellent organised event.

26th March

18.00-20.30 - High Sheriff Awards at Quay Arts. A superb acknowledgement of the youth on our Island, overcoming severe adversity in their lives. Delighted to attend.

3rd April

10.30- 11.15 - Citizenship. Another busy one. My thanks go to the girls up at the Registrars for working so hard, and making the room look so nice for the ceremony - they even become photographers for the event! New Zealand, Asia and Europeans were amongst some of the people. Nice to see a whole family becoming British Citizens.

9th April

10.30 -3.30 - New High Sheriff declaration event. Gioia Minghella made the event both humorous and emotional. Filled with all the Minghella family and friends it really was a lovely event. Huge (hahaha) thanks to Ben Rouse past High Sheriff for the work involved in his year. We were like Little and Large for our year together!

28 April

18:00 20:00 Mayor of Test Valley Charity Ball- Museum of Army Flying Middle Wallop- George to Attend.

As this is due to be my final report as Chairman, can I please take this time to thank all Members for supporting and having the faith in me to be Chairman. I hope I did not disappoint you.

My thanks to George my deputy, who has had to 'step into my shoes' on a number of occasions to assist me in my role.

Thanks to Joy, Simon, Andy, Steve and the girls up on floor 5 who help support me during my year of office.

Finally, thanks to my family and friends who have supported me in my 'public life'; my husband and daughters have been extremely accommodating with my 'hectic' life! Looking at old school reports, this is year 47 of working for the people of the Island.