



News from and about Members

Herefordshire 2013-14

What an amazing year this is turning out to be. It has been fascinating, exhausting, thought-provoking and incredibly rewarding. And I am only halfway through.

My year began in a very special way when my brother His Honour Judge James Tabor QC officiated at my Declaration in the Shirehall in Hereford. It was a proud moment for both of us. Since then my wife, Bea, and I have been increasingly busy.

I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of spirit of so many Herefordians whom I have encountered during my visits to voluntary, charitable and emergency services groups, as well as members of the business, military and agricultural communities in the county.

I have been supporting the work of the people promoting road safety in the county. Spearheaded by the Safer Roads Partnership (a department of the West Mercia Constabulary), they work closely with the county council, the fire and rescue service, the police and the ambulance service. Our objectives have been to save lives and we have been focusing on raising awareness among young people and the business community. I am running a series of



Sharing a joke with HRH The Prince of Wales.

lunches for the business community at College Hall in Hereford Cathedral, with speakers from both the partnership and the Institute of Advanced Motorists. Another benefit of these lunches is that it gives people from a wide cross-section of the county the opportunity to meet and talk to each other. The first lunch was held in May and we were incredibly lucky to be bathed in sunshine while guests enjoyed drinks before lunch on the Dean's lawn, looking onto the River Wye in the centre of Hereford. It was just perfect and we hope that the weather will be just as generous for the next few lunches.

While the formal aspect of the job is a matter of pride and has been hugely enjoyable, it is my contact with Herefordians from all aspects of life in the county which has been the most rewarding for me. I have been welcomed without exception wherever I have visited.

We have been very fortunate in the number of Royal visits to the county, which have included welcoming HRH The Princess Royal, HRH The Earl of Wessex and HRH Princess Alexandra.

In July I was invited to a dinner hosted by HRH The Prince of Wales at his Welsh home to promote the relationship between Hereford Cathedral and the Houston Museum of Natural Science in the United States. It has now been agreed that Hereford Cathedral's copy of the Magna Carta will be loaned to the museum for six months from early next year, which will be a wonderful way to promote tourism further in this beautiful county.

I am greatly looking forward to the next six months. □

Bob Tabor

High Sheriff of Herefordshire 2013-14



Signing my Declaration at the Shirehall in Hereford.