

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2018

22 September

Isle of Wight Day. I attended and took part in the parade at Cowes. The weather was horrendous, and I was saturated like the rest of the parade. I stood and froze until 4pm when I came home to try and warm up.....The following day was Songs of Praise (for those of you who have never been, DO GO! it really is a rousing, enjoyable event. Well done to Team IW Day.

23 September

Beach cleans down at Gurnard. Surprising the amount of rubbish collected from the area.

24 September

Honoured to be invited to the memorial celebrating the life of Mary Ellis at Northwood House. EVERYTHING was just right, including the spitfire display!

26 September

Royal Yacht Squadron Foundation Trust - A really excellent organised meeting and chance to see the support that our Youth have in engineering/nautical support and listen to their first hand experiences

27 September

Memorial on Cowes parade to Viscount Gort V.C. A personal memorial with family members in attendance.

3 October

Lord Lieutenants Awards Ceremony - A super event paying tribute to SO MANY of our volunteers and dedicated personnel on the Island

5 October

Northwood Houses' Queens Award for Voluntary Service. A lovely evening meeting so MANY volunteers that assist at Northwood House, and park.

6 October

Library Awards at Newport Library. A brilliant way to encourage our youth to read.....a competition with a drawing and story to back up which book they enjoyed most. Another super event, and thanks to parents/carers for their support; not to mention the staff that encourage and support.

7 October

St. Peters at Havenstreet. A bulb planting and ceremony to park to commemorate WW1 and the members lost from Havenstreet. A bit chilly outside, but a lovely church and really supportive congregation.

9 October

10:30- 14:00 – Quarr Abbey Visit. A chance to ‘go behind the scenes’ and see the super work carried out by the volunteers and staff at the abbey. I always enjoy going, their new winter menu was lush. Do go and support them.

12 October

Authors Reception at Squadron. A real treat for me to meet the authors and organisers of the IW Literary festival. I thoroughly enjoy this event. It’s my ‘mini holiday’ once a year. My thanks to the huge number of volunteers that make the event happen

15 October

Our High Sheriffs’ Legal Service. A super networking event. A lovely church service and delightful lunch.

16 October

07:00- 17:00 -Hart Chairman Civic Day – Harling Way Fleet Hampshire — Yep a very long day!! Visiting a brewery (did not convert me to alcohol drinking!! yuck) but VERY interesting hearing about the brewing process.....and evolution of the site. West Green House was just magical, sadly did not have time to see the gardens, but well worth a visit. Utterly stunning.

25 October

Careers Job Fair at the College. A very noisy, busy few hours, and utterly amazing the amount of jobs available on the Island. Well done to the teams that organise this much needed event!

26 October

Harp Festival official opening. A beautiful event and a must if you have never been. Again, sincere thanks to all those that ‘make the event happen’.

27 October

10:45 – 11:00 - Royal British Legion County Poppy Appeal Launch- Minster St Thomas Church Newport –45 Honoured to be able to be part of this event. My thanks to all our Legions’ across the Island that put so much time and effort to the events.

28 October

15:00- 16:00 -Royal Marines Association Service of Dedication of the New Standard- All saints Church Ryde –A full church, excellent service, and unexpected but delicious afternoon tea. A super relaxed time to catch up with lots of people. Thanks Anne Springman for arranging this event.

8 November

10:30- 11:30 My thanks to George for taking my place at the Field of Remembrance at Carisbrooke Castle.

9 November

14:00 Simeon Green and Newport Commemoration and beautiful bench and board for WW1 at Carisbrooke. An honour to attend.

9 November

Again, thanks to Deputy George to attending the RBL Remembrance event at Shanklin Theatre, as I fight off pneumonia!

11 November

11:00- 12:00 Remembrance Sunday Service Minster of St Thomas Church Newport- Very humbling to attend. Seeing the WW1 soldiers stood on guard really choked me. I did not get chance to thank them, but a really excellent service, with rousing hymns. My thanks to the many HUNDREDS taking part in this year's commemoration. Lest we Forget.....

11 November

12:30- 14:00 Lunch at the Country Club – St James Square Newport . A much needed warm curry after the event. Thanks to Peter Kingston for arranging this. Again, a good time to catch up informally with many people.

12 November

My thanks to those that braved the horrendous rain for the flag raising in support of the Suffragettes.