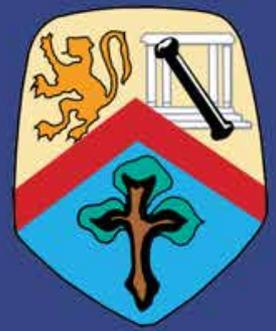


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Reading Crown Court Heritage Open Day

September 9th was Heritage Day and therefore many historical buildings were open to the public. My invitation to this event enabled me to witness a range of associated organisations and professional bodies who provide support to those involved; solicitors, police and volunteers, those working with drug abuse and victim support. Upstairs there was a painting exhibition from local schools, and mock trials in the court rooms. The Judge was very informative and explained the process along with a jury and trial involving "Mrs Short-sight".



Photo: Reading Evening Post

I also visited the police cells, and viewed the transport vehicles used to bring the offender to court and the process used to ensure they are escorted to courts safely. I found the morning very informative and enjoyed talking to those involved. I was pleased to experience this opportunity and hope that in future perhaps I might be called for Jury Service.

SERFCA Awards Ceremony



Annually Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Berkshire holds an award ceremony for the South East Reserve Forces' & Cadets' Association (SERFCA) and appoints three cadets in recognition of their outstanding service, from the Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force.

This year the venue was Easthampstead Park Conference Centre and all three cadets were young ladies. As part of their role they must be available to carry out duties as escorting the Lord-Lieutenant on their official duties and to meet member of the Royal Family who visit Berkshire. It is an honour to be recognised in this important role. Other awards are presented for Meritorious Service, these awards rank second only to the Queen's Honours List.

The best reservist was also recognised with the Fuller, Smith & Turner award to the cadet who has made the greatest contribution to the Reserve Service during the year

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Just Desserts

I was keen to do something different and thought residents might like to enjoy an evening of puddings. This was my third engagement of the day. The hall was looking good with white tablecloths and ready for a feast of homemade treats. The evening began with a choice of soup then onto the serious side of the evening. I introduced our Master of Ceremonies for the evening, Clive who explained the format and gave us lots of information about desserts.

Cllr Dillon Perera kindly provided six bottles of wine, sufficient of everyone to have a glass with their meal. Our first dessert was delicious home-made bread and butter pudding served with cream or custard, followed by a meringue course, either roulade or Pavlova (named after the ballerina). Course three consisted of apple crumble, fresh apples lovingly prepared balanced with crumble topping; I'm not sure how many gallons of custard were made?

We broke to sell raffle tickets and allow a break between courses. The next course was based on cheesecakes theme with a variety of flavours and also included freshly made gateaux. The last pudding of the evening was sticky toffee pudding served with toffee sauce. A scoring system was distributed to establish the winning pudding of the evening which turned out to be apple crumble.

Overall I would like to thank those who worked so hard to make this event a success, a cookery challenge for the kitchen, thank you to those who made puddings, supported this event and enabled me to raise a further £400 for Sandhurst Counselling Service. However I am keen to meet my personal target and ask you to support future events as the dance, and the race night in January. Look out for these events on the Sandhurst Town Council notice boards and website.

Sandhurst Fitness Funday

This event was moved from its normal date in August to September but unfortunately the weather turned against us once again. There was a programme of events planned for the area including a gym display and fitness fun runs of 1km for the children and 5km for the adults. The route took them around the balancing pond and followed a trail taking them around the main field back to the starting point. There were numerous stalls who battled against the wind to maintain the gazebos in place as much as they could. The gymnastic display was changed but still offered a routine with the girls tumbling and performing their artistic talents.

I circulated around the stalls, meeting Sandhurst Joggers, Limbcare, mini tennis, and ladies football, a wide variety of activities for all. During the afternoon the weather turned to cold typically autumn weather, I am grateful to those who stayed to the end. I would also like to thank the staff from Sandhurst Town Council who helped to prepare and clear the field for the event.

Easthampstead Park Memorial Service

It was the 30th Annual Service and the first time it had rained. The service began with a few words of welcome from Edith Wright, one of the Civil Celebrants taking part, she lead the service into the first hymn. The service continued with prayers, readings and more hymns. A moving part of the service was the release of white doves by the Mayor of Bracknell and some scouts. A further poem and one of my favourite hymns "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace", closing with more poignant words and a further well known hymn.



Photo: Stuart Turkington

Although the weather was wet, with a light rain throughout the service, many had come to pay their respects for their loved ones. The service was fitting and a good balance between touching readings, poems and hymns. It was a pleasure to come and share memories together. Afterwards the scouts had kindly provided tea and biscuits in a nearby marquee which was most welcome to be sheltered and out of the rain.

Sandhurst Gardening Club Autumn Show

Once again I was able to see the fruits of labour at the Gardening Show. I was looking forward to seeing the various fruit, seasonal flowers and home grown produce, including the longest bean and the heaviest potato along with a wide variety of handicrafts and interesting photographs. The cookery section was bigger than ever following the popularity of the Great British Bake Off challenges with additional categories introduced here. This would have made this section interesting from the judge's perspective.

I spent some time looking at the wide range exhibits displayed, including the creative talents in the floral art section, chatting to members, and friends. Time to enjoy a cup of tea and cake before presenting the trophies, shields and prize money to the members. I would like to congratulate all who take part in this show, both in exhibiting and those who plan, prepare and organise this event. It is a credit to all involved, and brings members of the community together. Well done to all concerned.

Sandhurst Museum Heritage Day

My second engagement on the 9th September was to visit Sandhurst Town Council offices where the museum had arranged an extensive display of photographs of the history of landmark places in Sandhurst. I was pleased that I could recall some of the more recent pictures, having moved here in 1980. The demise of the Bull & Butcher now Wyatt Court, The Jolly Farmer, now under redevelopment as apartments and retail units, The Royal Oak now a nursery and the Dukes Head returning to residential accommodation. I also recall the petrol garage now Warner Court and the most recent change from Thompson's Garage to Tesco. My thanks go to those who have been able to capture these memories and catalogue them for the benefit of us all to see.

Club & Social News

Sandhurst Short Mat Bowling Club

SSMBC was formed in 1995; Sandhurst Town Council recognising the need for a club that could provide both social and active sport for older members of the community. Supported by the council, the club flourished and today membership boasts 49 active players. The more competitive members gained membership of Surrey County Bowls Association and over the years have successfully represented the County. The club participates in two winter leagues and friendly games with local clubs. For the less competitive there is a thriving social session on Friday afternoon.

The club is open to all adult groups, sessions are held at the Community Hall, Sandhurst. Your first session is free, instruction and bowls are provided if needed. The yearly subscription is £10.00 and sessions reasonably priced at £2.00 with tea and biscuits. Do come along 20 minutes before start time. The current sessions are as follows:

Monday Session: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Friday Sessions 2:00pm - 4:00pm and 7:00pm - 9:00pm

All are welcome, to find out more contact Ann Glaister on 01276 34774

Sandhurst Tennis Club

Things are certainly looking up for Sandhurst Tennis Club at the Memorial Park. This summer saw our ladies team finish **top of the league** following many tough games, both home and away, against some excellent opponents. There are 12 divisions in the league and this year we played in 5B. As a result of finishing top of the table we will be going up a division for next summer's matches.

We are absolutely thrilled that we will soon be enjoying wonderful newly resurfaced courts and we can't wait to share them with our opponents! The new facilities will be so much appreciated not only be the tennis club but all of the Sandhurst community. Our hope is that this will encourage many new members (ladies, men and juniors) to join the club; we are always looking for new players. We are a friendly bunch of people from all walks of life who enjoy getting fit, hitting a ball, and having fun!

Why not come along and try out the new courts? All levels welcome, beginners, rusty racquet, advanced and maybe you would like to play in Berkshire Adult Tennis league matches too! For details, visit our website:

www.sandhursttennisclub.co.uk



*Sandhurst Tennis Club
Victorious Ladies*

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Forthcoming Events

**For a fun evening of Horse Racing
Join us on 20th January 2018 at 7:30pm**

Sandhurst Community Hall

Tickets £3.00 available from

Sandhurst Town Council Phone:

01252 879060

Bring Your Own Drinks & Nibbles

**All Profits to the Mayor's Charity - Sandhurst
Counselling Service**

Sandhurst Freedom March - 23rd June 2018

To be held in conjunction with the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst (RMAS) who will exercise their rights to the Freedom of Sandhurst.

How can you get involved?

The council are seeking stall holders to participate in the event, you might be a local group offering something to the community, an organisation seeking new members or a commercial concern with products and services. Contact Sandhurst Town Council on 01252 879060 or stc@sandhurst.gov.uk

For details of events on the Sandhurst Memorial Park go to www.sandhurstpride.co.uk

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