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From the Editor



I RECEIVE so many varied contributions to *The High Sheriff* and I know I speak for Council in saying how grateful we are to their

authors. There is a wide spectrum of activities within the Shrieval remit and this issue is no exception in identifying new directions, but all with a broad theme of benefiting one's neighbour and helping young people to achieve a foothold on the ladder of a worthwhile life; police cadets are a good example of this, frequently mentioned as a force for good within their counties. High Sheriffs are using garden parties and other social occasions increasingly to promote causes for the betterment of their communities, an effective means of showcasing the sort of initiatives which reach National Crimebeat.

Some High Sheriffs are taking the advice to hit the ground running very literally – four articles mention punishing days running in aid of appropriately shrieval causes, and cycling, long-distance walks and even zorbing. Others may heed with relief the advice that High Sheriffs should not bind their successors, so running is not mandatory – but physical stamina does help one to master the year. High Sheriffs countrywide have played a part in arranging events to mark the centenary of Armistice Day 1918, with the memorable Battle's Over programme, beacons and 'Tommy' statues to remind us and inform rising generations of the sacrifices made a century ago (and sadly since then).

I should like to thank several counties which have not featured in the magazine recently for returning to the fold this winter. I am grateful to Council members reporting interestingly on their areas of responsibility, to the Queen's Remembrancer for her illuminating address to High Sheriffs in nomination, for a member's light-hearted look at Robin Hood, and for accounts of the

City of London Sheriffs' generosity. In particular I would highlight two contributors of special articles. As he did so compellingly at Burghley, Riaz Ravat emphasises that High Sheriffs 'carry an authority which cuts across divisions and boundaries', so essential to interfaith understanding. Anna Clark gives a harrowing yet optimistic account of the largely hidden crime of girls trafficked from abroad into prostitution.

The High Sheriff exists to interest, inform and I hope entertain, so do look for further articles and answers to questions on the Association's website (see 'Helpful Topics' listed on page 46). Together with Jayne Lewis, your magazine's Production Editor, and Kelly Sadler, the Association's Membership Administrator, I wish all members a Happy Christmas, serving High Sheriffs a momentous final three months in office and their successors a fulfilling year ahead.

Andrew Wells, Hon Editor, Kent 2005-06

From the Chairman



I HAVE twice been asked by High Sheriffs who served several years ago what the advantage was for them to stay as members of

the Association. It made me stop and think, but since attending Burghley, the Nomination Ceremony, and several regional meetings organised by the Association the answer has become clear. Your contribution enables High Sheriffs in nomination to have a brilliant start to their year; without the benefit of your very reasonable subscription we would not be able to finance these events, and the Shrievalty

would be much the poorer for this lack of support.

The question also made me consider what we could offer members, in addition to this excellent magazine, using the good name of your Association that might not be available elsewhere. I hope that we will be able to offer you and your spouses/partners the opportunity to attend one or two interesting events each year and Council will give further news of this in the New Year. If you have any suggestions for us to consider, by all means let us know.

We were sad to lose Juliet Westoll (Cumbria 2012) and Barbara Wilding (Mid Glamorgan 2011) from Council at the AGM this year. They have served the Association well and effectively, and their contributions to Council meetings will be much missed. However, we are glad that two new members have been elected: Amanda Parker (Lancashire 2015) and Tom Birch Reynardson (Oxfordshire 2015).

The High Sheriffs' Association Council would like, for the first time, to invite applications for new Council members for election in November 2019.

Council members serve for an initial term of three years and, in addition to attending Council meetings, are asked to oversee certain areas of interest to assist in the work of the Association. It is a satisfying responsibility, building on over 1,000 years of history to ensure that the Shrievalty evolves to maintain its relevance now and in the future. If you are interested please write to the Hon Secretary, James Williams. Continuing good wishes for those who are currently serving as High Sheriff. I expect that by now you are starting to consider how best to help your successor get off to a good start.

Hugh Tollemache, Chairman; Gloucestershire 2013-14



Diary 2019

of Forthcoming Events

MARCH 2019

High Sheriffs in nomination for 2019

Wednesday 13 March

The names of the High Sheriffs on the Roll for 2019 will be 'pricked' by Her Majesty The Queen at the meeting of the Privy Council to be held at Buckingham Palace.

National Crimebeat

Wednesday 13 March

The Awards Ceremony will take place at the Royal National Hotel, London. All projects to be entered must be endorsed by the High Sheriff and submitted by 16 January 2019. Judging will take place on 23 January 2019.

APRIL 2019

Meeting of the co-ordinators of the regional meetings

Tuesday 9 April

Meeting of co-ordinators of the regional meetings for High Sheriffs in nomination with members of the Council. The exact timings and venue will be given later to those attending. Please address any queries to Elizabeth Hunter by email: elizahunter1964@gmail.com.

JULY 2019

Seminar for High Sheriffs in nomination for the years 2020 and 2021

Friday 5 July

The 2019 Seminar for High Sheriffs in nomination will be held at Burghley House, Stamford, Lincolnshire, on Friday 5 July 2019. Details of the programme and speakers together with an application form will be sent in mid-May 2019 to all High Sheriffs in nomination for 2020 and 2021.

OCTOBER 2019

The Red Mass

Tuesday 1 October

The annual Roman Catholic Mass will be held at 9.30 am at Westminster Cathedral to celebrate the start of the legal year. Those High Sheriffs and High Sheriffs in Nomination who wish to process will be invited to coffee beforehand from 8.30am. There will be a ticket-only reception in the Throne Room after the Mass. To obtain tickets, contact Stephen Hart by email at: stephenhart@gmail.com.

The Ladies' Lunch

Early October 2019

The annual Ladies' Lunch will be held in London. When arranged, full details will be sent in May/June 2019 to those ladies who are in nomination.

NOVEMBER 2019

The Nomination of future High Sheriffs

Tuesday 12 November 2019 probably at 2.00 pm

The Ceremony of the Nomination of High Sheriffs will take place on Tuesday 12 November 2019 in Court 4 (the Lord Chief Justice's Court) at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL. At this ceremony the names of those nominated for the Office of High Sheriff for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022 will be read out in court. A tea party will take place afterward at a nearby venue.

The Secretary will be writing in September to all High Sheriffs in nomination for 2020 and for 2021 inviting them to attend. This event provides a good opportunity for those in nomination to meet each other. It may be possible for a few 2022 nominees to attend as well but space in court is limited. The Association will not know the names of the 2022 nominees so it will be up to such nominees or their proposers to contact the Secretary should they wish to attend.

48th Annual General Meeting and Luncheon

Wednesday 20 November

The Association's 48th AGM and luncheon will be held at Fishmongers' Hall, London. The agenda and papers for the AGM and an application form for the luncheon will be sent to all members of the Association in mid-September 2019.



The Chairman's Address

47th Annual General Meeting of the High Sheriffs' Association of England and Wales
21 November 2018 at Fishmongers' Hall, London

A VERY WARM welcome to you all, and thank you for coming to this the 47th AGM, some of you from a long distance. This year there is an even larger turnout than last, though perhaps the high numbers are not entirely here for the AGM, but also to hear the Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales, Lord Burnett, and to meet old friends. Talking of which, I am delighted to see so many faces of past High Sheriffs whom I have met over the last few years.

I am also very pleased that the Prime Warden of the Fishmongers' Company, David Robertson, will be joining us for lunch and saying a few words. I should also mention that the Prime Warden for 2020 will be David Jones, an Association Council member who is here today; as a result, we will be holding the AGM for the third year running at Fishmongers' Hall next year, which will be, again, a privilege.

It has been a very great pleasure to work with my fellow Council members during the past year, all of whom have put in a great deal of hard work throughout that time to great effect.

In April, I, together with our President and Secretary had a very useful meeting with the Under Sheriffs' Association in the London offices of their President. I believe that the role of the Under Sheriff should be more valued to allow more effective continuity between one High Sheriff and the next. We suggested that their Association encourage Under Sheriffs to join the High Sheriffs' Association without having to pay the initial membership cost, and to come to Burghley. Also, that Under Sheriffs should know before they take on the role, what is expected of them, and where possible should act as Deputy Under Sheriff for a year before they take office. This meeting will be an annual event.

Also in April, we had the highly successful National Crimebeat Awards at the Imperial Hotel in London – the venue so kindly given by Richard Walduck – in the presence of HRH the Duchess of Gloucester. The

finalists' entries were outstanding and Barbara Wilding will be saying more later in the meeting.

In May, the Sheriffs of the City of London generously entertained some 45 of the 55 serving High Sheriffs at the Old Bailey. It was an excellent occasion to get to understand the ancient role of the Sheriffs of the City, and to visit the courtroom where so many grisly cases were tried. It was also good timing for newly appointed High Sheriffs to meet one another, and we are told that this event may become an annual fixture. We are most grateful.

The Burghley seminar for those in nomination was very well organised by Sally Bowie. Excellent speakers in the morning were Sir Peter Gross, a Judge of the Court of Appeal, David Sheepshanks, the Chairman of UK Community Foundations, Richard Tilbrook, the Clerk of the Privy Council who presents the names of the nominees for pricking by Her Majesty, and Riaz Ravat, who talked inspiringly about Interfaith Understanding. Virginia Lloyd will be shadowing Sally in organising the Burghley seminar next year.

Burghley gave those in nomination, and their partners, a good indication of what is ahead of them. The seminar is followed by the nine regional meetings, which give a more personal view to those in nomination. Elizabeth Hunter oversees these, attends most of them, gives guidance to the coordinators, and reports back to Council. Elizabeth also chairs the Governance and Nomination Panel – an important safeguard for any well-run charity.

Last week many High Sheriffs in nomination and their families attended the ancient Nomination Ceremony at the Royal Courts of Justice, presided over by the Lord Chief Justice. The ease with which this event progressed, apart from a torrential rainstorm which started just as people arrived, belies the amount of work that David Jones put into the organisation of this and the excellent tea at St Clement Danes church nearby.

One of the tasks that Council dealt with this

year was the revision of the Guidance for County Nomination Panels. The changes made are not particularly dramatic, but with an eye to the future we felt it is very important that the guidance falls into the category of 'this is what we expect' rather than just guidance. Counties continue to ensure that the nomination process is transparent and that the panel represents a more diverse range of leading figures from the county. On a number of occasions recently problems have arisen which have been tricky for the Shrievalty to deal with and which have come to the attention of the Privy Council. I believe that the revised Guidance has been well received and will ensure that county panels understand the importance of these procedures.

The Ladies' lunch was well organised by Juliet Westoll and well attended. The Association is fortunate to have held the lunch at the Royal Thames Yacht Club for 13 years through the kind sponsorship of Jenny Tolhurst, a former Council member and the ladies' guest speaker.

It is over 10 years since the very helpful booklet *The Guide to the Office of High Sheriff* was produced, and much has changed since then. Martin Amlôt volunteered to take on the job of updating the guide some time ago without being told what a huge task this might be. I gather that it will be out before Christmas, and so available for those who have been nominated this year. Martin also deals with Regalia and is the Council's link with the Duchy of Lancaster counties. Andrew Wells continues to be editor of *The High Sheriff* magazine and is always happy to receive contributions from current as well as recent past High Sheriffs, so do feel free to submit articles. He has a fierce editor's pencil so don't be upset if some of your expertly worded prose is edited in order to fit it on to the page. We are grateful to him for producing a magazine of such quality twice a year.

The website is a key channel of information about the Shrievalty for the wider public. It needed updating, and we owe a debt of thanks to Amanda Parker, who was co-opted on to Council last year, for taking on this huge task. I should say that it is still work in progress, and only Council has seen the results so far. There is still a huge amount to do, but Amanda has never complained (yet) about the amount of time it has taken her when she has a busy enough life in Lancashire, as well as taking over as Chair of National Crimebeat, about which more later.

Affordability for High Sheriffs is a subject that can cause some division, but I strongly believe that we must address the perception 'out there' that you have to be stinking rich to be High Sheriff. I have asked that it be a regular item on the Council agenda. John Lee has taken time and care to write a paper on the subject and this will be presented to Council in January and I hope will appear on the website shortly afterwards.

It is so important that nominees do not feel that they must meet or exceed the spending of the previous High Sheriff, and very much can be achieved without diminishing the role.

Andrew Tuggey is using his experience to look at aspects of public relations. It is a difficult path to steer between the public saying 'we have never heard of a High Sheriff' and headlines in the Daily Express – 'High Sheriff caught speeding'.

Two members of Council are retiring – Juliet Westoll and Barbara Wilding – and our President will be saying a few words about them in a while. I would only like to say that Council meetings will be far less fun without them and I will miss you both. You have both been such an asset to the Shrievalty over the years.

Since taking over as Chairman from Jeremy Burton, who is here today, I have been extremely fortunate for the advice from three people in particular, who must not be overlooked:

Nigel Savory, our Treasurer, who speaks with great authority and wisdom at Council meetings. This year for the first time in many years, there has been more expense than income – a nightmare, perhaps, for any accountant. There have been a number of expenses that

“Burghley gave those in nomination, and their partners, a good indication of what is ahead of them.”

will not recur in future years and we continue to ensure that your subscriptions are being put to good use.

James Williams, our Secretary, who has been a tower of strength and a fund of information. Thank you, James, for all your help and advice which will be equally needed over the next year. Just to mention one aspect, your work in clarifying our responsibilities with GDPR was mammoth.

And our President, Julian Avery, whose quiet words of advice and gentle nudges are much appreciated by us all.

The AGM is all about last year, and it has been a busy year for Council; meetings have never been long enough to complete all that we had to do but I hope that we will have put a number of things to bed and will be able to take up some new challenges in the New Year.

Thank you all for continuing as valued members of the High Sheriffs' Association. You enable us to ensure that High Sheriffs now and in the future get off to the very best start to their year in office.



Hugh Tollemache,
Chairman; Gloucestershire 2013-14

RECENT EVENTS

AGM 2018

AGM 2018

James Williams MBE

Honorary Secretary of the High Sheriffs' Association

THE 47th Annual General Meeting of the Association took place again at Fishmongers' Hall in London on Wednesday 21 November 2018 with record numbers attending.

After a splendid lunch the guest speaker was the Lord Chief Justice, the Rt Hon Lord Burnett of Malden, the second ever youngest LCJ. He gave an excellent address and, in addition to a number of amusing anecdotes, talked in some depth about modernisation of the justice system. He said that he preferred the word 'modernization' to 'improvement' and explained why. The justice system was moving fast into digitalisation in the conduct of proceedings and other legal activities, saving time and money. It was a pleasure to hear what Lord Burnett had to say.



Council members John Lee, Andrew Wells, James Williams (Hon Sec), Tom Birch Reynardson, Amanda Parker, Julian Avery (President), Barbara Wilding, Hugh Tollemache (Chairman), Juliet Westoll, Nigel Savory, Sally Bowie, Elizabeth Hunter, Martin Amlot, David Jones



Rob James, Jayne James (Mid Glamorgan 2015), Nicola Wall, Jon Wall (Mid Glamorgan 2018), Eleanor Williams (West Glamorgan 2005), Edward Roberts (West Glamorgan 1991), Louise Fleet (West Glamorgan 2017)



Jennifer Gregson, Peter Gregson (Dorset 1998), Gordon Arthur (Leics 2015)

Below left to right:
Lord Burnett, Hugh Tollemache

Nicholas Hopkinson (Cheshire 2020), Lesley Hopkinson, Anthony Attard (Lancs 2018)

Patricia Attard, Alexis Redmond (Cheshire 2018), Prof Phil Redmond



Judith Child (Gwent 2008), Chris Khoo (Berks 2014), Naomi Khoo, John Child



RECENT EVENTS

AGM 2018



Left: Julian Avery, Lord Burnett, Rosie Tollemache, David Robertson (Prime Warden Fishmongers' Company)

Right: Tony Walker (Derbys 2020), Lord Cavendish (Cumbria 1978), Helen Walker



Left: Chris Loughran (W Midlands 2018), Clare Sawdon (Warwickshire 2018), Chris White, Evan Ellis, Kit Ellis (Gwynedd 2018)

Right: David Randolph (Wilts 1995), Jenny Truluck, Ashley Truluck (Wilts 2020)



Left: Barbara Fontaine, Ian Walter (Lincs 2018), Anna Clark

Below left: Martine Burton, Richard Jackson (W Yorks 2018), Linda Fenwick (N Yorks 2019), James Fenwick



Bottom row, left to right: John Lee (Devon 2013, Council), Robin Barlow (Devon 2012), Prof Robert Turner

Caroline Alexander, Elizabeth Kennedy (Surrey 2015), William Alexander (Kent 2015)

Michael Foster and Juliet Smith (East Sussex 2016 and 2015)



At the meeting before lunch, the Chairman the Hon Hugh Tollemache reported on the many activities with which Council had been involved during the year. A GDPR policy had been prepared and published; the Proclamation Paper had been updated; a far more detailed County Nomination Panels paper had been produced; the Guide was being extensively revised and brought up to date; and work was also being done to modernise the website. Amanda Parker, who was dealing with the website, was elected to Council (having been co-opted earlier in the year) and Tom Birch Reynardson was also elected as a new member to Council. Nigel Savory and James Williams were re-elected as the Honorary Treasurer and Secretary respectively. The Chairman thanked all on Council for the considerable work done by members. Barbara Wilding gave a report on the very special National Crimebeat event in April to mark its 20th anniversary. Juliet Westoll and Barbara Wilding retired from Council having served six-year terms and the Chairman thanked them for all they had done.

RECENT EVENTS

Nomination Ceremony

Nomination Ceremony and Tea Party 2018



Senior Master Fontaine with her staff Edward Boswell, Elaine Harbert, Alan Croft



Michael Kuo (W Midlands 2019), James Kuo, Jade Kuo, Wade Lyn (W Midlands 2020)



John Roberts, Sue Colman (Hampshire 2020), Mary Roberts



Julian Avery (E Sussex 2004, President), Quenelda Avery, Richard Tilbrook (Clerk to Privy Council), Senior Master Fontaine

David Jones DL

Greater London 2013-14; Council member

ON 12 November Court Four of the Royal Courts of Justice was filled with 216 people made up of 71 High Sheriffs in nomination, their guests and Council members to witness an ancient ceremony at which the names of incumbent and future High Sheriffs were read out by the Queen's Remembrancer, Senior Master Fontaine, and the Lord Chief Justice, Rt Hon the Lord Burnett of Maldon, accompanied by the President of the Queen's Bench Division, Rt Hon Sir Brian Leveson, Hon Mrs Justice Lang and Hon Mrs Justice Andrews.

“The record attendance (160 last year) showed High Sheriffs’ admiration of the judiciary.”

The record attendance (160 last year) showed High Sheriffs’ admiration of the judiciary. The Lord Chief Justice spoke of the particular appreciation the judiciary have of the Sheriffs and their work. We are most grateful to Michèle Souris in the Lord Chief Justice’s office and the officers of the Privy Council for their work in organising the event.

Afterwards all participants were given the useful opportunity to meet each other over a fittingly delicious tea at which the Chairman of the High Sheriffs’ Association and the Queen’s Remembrancer spoke about the shrieval year (in the 21st and 13th centuries respectively). In 2019 the event takes place on Tuesday 12 November.



Hugh Tollemache (Gloucestershire 2013, Chairman), Rosie Tollemache



Sarah Daniell, Mary-Clare Rodwell (Somerset 2020)



David Lewis, Helena Lewis (Dyfed 2019), Sally Goldstone (W Glamorgan 2019), Frances Iseman



Andrew Farncombe (Buckinghamshire 2020), Frederick Farncombe, Emilia Scibor-Kaminska, Jenefer Farncombe

Address by the Queen's Remembrancer, Senior Master Fontaine, to High Sheriffs in nomination for 2019, 2020 and 2021

IT IS very nice to see so many of you here to attend the nominations ceremony. The Lord Chief Justice has outlined in court today the origin of the ceremony and how it has travelled from the Court of Exchequer in Westminster Hall to the Royal Courts of Justice. I will try and give you some background about my particular role in relation to High Sheriffs.

My association with the High Sheriffs also stems from the reign of Henry II in 1154, when he created the role of King's Remembrancer as one of the judges of the Court of Exchequer, to protect his interests and ensure that the correct amounts were received for rents and fines and so forth. The Sheriffs were of course responsible for collecting the rents and taxes for their shires and paying them over to the King. The Court of Exchequer lasted for over 700 years, until it was abolished in the reign of Victoria in 1882. As a result the position of Queen's Remembrancer of the Court of Exchequer was given to the Senior Master of the then newly established Supreme Court, and became responsible for performing the remaining functions of the Court of Exchequer.



One of those important functions is of course to call for the names of the new Sheriffs for each county so that they can be approved by the monarch. That ceremony, as you have heard, established by at least 1316, was included in the Sheriffs' Act of 1887, which consolidated all the previous law relating to Sheriffs.

Important and enjoyable though that ceremony is, I have in addition a general role in relation to High Sheriffs, liaising with the Privy Council, with the High Sheriffs' Association and Under Sheriffs,

in terms of dealing with queries; and assisting with the practical difficulties that sometimes arise when having to interpret the requirements of a 19th-century statute to meet the circumstances of modern times. Somehow, we have managed so far, and without any applications for permission to appeal. I have also had the pleasure of attending many of the High Sheriffs' justice services in cathedrals and churches around the country, occasions that I always enjoy.

So, like most constitutional and legal matters in this country, which have grown up like Topsy, the procedure is unique and the law surrounding the office sometimes complicated, but underlying the ceremonial is the still flourishing role of the High Sheriffs of the 21st century.

In this year when we celebrate the centenary of women first getting the vote in this country, I would like to digress to pay tribute to the first female Sheriff. The first woman ever appointed to shrieval office was Dame Nicola de la Haye, who as the eldest of three daughters of Sir Richard de la Haye, inherited the office of Castellan of Lincoln Castle and was aged 66 and a widow when she was appointed Sheriff of Lincolnshire by King John



Hugh Cooper, Lynn Johansen (Under Sheriff of Greater London), David Jones (Greater London 2013, nominations event co-ordinator)



Nicholas Hopkinson (Cheshire 2020), Wendy Hopkinson, Oliver Hopkinson, Lesley Hopkinson, Maxwell Hopkinson



Steve Thomas (Clwyd 2021), Sally Thomas, Nicholas Robertson (Northamptonshire 2019), Georgina Robertson

RECENT EVENTS

Nomination Ceremony



Above, left to right:
Robert Allison, Jonathan Coles,
Eryl Williams (Gwynedd 2020)

Thomas Martin (East Riding of
Yorkshire 2016), Izzy Shepherdson,
Richard Shepherdson (East Riding
of Yorkshire 2021), Louise Martin

Teleri Jones, Susan Jones (Gwynedd 2019)



Henry Bettley, Lucy Bettley, James Bettley
(Essex 2019), Charlotte Bettley



Alastair Stewart, Sarah Stewart (Tyne and Wear 2020),
Lady Joicey (Northumberland 2019), Lord Joicey



Lynne Peate, David Peate (Powys 2019),
John Cottrell-Dormer



James Williams (Association Secretary),
John Lee (Dorset 2013, Council)

in 1216. After John's death in 1217, leaving a nine-year-old heir, Henry III, the country fell into chaos; rebel barons allied with French invaders under King Louis of France and laid siege to Lincoln Castle. Dame Nicola had lived in the castle all her life, and her knowledge of its secret gateways, passages, exits and entrances stood her in good stead when she withstood the siege which lasted from October 1217 to the following May. She knew of an exit which led to the cliffs on the north-west of the castle, unknown to the rebels and the French by which she was able to get messages out to appeal for munitions. She commanded troops who held out until relief arrived from the Earl of Pembroke, and the city was liberated, turning the

tide of war against the French. Dame Nicola's courage and determination to repel the King's enemies won her great admiration. So I hope that gives encouragement to all lady High Sheriffs as to what they can achieve!

To return to more serious matters; constitutionally, the High Sheriff is the equivalent of a Chief Executive Officer of the Crown in their county, and the Lord Chief Justice has outlined the main functions of your office. But the very real value of your role is the public service given in playing both active and supporting roles in assisting and encouraging public services such as the police, probation and prison authorities and the emergency services; and the very many and varied charities supported.

I know from personal experience of speaking to those involved in criminal justice – police officers, judges and prison governors, and those who run the charities that you sponsor – that the work and support of the High Sheriffs is hugely appreciated. Our society is all the better for the generous contribution you make of your time and resources.

Today is a good opportunity for you to meet up with other High Sheriffs and future High Sheriffs, to get information and exchange ideas, and meet the hard-working officers of your Association. I wish all the High Sheriffs in nomination the very best for your year in office and I look forward to many years of association with all High Sheriffs, past, present and future.

City Sheriffs entertain the Shire Reeves

ON 31 May some 45 of the High Sheriffs serving for 2018-19, together with the Association's officers, members of Council and their guests were warmly entertained by the Sheriffs of the City of London, Alderman and Sheriff Timothy Hailes and Sheriff Neil Redcliffe, at the Central Criminal Court, the Old Bailey, where they are responsible for the well-being and comfort of the judges.

The Sheriffs were supported by four past Lord Mayors and several judges who sit at the Old Bailey. Alderman Hailes and our Chairman Hugh Tollemache spoke, both hoping that the close relationship between the two Offices will go from strength to strength. A highlight was when Alderman Hailes showed guests Court 1 and explained its procedure.

Editor



Alderman and Sheriff Tim Hailes JP addresses High Sheriffs

South Wales High Sheriffs at the Old Bailey, London

On 2 August 2018 four South Wales High Sheriffs were invited to sit with His Honour Judge Nicholas Cooke QC in Criminal Court 1 of the Old Bailey. It was a truly unique and memorable experience which concluded with a lunch hosted by the Aldermanic Sheriff of the City of London, Tim Hailes JP.

The visit came about as a result of a casual discussion between the High Sheriff of Gwent, Sharon Linnard, and Judge Cooke. With a strong Welsh pedigree himself, Judge Cooke was happy to extend an invitation to sit with him to Sharon Linnard and the three High Sheriffs of South, Mid and West Glamorgan, Brian Lakin, Jon Wall and Henry Gilbert.

The case heard related to a murder and we had the opportunity to witness arguments from both sides. It was both impressive and reassuring to see justice in action.

At lunchtime the High Sheriffs were invited to stand in the dock to receive a welcoming address from the Sheriff of the City of London, Alderman Tim Hailes. It was somewhat eerie to be standing where

so many infamous people had stood. To the right was the tiled stairwell down to the jails – in sharp contrast to the splendour of the court room.

Among the famous trials held at the Old Bailey are those of Oscar Wilde, Dr Crippen, William Joyce ('Lord Haw Haw'), John Christie, Peter Sutcliffe ('Yorkshire Ripper') and the Krays – it is reported that just before sentencing, Ronnie Kray quipped to the judge: 'If I wasn't here, I could be having tea with Judy Garland.'

Lunch itself was a grand affair attended by all the sitting judges in their fine robes and wigs. Also in attendance were the High Sheriffs' consorts and representatives of the Company of Pikemen and Musketeers, a ceremonial bodyguard for the Lord Mayor of London.

Not to be overshadowed by the Pikemen and Musketeers, the Welsh contingent of High Sheriffs registered their presence at the grand piano with Jon Wall of Mid Glamorgan playing a few patriotic Welsh melodies!

Henry Gilbert

West Glamorgan 2018-19

Below, left to right:

Brian Lakin, High Sheriff of South Glamorgan; His Honour Judge Cooke QC; Sharon Linnard, High Sheriff of Gwent; His Honour Judge Hilliard QC, Recorder of London; Alderman and Sheriff Tim Hailes JP; Jon Wall, High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan; Henry Gilbert, High Sheriff of West Glamorgan



RECENT EVENTS

Burghley 2018

Burghley 2018

♦ Sally Bowie DL

Council member; Leicestershire 2013-14

WE WERE greeted with a beautiful July day at Burghley House for the seminar for High Sheriffs in nomination, which enabled us to enjoy the splendid surroundings and, of course, the rose garden where the pre-lunch reception was held.

Hugh Tollemache, Chairman of the High Sheriffs' Association, opened the seminar with a warm welcome to all the attendees. He hoped they would enjoy their day, stressing it was their day and that it would give them a useful introduction to their future role and enable them to get the most out of their year in office.



Andrew Tuggey (Gwent 2015, Council), Sally Bowie (Leics 2013, seminar organiser), David Sheepshanks (speaker)



Malcolm Le May, John Garbutt (Greater London 2020), Solangela Garbutt, Remony Millwater (Kent 2020)



Martin Jackson (Worcs 2020), Kathy Jackson, Diana Holloway, Edward Holloway (Worcs 2019), James Hervey-Bathurst (Herefordshire 2019)



Kevin Smyth (Under Sheriff, E Sussex), Tim Fooks (E Sussex 2020), Sarah Fooks



Nigel Smith, Robert Miles, Alison Smith (Leics 2020)



John Pickering (S Yorks 2019), Julie Pickering, Clive Lloyd

RECENT EVENTS

Burghley 2018



The morning programme started with Richard Tilbrook clerk of the Privy Council, who gave a very amusing and informative talk, bringing with him the bodkin with which the names of the High Sheriffs are picked by Her Majesty The Queen. David Sheepshanks followed with a passionate speech about the Community Foundations and their links with the Shrievalty and how they could complement each other. Riaz Ravat gave us some extremely helpful and useful information about interfaith understanding which he concluded by testing our knowledge of the faiths! The morning ended with a talk from the Right Honourable Lord Justice Gross who encouraged all attendees to get involved with the judiciary, sharing some amusing anecdotes along the way. His advice, as well as the breadth of his knowledge and experience, was interesting and very helpful.

We enjoyed an excellent lunch and had the opportunity to meet and talk to many High Sheriffs in nomination and others involved in the Shrievalty.

The afternoon session started with Barbara Wilding, Chair of National Crimebeat, giving us a concise report and clear guidance on how to find groups to put forward for awards during the year as High Sheriff. We also enjoyed hearing about this year's awards which celebrated 20 years of National Crimebeat and was attended by Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Gloucester.

The final speakers of the afternoon were the past High Sheriffs, Rupert Fordham, (Northamptonshire



Sally Goldstone (W Glamorgan 2018), Claire Clancy (Gwent 2019), Stephanie Catherall (Clwyd 2019)



Lord Justice Gross, Riaz Ravat (speakers)

Top row, left to right:
Wade Lyn
(W Midlands 2020),
Monica Coke

Isabel Graham
(S Glamorgan 2019),
Barbara Wilding
(Council) and Amanda
Parker (Council)
checking ladies' hats

Hugh Tollemache
(Chairman), George
Streatfeild (Dorset
2020), Amanda
Streatfeild

“We enjoyed an excellent lunch and had the opportunity to meet and talk to many High Sheriffs in nomination.”



Davina Irwin-Clark (W Sussex 2019), Peter Irwin-Clark, Susan Colman (Hants 2020)



Bridget Biddell (Surrey 2019), Richard Smith, Remony Millwater (Kent 2020)



Rupert Fordham (Northants 2017), Robert Webb (Lancs 2017)

RECENT EVENTS

Burghley 2018



Above: The speakers:
Riaz Ravat, Lord Justice Gross, David Sheepshanks, Georgina Fordham, Julian Avery, Barbara Wilding, Hugh Tollemache, Richard Tilbrook, Rupert Fordham and Robert Webb

“We are most grateful to the Rock and Leatham families for making us feel so welcome.”

2017) and Robert Webb (Lancashire 2017), who both gave us some very practical and useful advice about entertaining and engaging with the judiciary, as well as advising on appropriate occasions at which to wear court dress. Rupert's wife, Georgina, also gave a very enthusiastic and insightful talk about her year as the wife of a High Sheriff, which she had clearly enjoyed, and was very encouraging about partners getting involved.

The afternoon finished with a question-and-answer session. We left more time for this session knowing how important it is for the attendees to ask questions after receiving so much information. There were some very important questions asked and the audience were still engaged at the end of a fruitful day for all.

We were so thrilled once again to hold the seminar in the historic and magnificent setting of Burghley and we are most grateful to the Rock and Leatham families for making us feel so welcome.

Below, left to right:
Geoff Underwood (Isle of Wight 2019), Mary-Clare Rodwell (Somerset 2020)

Jim Fotheringham, Tessa Wells, Marcia Reid Fotheringham (Cumbria 2019)

'Enjoying a warm day on the platform'
[Riaz Ravat, David Sheepshanks, Richard Tilbrook, Julian Avery, Hugh Tollemache]



Roz Eminson (Suffolk 2019), Tim Hancock, Violet Hancock (E Sussex 2019)



Robin Bowie, Riaz Ravat (speaker), Virginia Lloyd (W Yorks 2013, Council), Richard Tilbrook (speaker)



Tim Fooks (E Sussex 2020), Julian Avery (E Sussex 2004), Andrew Blackman (2020)



Judy Hine-Heycock, Gerald Hine-Heycock (Devon 2020), Johnnie Halliday (Somerset 2019)

Lady High Sheriffs' annual lunch

♦ Juliet Westoll MBE DL
Council Member; Cumbria 2012-13

IT IS 13 years since the first Lady High Sheriffs' lunch was held at the Royal Thames Yacht Club in Knightsbridge, London. Now a firm fixture in the diary for Lady High Sheriffs and those in nomination, it is always a happy and well-attended event. This year was no exception and 34 ladies sat down to a delicious lunch of sea bream and chocolate mousse in the wonderful dining room of the historic venue overlooking Hyde Park. The High Sheriffs' Association is very grateful to the club for its support over the years.

This year we were honoured to have our sponsor of the club as our guest speaker: Jennifer Tolhurst was High Sheriff of Essex in 2005, a High Sheriffs' Association Council member, and last year became Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Essex. Jenny gave the ladies a brief history of the club followed by an interesting account of her experiences as High Sheriff, of being made a Lord-Lieutenant and the importance of the close relationship between the two offices. Jennifer was thanked by Council member Barbara Wilding.



Left: Ladies' lunch 2018: Jenny Tolhurst, guest speaker (centre front) with Council members Barbara Wilding (L) and Juliet Westoll (R)

This was then followed by a lively question and answer session. Questions covered various subjects including the big problem of what to do with car keys when in court dress!

The ladies all seemed to have a good time and the feedback was that they had found it very helpful and enjoyable.

Council: goodbye and welcome



On retiring after six years as members of Council Barbara Wilding and Juliet Westoll show their presentation plates displaying the Association's coat of arms, with Julian Avery and Hugh Tollemache



Hugh Tollemache welcoming new Council members, Amanda Parker and Tom Birch Reynardson

National Crimebeat



◆ **Amanda Parker JP DL**

Chair, National Crimebeat; Lancashire 2015-16

AT THIS year's AGM we bid farewell to our Chair of Trustees, Barbara Wilding CBE QPM, after seven years at the helm. Barbara agreed to take the lead on National Crimebeat in 2013 and, during her time, has raised the profile of this amazing charity and succeeded in getting over two-thirds of our counties regularly nominating projects for our annual awards.

Key to the success was Barbara's ability to reach out to current High Sheriffs, inviting them to engage with National Crimebeat by identifying young people working in their counties to prevent crime. The number of counties involved has tripled in seven years. Barbara helped build a board of trustees comprising members from across the country with the skills needed to promote and deliver the aim of National Crimebeat – that is to encourage and recognise innovative and successful crime prevention projects carried out by young people. Organising sponsorship from national businesses and county organisations has enabled National Crimebeat to produce a magnificent awards ceremony each year, most recently with royalty and senior police representatives in attendance. The young people also enjoy a day out in London with a trip on the Big Bus and on the London Eye. We all owe thanks to Barbara for her drive and passion which has put this charity at the forefront of the High Sheriffs' Association.

As Barbara's successor it is my fortunate position to build on her tremendous work. We now have an extremely successful annual awards ceremony with young people travelling from all over England and Wales to present their projects to a wide audience. My ambition is for National Crimebeat to get all of our counties involved. Our young people are inspirational and the work they do is a glowing reflection of the modern-day High Sheriff's role. Let's showcase the work they do in your county and bring it to the public's attention, illustrating how the Office of High Sheriff is still very relevant in the 21st century.

If your county has entered in the past you will know what wonderful national recognition we provide for your projects, and how proud you and they are of their achievements. If you haven't entered before then don't miss out any longer! Let us see and acknowledge the work your young people are doing to combat crime. Enter now at www.national-crimebeat.org.uk. Every year we are amazed at the quality and dedication shown in the projects submitted, so please support your county and nominate someone today.

I'm excited to be leading our charity into the future and am very much looking forward to working with the remarkably dedicated team of volunteers who are our trustees. If you would like to be involved then please get in touch. We are always on the lookout for fresh ideas and new skills.

I await eagerly your project nominations and the celebration of your county's achievements at the awards ceremony.

Below: Breck Ambassadors, winners of adult-led category 2018



ENTRIES FOR THE NATIONAL CRIMEBEAT AWARDS 2019 ARE NOW OPEN!

Do you know of a young person or group of young people in your county working to prevent crime?

If so, please consider endorsing them for an award, it's simple.

How do I nominate someone?

There is a form on the National Crimebeat website, www.national-crimebeat.org.uk, and it is easy to complete. The young people have to be between 5 and 25 years old and the project must be endorsed by the county's High Sheriff.

There are two categories of award:

- Youth led, for groups where the idea for the project came from the young people who are then also responsible for running the project.
- Adult led, for groups where the project was developed by others (adults)

but where the young people have a significant role in the management and delivery of the project.

Where will I find these young people?

They could be working on a community cohesion programme in a school; involved with a Boys and Girls or Youth Club; part of a faith initiative; reacting positively to a family tragedy or being part of the Volunteer Police Cadets. Our projects come from all sectors and walks of life; you will find them everywhere in your county.

What happens if they are successful?

The group and supporters together with the county's High Sheriff are invited to the awards ceremony in London in March. This is a fabulous day out! Many

of the participants have never been to London and after the ceremony they are treated to lunch, a tour on a Big Bus and a trip on the London Eye.

What else do the young people get from the awards?

As part of the awards ceremony the groups have to present their projects, for ten minutes, to the audience. This is a formal presentation to over 100 people. A daunting task for many an adult; a lot of our groups are from disadvantaged backgrounds and will never have undertaken such an exercise before. This helps build their confidence and develop public speaking skills giving them a huge boost for later life.

Key dates:

Entries close: 16 January 2019
Finalists announced: 23 January 2019
Awards Ceremony: 13 March 2019

Sheriff of Nottingham: A misunderstood character!

✦ Henry Gilbert

High Sheriff of West Glamorgan 2018-19

How often are we asked: 'So, what is a High Sheriff?'

My answer usually starts off well with something like 'being The Queen's representative for law, order and justice'; but when still met with confused faces I sometimes find myself saying, 'Well, do you know about Robin Hood and the Sheriff of Nottingham?' I immediately regret this as it now associates me with what many see as an evil, bad-tempered despot whose sole objective is to rid himself of that man of virtue, Robin Hood, who stole from the rich to give to the poor!

Faced with this prejudiced and ill-informed opinion of medieval High Sheriffs, I have undertaken some extensive research and have come to the conclusion that my distant cousin, the Sheriff of Nottingham, is simply a misunderstood character.

I intend to re-write history and am currently preparing a treatise which shows that the Sheriff of Nottingham was in fact a good (and possibly over-efficient) public servant who had to operate under difficult

circumstances that were aggravated by that villainous Robin Hood!

Many historians dispute whether Robin Hood actually existed. They cannot agree when he might have lived – debating a time range of 150 years or more, between the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. Furthermore, the belief is that he was not even in Nottinghamshire, but Yorkshire – the Forest of Barnsdale near Sheffield, to be exact.

As a matter of convenience for this short article, let's just agree that if not an actual person, Robin Hood represented the collective 'outcast' from society at the time. He represented all the frustrations and feelings of oppression suffered by the general populace.

So, did the Sheriff of Nottingham actually exist? Technically, the answer is no.

The office of Sheriff of Nottingham was not created until 1449 by a charter of Henry VI to the borough; it still exists today as a City of Nottingham municipal appointment with a role to promote tourism and business. But there was a High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and the Royal Forests from 1068 until 1568; and within the

Royal Forests was Barnsdale in Yorkshire.

There are a number of High Sheriffs who could be Robin Hood's contemporary; however, none of these particularly fit the picture of Robin's antagonist. Again, just to make progress, apart from a few High Sheriffs demanded in section 50 of Magna Carta to be removed, most were generally good chaps!

Okay, some did collect more taxes than absolutely necessary, but given (as we know!) none of the expenses came from the public purse and, furthermore, they were expected to make up any shortfalls personally – inflicted by people like Robin Hood – we shouldn't be surprised that they sometimes collected a 'premium' to finance this public service, which today costs many millions of pounds to run!

Some High Sheriffs, desperate not to inflict harm to the poor, were particularly innovative and found other ways of financing their office. There are reports, for example, where they would kidnap mistresses of the clergy and hold them for ransom!

So, please don't think too badly of the (High) Sheriff of Nottingham; he's simply misunderstood!

The High Sheriff and Interfaith Understanding

✦ Riaz Ravat BEM DL

Deputy Director of St Philip's Centre, Leicester

IN JULY 2018, I had the pleasure of being invited to address High Sheriffs in nomination at the High Sheriffs' Association seminar at the scenic and historic Burghley House. My talk was designed to generate enthusiasm among those listening about the opportunities for High Sheriffs to broaden and deepen the appeal of the oldest royal appointment.

My talk was based on several years of encounters and examples involving myself when colleagues and friends have undertaken royal and civic appointments. The session provided real-life examples as to how future High Sheriffs might wish to prepare and position themselves when working within the interfaith arena, which can be amazingly uplifting but at times can also be rather challenging.

My presentation began with an ice-breaker – a 'quick quiz' of faith symbols to determine knowledge levels in relation to some of the many world religions and beliefs. Particular attention was drawn to some of the minority communities which delegates may not have heard of such as Bahá'í, Jain and Zoroastrian. Collectively, each forms part of the proud mosaic which makes up the United Kingdom. Many world faiths were born in territories much further afield yet the UK provides a safe sanctuary whereby citizens can freely practise their beliefs within a solid framework of human rights and dignity for all regardless of whether others follows a religious code or not.

There are many areas of the country that are home to various places of worship. However, my presentation stressed that there are numerous religious or belief communities which are not visible through buildings but instead may meet in homes or community centres. It is important for royal and indeed civic office holders to map out a wider variety of stakeholders.

The most likely types of engagement which a High Sheriff might be asked to undertake in this field include visiting



Riaz Ravat with young participants on a leadership programme run by St Philip's Centre

places of worship, attending celebrations and festivals, writing letters of support and awarding prizes and awards. However, there is no 'one size fits all' and so High Sheriffs would be advised to consider thoroughly each invitation before accepting in order to prevent any potential pitfalls.

One cannot underestimate the powerful impact made by the High Sheriff attending an event in the faith communities. The affirmation and encouragement given boosts confidence and contributes to promoting integration and unity. At the same time, a proud national office, with all its symbolism and tradition, would raise its profile and reach a section of society which includes many who simply will not be aware of such royal appointments.

I concluded with information about sources of support which included liaising with local Lieutenancy offices, local authority leads, interfaith bodies and the Inter Faith Network for the UK.

In summary, High Sheriffs were enjoined that, as the UK becomes increasingly diverse – whether in communities, on television or in the public square – as servants of the Crown they are duty-bound to ensure that our traditions, which form part of the historical stability we have enjoyed for

centuries, connect to every citizen in the land. Whether one is a High Sheriff, Lord-Lieutenant or civic representative, these offices form part of the identity of the nation and carry an authority which cuts across divisions and boundaries.



The former Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Williams of Oystermouth, presenting the British Community Honours Award in 2013
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Riaz Ravat talks at the UNESCO sponsored International Interfaith Conference in Paris, September 2018

Photo: Northcliffe Media Ltd

BRIDGEfriends, Grimsby: Helping raise awareness of the plight of sex workers and abused women in Grimsby

Anna Clark

Wife of Andrew Clark DL, High Sheriff of Lincolnshire 2017-18

I FIRST came across the remarkable women who started BRIDGEfriends at the High Sheriff's Awards ceremony at Lincoln Castle in February 2017. Our then High Sheriff, Jill Hughes, had spent time with the team leader, Sue Jewitt, and learnt of the remarkable work which she and her band of female volunteers carry out, often in the dark of the night, through the back streets of the docklands of Grimsby.

I was very taken with the story of the work they do and spent the ensuing tea party talking with two of the team members who had travelled to Lincoln to receive the award.

Having expressed an interest in what they do, I was asked if I would like to come to their office in Grimsby to find out more. The charity is also supported by the Tribune Trust which funds the rent of their office space at The Hub, a business centre offering small offices in the deprived area of Freeman Street. My husband, Andrew Clark, who was by now the current High Sheriff of Lincolnshire, was due to visit them to hand over the cheque from the Tribune Trust so I duly accompanied him. Sue then asked me if I would like to come out one night to help on their Outreach Van; an invitation which I willingly accepted.

I drove to meet the other three volunteers, including Sue and Jo whom I had met in Lincoln. We went in convoy to a secure car park to leave our cars then boarded their van, loaded with hot drinks, sandwiches and spare warm clothing for the girls and headed off until we came across one or two of the girls. Sue and Jo have built up a rapport with most of the girls who work the streets and thus are able to see if someone is not around or a new girl is out there. We met one such girl striding out in red leggings, staggering heels and fully made up. When we pulled up to offer her a hot drink and help she

came over to talk and we discovered that she had come from Romania and had been brought over from Hull by the guy who had accompanied her from her home country – really with no idea of what lay ahead for her. Another woman had been injecting her own daughter with a drug to make her go out on the streets to earn them more money. Most of the women we met and gave sustenance to were very undernourished, had broken, black teeth and wore very poor, thin clothing; the date was ten days before Christmas so the air was extremely cold. We drove around offering support and something warm to those we met between the hours of 7.00pm and 11.00pm which is when most of the girls are out there; I found the whole experience to be quite shocking and a real awakening.

On the strength of this I determined to spread the word to my friends and do what I could to raise funds and support for BRIDGEfriends.

With the help of a talented chef friend of mine I organised a Ladies' Lunch with a presentation from Sue and one of the girls whom they have helped out, who has been in prison twice – a reformed drug addict with a history of neglect and abuse. This special lady has now turned her life around and is helping those who are still struggling with all that drug addiction and prostitution holds over them. There



Anna and Andrew Clark

were some tears in the audience but the upshot was beyond expectations and we raised just under £4,000. I have since learnt that this money has gone to instate Jo as a co-ordinator one day a week on a salary. Sue tells me that this has made a huge difference to the consistency of the service they offer to the girls who come to The Hub for counselling because they always see Jo rather than a random volunteer.

I still meet with Sue and Jo to gather updates on all that they are doing and to help in any way I can; today's good news being that they were about to take another girl to rehab in Scunthorpe – another ray of hope!

Below: Andrew Clark, High Sheriff of Lincolnshire, presenting a cheque from the Tribune Trust to Sue Jewitt and Jo Smith of BRIDGEfriends





Growing success in the community

IN THE run-up to taking on the role of High Sheriff the conferences at Burghley House helped prepare me to expect the unexpected. It was still a slight surprise, however, to receive an invitation to open a horticultural show in Slough. As it turned out, it was one of the more interesting and rewarding occasions of my year to date.

This was to be the first horticultural show in Slough for 30 years. Moreover, it was the 80th anniversary of Slough being granted its first Royal Charter when it became a municipal borough. I was asked to unveil a plaque, together with the Mayor of Slough Cllr Harmohinderpal Singh Sohal, to commemorate both the charter of 1938 and also this year's horticultural show. When the charter had first been granted to Slough it was in the County of Buckinghamshire and the Lord-Lieutenant of that county at the time was Lord Cottesloe and so his name was also recorded. The plaque stands in Lascelles Park beneath two splendid oak trees planted by Lord Cottesloe 80 years ago. Slough was transferred to Berkshire in the 1974 local government reorganisation.

The anniversaries for 2018 did not stop there. A guard of honour was provided by 153 Squadron RAF cadets to mark the 100th anniversary of the RAF. Moreover, it was the 80th anniversary of the first Hurricane being produced by Hawker at Langley Airfield in Slough.

The plaque was duly unveiled and I formally announced the horticultural show to be open. Walking round the showground it was apparent that a large number of volunteers had devoted considerable time to preparing for the 'big day'. I believe it is a key part of the High Sheriff's role to thank volunteers and so there was plenty of opportunity to carry out this important function here. There were impressive entries for flower and vegetable competitions as well as a range of art prizes which celebrated the community in Slough. Local community choirs performed in the main arena along with local dance groups and drummers – all with wonderful energy and enthusiasm.

When speaking to some council staff who were supporting the event, I was very interested to discover that the parks and gardens department actively employs ex-offenders – one of the main themes for my year. So, I was able to arrange to meet their probation service and the team that successfully employs ex-offenders in Slough's parks and gardens. This was a very helpful link for me.

Above all, there was a huge amount of pride in the event as a community occasion and everyone was rightly proud of the broad range of people who attended and who represented the diversity of modern Slough.

Above: The Mayor of Slough and the High Sheriff with Air Cadets

Afterwards I was told that 'your presence really helped to make the day'. It was an occasion in which my wife Joanna and I were certainly proud and honoured to participate. I hope that before the end of my year I may receive more such unexpected invitations and I would encourage future High Sheriffs to look out for and positively embrace any such invitations that may come their way – they can be rich and life-affirming experiences.

♦♦ Graham Barker

High Sheriff of the Royal County of Berkshire 2018-19





Diverse yet inclusive

THE INDUCTION process for High Sheriffs of the County and City of Bristol gets under way as soon as the appointment is in the public domain. The now established process is that the High Sheriff in office arranges a quarterly meeting with the two previous Sheriffs, the two in nomination, and the Under Sheriff. At these invaluable sessions the Sheriff presents the diary to date and other current issues are tabled. Consequently, those in waiting have some idea of what is to come in the first months and time to prepare how personal interests and passions might be planned around expected events.

A benefit of being a city High Sheriff is the access to immediate networks and events. During the lead-in it was helpful for me to establish close contacts with my counterparts in Somerset and Wiltshire as well as the Lord-Lieutenant and Lord Mayor.

As an established ambassador for Bristol as England's first UNESCO Learning City my personal campaigns – to promote social mobility in disadvantaged young people and to see that these young people have access to sports clubs to aid their development – could flourish. A surprise was that, when looking for support from agencies, associations, businesses and sporting bodies, saying you are the High Sheriff carries influence alongside responsibility. Respect though has to be earned! I am proud that through pulling agencies together we have taken some steps to reduce the number of children going hungry during school holidays. The Bristol Sheriff's Fund – raised through a major concert and appeals – is delivered through Bristol Youth Community Action and provides holiday activities for disadvantaged children in the arts, music and sport, and a camp in the countryside.

A highlight for my wife Mary and me was to fill Bristol Cathedral with a high-profile concert reflecting our Celtic (Cornish and Welsh) heritages. The headline act, the internationally acclaimed harpist Catrin Finch, excelled in her performance as did a local children's choir from underprivileged areas singing

Cornish folk songs with the well-known folk singer Steve Knightley. Follow-up primary school assemblies to thank the children provoked interesting questions about any age qualification to become a Sheriff and use of the sword!

Attending the Old Bailey gathering hosted by the London Sheriffs allowed me to meet City of London Sheriff Alderman Timothy Haines, a proud Bristolian, and then later to attend the award of his honorary degree in Bristol Cathedral. An out-of-county visit to Wiltshire saw that county's High Sheriff Nicky Albery addressing her guests from the footplate of a steam engine in a Swindon museum. Hosting and welcoming High Court Judges has led to stimulating conversations often well beyond legal matters. Invitations to high-profile military events at spectacular venues including the SS *Great Britain* seemed to occur with wonderful sunsets.



The colourful Jamaican Independence anniversary event; Gloucestershire Cricket Club hosting forty children from inner-city St Paul's at a T20 match; running a session for a youth group in challenging Knowle West on raising aspirations; seeing that an inner city adventure playground has supportive governance and a fence to keep out drug dealers and addicts – all these initiatives will long remain in the memory in this diverse and inclusive city.

♦ Roger Opie DL

High Sheriff of the City of Bristol 2018-19

Clockwise from below:

Roger Opie with staff and volunteers at the Felix Road adventure playground in Easton, Bristol

Roger Opie DL welcomes guests to his Gala Charity Concert in Bristol Cathedral in aid of the High Sheriff's Fund to provide holiday activities for disadvantaged children

With Bristol's Lord Mayor supporting Alderman Timothy Hailes at his honorary degree ceremony

Celebrating Jamaican Independence Day





A very family affair

AND SO the year began. Just a few days after the pricking ceremony, I made my Declaration as High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire in the Guildhall at Cambridge. The Resident Judge and Honorary Recorder of Cambridge and Peterborough gave a witty address, and a convivial lunch was enjoyed by our 100 or so guests, including the Bishop of Ely and the Chief Constable. After years of planning and anticipation, the sword of justice was mine!

My wife Lily Bacon is a Deputy Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, and we decided to undertake this year together wherever possible, very much as a team. It has in fact, been a family affair since we have two boys Raphael (12) and Gabriel (7), who are now quite good at sitting patiently through speeches, parades and church services as well as some rather more fun and exciting things. They have their moments though, and we have caught them toasting marshmallows on the shrieval sword.

Fundraising and charitable support is very much a feature of our year. We have nominated two charities to benefit, East Anglia's Children's Hospices, of which Lily is a trustee, and the Cambridgeshire Community Foundation, which supports community projects and young volunteers throughout the county. We were off to a flying start – within 48 hours of my taking office we had quite a chunk in the bag from raffles and prize draws at the region's two annual business dinners.

Rather more challenging, and better for the waistline, we've abseiled down various buildings, including Peterborough Cathedral on its 900th anniversary. And over the August bank holiday, we cycled from Peterborough to Cambridge, some 40 or so miles, with 30 or so of our friends. Lily and I did this on tandems, with our boys on the back. Not sure how much pedalling they actually did! Cambridgeshire is the flattest county in the country, less than 150m from the highest to the lowest point (which is actually below sea level), but nevertheless our route included the only 10 per cent gradient hill in the county, which came as quite a shock. Trust our luck!

In September, we ran the Chariots of Fire Race, the country's largest relay race with some 2,000 competitors. Held each year around the historic centre of Cambridge and the colleges, this year we entered three teams; 'The High Sheriff's Posse', 'Lily's Fair Maids' and 'Robin Hood's Merry Folk'. It was a memorable day, and we arranged for a celebrity starter in the form of Tom James, double Olympic gold medal winner and World Champion rower, himself a former member of the university. With other fundraisers planned, we are well on target for an ambitious total, which we will distribute at a gala event just before the year ends in March.

It was a great pleasure for Lily and me to host a summer party in the beautiful grounds of Fitzwilliam College, where I



With the boys at our summer shrieval fête, just about to cut two cakes fabulously decorated with the High Sheriffs' Association badge and our family coat of arms



Lily and I represent HM The Queen in at the University of Cambridge Honorary Degree Ceremony, with Chancellor Lord Sainsbury of Turville and Vice-Chancellor Professor Stephen Toope

read mathematics as an undergraduate. Our 500 guests from across the county enjoyed a 'Shrieval Summer Fête', complete with jazz, bunting, Pimm's, strawberries and cream, and that most traditional of entertainments, Morris dancing! It just happened to be the hottest day of the year, in one of the hottest years on record. What a time to be a High Sheriff in court dress, but I have nevertheless enjoyed wearing this and have done so at every opportunity!

I'm often asked what the highlight is so far. This is a really difficult question to answer, since it has been a genuine privilege to be involved in so many things, great and small, across the whole county, particularly where we have had chance to support the work of so many volunteers, and to simply thank them for their tireless efforts. However, if pressed, since both Lily and I are members of the University of Cambridge and Fellows of Colleges, it was particularly special to both be on official duty at the Honorary Degree Ceremony in June, and of course as a Deputy Lieutenant on duty, Lily had precedence. Now where's the protocol handbook...?



Lily and I with our three teams after taking part in the Chariots of Fire Relay Race

♦♦ Dr Andrew Harter CBE
High Sheriff of Cambridgeshire 2018-19



Getting creative to help young people

I AM only halfway through my year, but what are my first impressions? I am amazed at how welcoming everyone is in the county across such a broad cross-section of people. It gives me a great chance to explore the county and see beautiful parts I did not know existed.

In many cases, this was my first real chance to grapple with the issues of local government, the emergency services and the voluntary sector. Austerity has sharpened people's minds to managing resources. Accommodation and the interrelated problem of homelessness are big issues in the South East.

The role has the great mixture of ceremonial and informal. Once in full shrieval regalia outside Chelmsford Cathedral, my wife and I were mistaken by a three-year-old for being 'Harry and Meghan', which caused much amusement. The contrast was being dressed down on the midnight patrol with the Street Pastors in Southend.

I have tended to focus on the preventative side of crime. It has been great fun seeing many of the voluntary organisations being creative with young people. One visit was to Lads Need Dads in Clacton, which provides male mentors for fatherless teenage boys. That evening focused on learning first aid, but much of the conversation was the normal interaction a father would have with a teenage son – football, music and school. There was a similar feel to a charity called Essex Youthbuild, which provides construction skills for youngsters who are more suited to vocational rather



Award-winners from Thurrock East on a Respect programme run by Essex Boys and Girls Clubs

than academic training. The benefit of an outward bound course was clear on a Respect programme run by Essex Boys and Girls Clubs. The three-month course ended with a week scaling peaks in the Lake District. The enjoyment and confidence which the team had gained was clear – and there was no mobile phone signal in the Lake District!

One of my most interesting visits was to the British Red Cross refugee and

asylum seeker drop-in centre at Tilbury. The refugees receive no government money and rely on the Red Cross. A single man will receive £10 and a food parcel for a week.

In terms of initiatives we are using the panel that judges the High Sheriffs' Awards to help come up with nominations for the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. There is also a very successful fireman's training course called Firebreak which could be used further afield. Firebreak courses have been used for disadvantaged youngsters, people with mental health problems, and even in prison.

I was asked at a meeting with members of a district council, 'What is the purpose of the meeting?' Good question. The High Sheriff has a near unique role to network with some of the key people in a county. Some of the issues in one area are addressed differently in another. The ability to help open doors and build bridges is useful in a society where people have little time to think outside their own narrow area.

♦♦ **Bryan Burrough**
High Sheriff of Essex 2018-19



Below left: At the British Red Cross refugee and asylum seeker drop-in centre at Tilbury

Below: At the Essex County Council cadet reception with Chairman, Cllr John Aldridge, Army Cadet Olivia Whittle and Vice Chairman, Cllr John Jowers Photo credit: Paul Starr Photographer



Above: Signing of the Roll and portrait hanging at the Assize Hall with Hon Mrs Justice Andrews DBE, Hon Mr Justice King, His Honour Judge Stockdale QC, the Lord Mayor of Manchester and borough mayors

What a difference innovation makes!



Right: Police cadets with the High Sheriff and consort Dr Tariq Shah outside the Police Museum

ON THE 12 April 2018, I was honoured and humbled to become High Sheriff of Greater Manchester. In my acceptance speech I shared my aspirations for the year ahead and announced that I would be setting up 'Team High Sheriff', a platform for engagement between my office and the youth of Greater Manchester.

My vision for Team High Sheriff is founded on the principle that 'young people matter' because when they are engaged appropriately, the contribution they make towards the betterment of society is exceptional.

This is illustrated by the more than 30 police cadets who accompanied me in the Great



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Manchester 10 km run on 20 May 2018. We raised more than £2,000 for three charities including the We Love Manchester Emergency Fund.

A core aspect of Team High Sheriff is to work in partnership with young people, having conversations with them about issues they really care about, such as looking after their physical health and mental wellbeing, their concerns about employment, housing, social inclusion, crime reduction, community cohesion and the lack of opportunities available to access education and vocational training.

I have also appointed Team High Sheriff ambassadors. They facilitate and co-lead conversation forums with young people that are specifically designed to upskill them in areas such as leadership, team building, communication and social skills.

Team High Sheriff was formally launched at Manchester City Football Club Etihad Stadium on 15 August with the support of the Vice Lord-Lieutenant, the Lord Mayor of Manchester, the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester and the Under Sheriff. More than 60 young people and organisations that support them attended and feedback has been excellent.

I have also established key networks with strategic partners in the business and voluntary sector to ensure that what young people learn in our conversation forums is translated into meaningful practice through work-based placements, funded apprenticeship schemes or voluntary work experience. UKFast in particular has supported me on this journey and their young apprentices have been instrumental in the design of the teamhighsheriff.com webpage.

Our next event will take place at UKFast on 15 November 2018. Five hundred young people will take part in a conversation forum about the mental health and wellbeing of our youth.

In addition to setting up Team High Sheriff, I have had the privilege of attending and supporting numerous voluntary sector organisations, award ceremonies and civic events, including the prestigious portrait hanging and signing of the roll at Manchester Crown Court. Team High Sheriff ambassadors supported this historical ceremony and enjoyed the spirit of the occasion immensely.

As High Sheriff I have been overwhelmed by the generosity of the people of Greater Manchester. They have welcomed my appointment and embraced Team High Sheriff in a manner that has helped to inspire, engage and bring together people of all ages and all backgrounds. And, if this wasn't enough, in August I was humbled to be nominated as one of 25 women in England to have statues made of them in a campaign called 'Put Her Forward' aimed at promoting the contribution that living women make



Left: At the unveiling of the 'Put Her Forward' statue

to society. On 2 September 2018, my 35 cm statue was unveiled in St Peter's Square, Manchester.

And so my journey continues and I eagerly look forward to the next six months of change, excitement and more innovation. I sincerely hope that my year will make a difference to the lived experience of young people. By showcasing and valuing their contribution as experts by experience, I hope they will feel that their involvement is acknowledged, valued and celebrated.

♦♦ **Dr Robina Shah MBE JP DL**
High Sheriff of Greater Manchester 2018-19

Below: Launch of Team High Sheriff – High Sheriff with Lord Mayor of Manchester Cllr June Hitchen, Chief Constable Ian Hopkins, Mayor's consort Cllr Carmine Grimshaw and Under Sheriff David Cam





Spreading the word

HAVING BEEN nominated for the role of High Sheriff of Gwynedd 2018-19, and attended training sessions at Burghley House, Llangoe Hall, and the Ladies' Lunch in London during the run-up, it was soon time to head for the Royal Courts of Justice and it was there, when my name (along with others) was read out, I realised this is it – WOW! Proud moment I can tell you.

I would be the third person to live at my home Llwyndyrus Farm, to be High Sheriff – the other two back in the 1400s – so no pressure!

From then on, it became real – arranging and choosing what to wear at my Declaration, the venue, whom to invite... the list goes on!

The story came out slowly that I was to be the High Sheriff and the question asked locally was 'what does it mean?'; 'What will you have to do?'; 'I thought it was for posh people'. In the training events, we were told to spread the word,

let more people know about the Shrievalty, and what it does, so this is what I tried to do. I was also advised that this would be a very special day in my life and to make the most of it.

On Palm Sunday 25 March, the sun appeared and shone after a very wet spell. My Declaration service was held in Welsh at my local church, filled with close family and my rural community (of which none I guess had ever been to a High Sheriff's Declaration before and were apprehensive on what to expect). I invited His Honour Judge Nic Parry to explain the role of the High Sheriff, which went down a treat in his able jocular way. This was followed by afternoon tea for 116 guests, prepared by my friends back at the farmhouse. I shall never forget the wonderful day, the cake, the poetry, the music, the keepsakes – it was second to my wedding day!

Two days later I took an elderly neighbour to see a doctor at the local hospital and on leaving, he

Rural Community Tea
at Llwyndyrus Farm
after my Declaration





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proudly announced to the doctor, 'She's the High Sheriff you know!' Hence we both had to sit down again and explain the role to him... spreading the word, eh?

My chosen charities are Crimebeat and Air Ambulance. I am walking 87 miles of the Snowdonia Quarryman's Trail – about halfway through now. I have met so many wonderful, hardworking, selfless people, it is so humbling. A few things I have done: HM The Queen's garden party at Buckingham Palace; the City of London Sheriffs' reception at the Old Bailey; I welcomed the Hon Mr Justice Francis, a Family High Court Judge to Caernarfon; I presented Court Awards for bravery to three people who intercepted an armed robbery; Mayors' Sundays; 'RAF 100' events; and parades.

I have had pleasure during August in joining the youngsters along with the county's PCSOs on Crimebeat events, e.g. litter picking and a great fun day Zorbing – great to be a child again! It is truly wonderful to see where the money raised for Crimebeat is spent.

❖ **Kathryn Griffiths Ellis**
High Sheriff of Gwynedd 2018-19



Lord-Lieutenant Edmund Bailey, Under Sheriff Gwilym Owen, Immediate Past High Sheriff Prof Sian Hope, the High Sheriff, High Sheriff's Chaplain Revd Lloyd Jones, His Honour Judge Parry, Alistair Langdon, JP



Sponsored walk of Snowdonia Quarryman's Trail: Gwilym Owen Under Sheriff, Osian Elis, Mrs Owen senior, Helen Owen, Bethan Parry, Harri Parry, Kathryn Griffiths Ellis, Evan Ellis



High Sheriff in the Zorb supported by PCSO, police cadet and Gwynedd Council sports trainers

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Leaving prison behind

I AM often asked what the difference is between the Lord-Lieutenant and the High Sheriff. The answer is that the Lord-Lieutenant is HM The Queen's representative in the county and the High Sheriff represents law and order; but in Hertfordshire, as in other counties, we work closely together and are often present at the same functions. I have been working closely too with the Hertfordshire Constabulary, giving out awards and raising awareness of some of the crime issues that we see in Hertfordshire.

I presented the HACRO Achievement Awards in May when 24 ex-offenders and those who have helped them were recognised for changing their lives to be crime-free. This takes a certain kind of determination and courage and it often means changing social circumstances and friendship groups. I visited HMP

The Mount – the only prison in Hertfordshire – for the 20th birthday of the children's play area, which is run by Community Development Action. CDA Herts provides opportunities for children to play with their fathers in a friendly environment and is a vital contribution to their chances of rehabilitation when their sentences end. I have been invited back to the prison by the chaplain to talk to some of the men about the issues of modern slavery and how prevalent it is in the county.

I have taken a particular interest in modern slavery and knife crime. Both of these problems have been getting plenty of coverage in the media but when it is happening in close proximity to



Above: The inaugural meeting of the Bishop's Stortford Police Cadets at Bishop's Stortford Fire Station with (seated) Detective Constable Rob Scott, Chief Constable Charlie Hall, High Sheriff, Cllr Colin Woodward and Commander Paul Redhead

Below left: High Sheriff with Yasmin Baltiwala, President of HACRO

Opposite page: High Sheriff and police cadet Paige Mangleshott

where you live, then it becomes a reality. Within a couple of months of my taking on the role, a High Court Judge tried a case at St Albans Crown Court. It took six weeks to complete the trial and five 14- and 15-year-old boys were found guilty of murder and given life sentences of 12 and 14 years. I sat with the judge on the bench at the Old Bailey for the sentencing. I found this very sobering and have been determined to explore groups in the county that give young people an opportunity to achieve outside school and hopefully prevent them from becoming part of the criminal justice system.

I was honoured to be present at the first meeting of the Bishop's Stortford Police Cadets in early September. It is the 11th cadet group to be established in the county and is supported by Chief Constable Charlie Hall and district councillor Colin Woodward. Cadets will learn about police procedures and will work alongside local officers to play a vital role in community events. I now have my own personal police cadet who attended a recent visit to Hertfordshire by HRH The Princess Royal and will carry my sword at the Justice Service in November at St Albans Cathedral.

Modern slavery is a problem that affects us all. It exists in car washes, hospitality, nail bars, and in the agricultural and construction businesses. In Hertfordshire, I have been supporting a modern anti-slavery partnership which is a multi-agency group made up of 15 agencies and charities, established in order to tackle this crime. My aim is to raise awareness of it and to encourage members of the public to spot the signs and report it to the police or to contact the Modern Slavery helpline.

Hertfordshire has its share of crime issues, mainly due to its proximity to London and a large population, but there are also many people who work hard to enable us to live our lives peacefully and I have been honoured to meet some of those individuals.

❖ **Suzy Harvey**

High Sheriff of Hertfordshire 2018-19





Lest we forget

IT HAS been a great honour to represent the people of Lancashire as their High Sheriff. So far, as I reach the halfway point, it has been six months full of experiences that I never would have encountered outside of this privileged position.

All Lancashire High Sheriffs are invited to hang their armorial bearings in Lancaster Castle, a tradition that is almost 1000 years old; a unique privilege that clearly highlights the position in an historical context. I experienced this great occasion on 27 April following a ceremony at Lancaster Priory attended by many friends, family and members of the Lancashire judiciary.

I was told at the onset of the year that I should 'make it my own'. Other High Sheriffs had created legacies from their time in office; it was now my turn to concentrate on the things that would allow me to make a difference.

This year is the centenary of the end of the Great War. I knew that there would be many events throughout the country to mark this moving occasion but I wanted to create something in Lancashire that would be a fitting memorial to the fallen and that would educate the young, lest we forget.

I read about the 'There but not there' (TBNT) charitable initiative in The Times in April and the concept really struck me as incredibly powerful. I contacted the Lord-Lieutenant of

Lancashire, Lord Shuttleworth, and asked if he thought it had the potential to be adopted across Lancashire as a focus for the commemorations. He agreed and the team from TBNT came up to Lancashire to see us. They confirmed that if we were to adopt the initiative we would be the first county to do so.

As High Sheriff I was able to create a committee of business and civic leaders to represent the Lieutenancy, business, the Church, the Army and the County Council to lead the initiative. The charity manufactures three types of 'Tommy' statues: one small Perspex free-standing item, a second head and shoulders Perspex silhouette that can be fixed to chairs or church pews, and another free-standing six-foot aluminium 'Tommy'.

Since we started promoting the concept we now have 'Tommies' in many public areas including Preston train station, Accrington Pals Church, Stonyhurst College, Blackburn Cathedral and Lancaster Castle. The message is gathering strength and will ensure that the whole county, even the more remote communities, can show their respect for the many who laid down their lives for our freedom.

With only one year to do as much as I could, I needed to hit the ground running. My great support team that have allowed me to do just that include my Under Sheriff



Photo: Archant

Above: The High Sheriff with a Tommy silhouette in St John's, the Accrington Pals Church

Below: The High Sheriff with his wife Patricia between two mounted Lancashire policemen before his shield-hanging ceremony at Lancaster Castle



David Cam, the previous High Sheriff Robert Webb, my able EA Karen Fairhurst and my wonderful wife Patricia. I have also been enthusiastically welcomed by all in the judiciary including our Honorary Recorder of Preston His Honour Judge Mark Brown, and our Chief Constable Andy Rhodes. They have made my judiciary duties much easier and facilitated a remarkable insight into our legal process.

Other important areas for the High Sheriff involve charitable and civic responsibilities and one activity that stands out for me so far is the unveiling of the statue of Sir Peter Hesketh Fleetwood. Sir Peter was the founder of Fleetwood and had a colourful life and was also High Sheriff of Lancashire in 1830, a hard act to follow like many other eminent High Sheriffs.

♦ **Tony Attard OBE DL**
High Sheriff of Lancashire 2018-19



The High Sheriff hanging his shield in Lancaster Castle with David Cam, Under Sheriff, Timothy Duke, Norroy and Ulster King of Arms and Revd Chris Newlands, High Sheriff's Chaplain

Photo: Jonty Wilde



May the forces be with you

I BEGAN my year on a glorious spring day taking the oath with family and friends and the usual dignitaries in our tiny village church followed by lunch at home. In Lincolnshire we call it the Turnover Ceremony which I understand may be unique. This I assume refers to the Turnover Declaration given by the outgoing High Sheriff. It has been uplifting, humbling and educational in equal respects.

Meeting so many diverse charities was a highlight and I never failed to be impressed by the many volunteers without whom so many aspects of life in our counties would not happen.

In Lincolnshire not surprisingly the RAF has featured prominently with many invitations. To be asked to take the salute at an Army Reservists' Passing Out Parade was an interesting experience to someone from a non-military family but we had a wonderful day at the Prince William of Gloucester Barracks at Grantham where I inspected the troops and gave a short address.

The Sovereign's reception at RAF Cranwell in June was followed by a

drive over the Lincolnshire Heath on a beautiful evening to my home in the north of the county before taking up my duty to act as returning officer for the Cleethorpes constituency. I was given a most detailed appraisal by North East Lincolnshire Council a month before, covering the organisation and statutory requirements of the election process.

Lincolnshire has two police forces, which include Humberside Police covering the north of the county, and my work with both forces was interesting and instructive. Attending their awards ceremonies highlighted some of the very dangerous and difficult situations they find themselves in. They also do great work with families with their early intervention teams.

I did significant work with the Tribune Trust which is organised by Humberside Police with the assistance of the High Sheriffs of Lincolnshire and the East Riding of Yorkshire. It is well supported and raises funds to help the more deprived communities within northern Lincolnshire and east Yorkshire.

I visited the two prisons in the county; I was most impressed with how well they were run and felt at ease during

my tour when I met and talked to some of the prisoners and had lunch with them. In December I was able to present awards given by the Hardman Trust at North Sea Camp open prison.

August provided me with an opportunity to hold my summer reception at home, conveniently the night before my daughter's 21st. A wide variety of civic, charity, police and judicial representatives attended. We were blessed again with good weather.

It was a great privilege to attend many services in Lincoln Cathedral where I also held my Harvest Supper. Two hundred and fifty people attended this dinner accompanied by the truly wonderful RAF Cadet Band. It was an opportunity to welcome many people who do not regularly visit the cathedral who were able to enjoy the splendid surroundings and the music.

I found my work with the courts and judges most interesting and stimulating. Everywhere I went I was courteously welcomed. I presented some 15 court awards, with the help of His Honour Judge Pini QC, at Lincoln Castle where I also held my High Sheriff's Awards presentation.

My legal service was held in Lincoln Cathedral where I was able to welcome the Honourable Mrs Justice Carr, fellow High Sheriffs and some nine judges, including Senior Master Fontaine, the Queen's Remembrancer, who has connections with Lincolnshire.

♦♦ **Andrew Clark DL**
High Sheriff of Lincolnshire 2017-18



Left: Court Award Lincoln with His Honour Judge Pini QC and recipient Claire Chrysostomou

Below: High Sheriff with (L-R) Hon Mrs Justice Carr DBE, Lord-Lieutenant Toby Dennis, Under Sheriff David Wood, in front of Circuit Judges and neighbouring High Sheriffs, and Senior Master Fontaine, Queen's Remembrancer (rear R)

Below right: With Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance RAF Waddington



Photo: Chris Vaughan Photography





Robin Hood's nemesis

ONE OF my first tasks as High Sheriff was to explain to friends and family that the High Sheriff of today has little in common with the notorious Sheriff of Robin Hood fame. Indeed, at my Declaration, which took place at Nottingham Contemporary Art Gallery, I went to some pains to stress that I intended to use a good part of my year to support and promote the voluntary sector and much less time chasing outlaws.

I have long been an admirer of Framework, a local charity which does amazing work supporting people affected by homelessness. Given also my professional background in housing development the cause, and specifically the charity, seemed a natural choice for my year's focus.

While High Sheriffs are well connected in their counties the status of the Office and associated networks create a uniquely wonderful opportunity to

build on and leverage those connections for the wider good.

Using my newly acquired status I have been able to contribute to the creation of a pioneering new partnership between Nottingham Forest Football Club and Framework. Under the partnership the club helps to raise awareness and much needed funds. It provides opportunities for entertaining existing and prospective donors and will shortly be hosting a gala dinner.

Wherever I go I meet such generosity. My preference was not to buy my court dress from new. It is quite expensive for one year in office! With the generous help of the High Sheriffs' network I swapped a case of good wine for a suit. For my lace accessories Nottingham Trent University, where I am a governor, offered to make them using archive designs from their library. In fact they made two sets. The duplicate I exchanged for a pair of court shoes sourced, via my good friend James Saunders Watson, High Sheriff of Northamptonshire, from Tricker's the famous Northamptonshire shoe manufacturer. It has been a pleasure to 'promote' these by wearing the products of two manufacturing traditions long associated with our respective counties.

Generosity was also a core theme at a ceremony I attended in June to mark the handover to the nation of a new £300m Defence and National Rehabilitation



High Sheriffs of Nottinghamshire and Northamptonshire inspecting their new lace jabots and cuffs



High Sheriff with (L) Michael Leng Deputy Chief Executive, Framework and (centre) Nicholas Randall QC, Chairman of Nottingham Forest FC



High Sheriff at HM The Queen's Birthday Service at Southwell Minster on 10 June with (front L-R) His Honour Judge Dickinson QC, Recorder of Nottingham, Hon Mr Justice Hildyard, Deborah Hutchinson, Under Sheriff; (back row) Their Honours Judge Hildyard QC, Judge Lea, Judge Rafferty QC, Judge Coe QC, Judge Sampson, Judge Shaun Smith QC, Judge Coupland

Centre at Stanford Hall Nottinghamshire. The centre was opened by HRH the Duke of Cambridge. The facility was the idea of the late 6th Duke of Westminster who led the fundraising appeal to build the centre.

Being High Sheriff is a great honour and privilege. I have already met some extraordinary people from all walks of life – from outreach workers to High Court Judges. I have entertained judges – always such good company – on a number of occasions, including a memorable lunch following the service at Southwell Minster to celebrate the HM The Queen's Official Birthday. The judges have reciprocated with return dinner invitations and opportunities to accompany them in court. My diary has never been so full.

Next week I attend the opening ceremony of a new visitor centre in Sherwood Forest. It is wonderfully ironic that, centuries after Robin Hood strode through the forest glade, the direct descendent, by appointment, of Robin's nemesis has set himself the task of supporting the homeless, the poor and disadvantaged.

◆ Nicholas Ebbs

High Sheriff of Nottinghamshire 2018-19



Promoting youth

THE 'dreaming spires' of Oxford somewhat belies the fact that 20 per cent of the school age population are below the child poverty line and 'county lines' drugs have led to an increase in child drug exploitation. I decided to dedicate my year to the 'youth' of Oxfordshire, especially in the most deprived areas.

I have focused attention on those youth organisations which promote leadership as it appears to me that these create the most transformational outcomes whether it's the various cadet organisations or multitude of other youth organisations. One of my first engagements was to swear in new police cadets in Oxford. I was delighted that 15 of the cadets attended the High Sheriff's garden party where they formed a guard of honour to the delight of the Chief Constable.

Through a fundraising challenge involving many local businesses I have secured over £150,000 of sponsorship that is partly being directed to a national sports charity, Access Sport, which runs a High Sheriff-funded programme in both Oxford and Manchester. This project promotes physical activity and exercise among teenagers in deprived communities to tackle endemic issues of obesity and diabetes. The project has already encouraged over 2,500 children to participate in a variety of local sports clubs and created 100 new coaches and 100



High Sheriff's Black Dog



Richard Venables (R) (Oxfordshire) with Kerry Darch (prison personal trainer), Professor Ruth Farwell (Buckinghamshire) and her husband Dr Martin Daniels at HMP Springhill parkrun

new volunteers to provide a sustainable platform for the future – at the same time transforming lives through sport.

Leading from the front, I also embarked on a personal challenge. It was literally a running start to the shrieval year as I completed the London Marathon in searing heat only two weeks after the swearing-in ceremony. I have since followed this up with several half marathons and triathlons, and in July I completed a 100km race along the length of the Ridgeway in 18 hours. In June I completed my 100th parkrun at HMP Springhill, where they had recently started this event which is organised by both prisoners and prison officers. I was also accompanied by the High Sheriff of Buckinghamshire but I won't disclose who won the shrieval race!

I have also become increasingly aware of the problems of mental health in our school-age population. I held a fundraising dinner with D'Overbroeck's School, Oxford, to purchase a SANE (a leading UK mental health charity) black dog named Sirius which is now

emblazoned with both the High Sheriff's coat of arms and the Shrievalty badge. This very elegant work of art comprises a four-foot-high stylised black dog and it will travel around every secondary school and places of higher education in the county to destigmatise mental health and offer advice to students and teachers with the help of volunteers from SANE.

I have also been supporting the 'Getting Court' initiative (The High Sheriff summer 2016, pp 14-15) where local school children are invited to the Crown Court every Thursday. This programme is fully booked for the year and provides a real insight into the consequences of breaking the law while also stimulating many to participate in the Mock Trials competitions.

After six months I feel I am fully into my stride and thoroughly enjoying the opportunities that the position of High Sheriff affords.

♦♦ **Richard Venables DL**
High Sheriff of Oxfordshire 2018-19



Celebrating outreach activities from universities and colleges

THE EXCELLENT seminar at Burghley House emphasised how helpful it is to identify a personal theme to provide focus for the year.

I was therefore delighted to agree with my predecessor, Robert Napier, that I would continue to focus on the number of permanent exclusions of pupils from schools across our county – a focus he began during his year. It is astonishing to learn that such exclusions occur not only at secondary level, but also in primary and even nursery schools. The destructive link between exclusion and future involvement with the police, courts and prison services is well known and, in addition to the many ruined lives, places considerable and long-lasting burdens on society. While the issue itself is highly complex, the powers of the High Sheriff to convene and connect have proved effective in highlighting this critical situation and also in promoting examples of best practice currently underway to address the many challenges.

Guidance from many willing professionals helpfully suggested two approaches to this sensitive matter. It is generally accepted that a focus on

appropriate intervention at the earliest possible opportunity will produce the greatest effect. Highlighting best practice in this area will therefore be the priority for the second half of my year as schools return from the summer break.

The other area of focus is on those young people already in secondary education who are struggling in their studies and are at serious risk of exclusion. This issue has occupied a large percentage of my time since assuming office, and I have been particularly impressed by the multitude of powerful outreach projects currently being undertaken by the dedicated academics, staff and students of our universities and colleges. These excellent initiatives target all disadvantaged young people within our community who face difficult challenges, and provide unique, inspirational and life-changing opportunities.

The High Sheriff's garden party offered the perfect opportunity for the institutions across Surrey to showcase their outreach and volunteering activities. The ten institutions all exhibited with great enthusiasm and impressed guests with the

impact of their substantial activities. The event was eagerly attended by over 200 representatives from support organisations, charities and schools who were all pleased to be able to use the evening to network together and identify further activities which would help maximise the effectiveness of this great work.

Each of the exhibitors received a High Sheriff's Award Certificate – many thanks to Kelly from the High Sheriffs' Association for her help – and I was joined by the Chairman of Surrey County Council, Peter Martin, in making the presentations. We were also supported throughout the entire event by representatives of the Surrey Volunteer Policy Cadets, and our university and college friends even provided the entertainment – superb dancing from Nishi (daughter of Meeta Joshi, Hindu Chaplain at the University of Surrey) and a brilliant acoustic performance from James Collins (student at the Academy of Contemporary Music).

♦ Roger Opie DL

High Sheriff of the City of Bristol 2018-19



Above left: The team from East Surrey College

Above: The team from Merrist Wood College

Left: The team from Royal Holloway, University of London

Above right: The team from the Academy of Contemporary Music

Right: The High Sheriff's garden party with Peter Martin, Chairman of Surrey County Council, and Police cadets and officers, including Sgt Graham Kerslake, Force Volunteer Cadet Co-ordinator, holding the certificate





Recipes for future success

SINCE MY Declaration as High Sheriff of Warwickshire on Maundy Thursday the time has flown by with great speed and a plethora of exciting opportunities and engagements.

From a Gurkha Remembrance Ceremony to Shakespeare Celebrations in the first few weeks of taking on this amazing role, the pace of the last six months has not slowed at all: civic services to school speech days, rolling up my sleeves and helping with cooking meals to attending Queen's Award Ceremonies are among many opportunities that have come my way.

My theme for the year has been raising the problem of domestic violence, not only for the victims but also for our communities. In Coventry and Warwickshire during 2017 there were over 1,700 Non-Molestation Orders issued by the courts to protect victims of abuse from violent partners or family members. I have spent time with the victims and the agencies whose aim is to protect them. Visiting a refuge is a humbling experience; seeing mums and their children in a safe place, but unable to have family members visit them for fear of being found is not what society needs. Their endurance and optimism is amazing and the staff do a remarkable job in supporting them – not so much work as a vocation to make difficult lives better. Because of my involvement I have been asked to speak at the Coventry and Warwickshire Family Law Conference in October.

Another of my priorities has been to support young people during the summer holidays by providing a hot meal and encouraging them to learn cooking skills for the future. I have been working with a charity called 'Young People First' which undertakes projects with youngsters in difficult areas and those who are leaving foster care and coming into the community, looking for work without the support of family members. We have been able to provide breakfast for youth club members thanks to local supermarkets providing me with trolley loads of basic foodstuffs and have run cooking sessions to help



On the steps of the Judges House following the Declaration: Tim Cox, Lord-Lieutenant of Warwickshire; Hon Mr Justice Saunders; the Revd Dr Vaughan Roberts, Chaplain to High Sheriff; Clare Sawdon JP; David Lodder, Under Sheriff; Mark Davies, outgoing High Sheriff; Revd Ian Gobey, retiring Chaplain; His Honour Judge Lockhart QC



Receiving a new mobile treatment centre for St John Ambulance from The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Warwickshire representative Philip Wills



Young People First Fun Day: David Skoppek CEO of Young People First; Clare Sawdon; Stephen Cross, Chair of Warwick District Council and young people enjoying the Fun Day

youngsters to learn to budget and feed themselves in a nutritious way, rather than resorting to fast food. It's amazing what you can do with a pound of mince, an onion and a tin of tomatoes, let alone a large potato! Youth workers often fill the gap, providing love, support and guidance which may be lacking in the lives of young people.

The position of High Sheriff is a role to be treasured; you make of it what you can, but the great thing is it opens so many doors and allows you the opportunity to make a difference in your county. I have found my year so far to be exciting and humbling, there are so many people within Warwickshire who serve their local communities without making a fuss, but it seems to mean so much to them when somebody in a special hat turns up and says thank you. I am so looking forward to the next six months and whatever it can bring. Thank you, Warwickshire, for giving me the privilege of serving you!

♣ **Clare Sawdon JP**
High Sheriff of Warwickshire 2018-19



Unity in diversity

Above: Before the Annual Justice Service in Birmingham with the Hon Mrs Justice Carr DBE, Senior Presiding Judge of the Midland Circuit

‘YOUR YEAR will fly by,’ they said. ‘You will learn so much about the county,’ they said. ‘Do it in your own style,’ they said. I am grateful to my predecessors as High Sheriff for the advice and guidance given in the period leading to my Declaration ceremony on Tuesday of Holy Week this year. As my fellow High Sheriffs will attest, not all the advice one receives before taking office is consistent and some of it reflects the styles and mores of a previous generation, but all is well intentioned and serves to help a new High Sheriff come to terms with the demands of the role.

One piece of helpful advice was to recognise the many ways in which the West Midlands differs from most other counties. We are a largely urban county with three cities (Coventry, Birmingham and Wolverhampton) and four boroughs (Dudley, Sandwell, Solihull and Walsall). We are a young

county, dating from 1974 and a highly diverse county with a rich variety of ethnicities and creeds. My motto for the year has been ‘unity in diversity’ with the aim of highlighting those characteristics we have in common rather than emphasising those that can be used to divide us. How fitting then that my very first appointment on the evening of my Declaration was to join members of the local Bangladeshi community in a refurbished cinema in Perry Barr, celebrating the 40th anniversary of the founding of their state.

The City of Coventry is an ancient one and, after suffering more than many with the challenges of the post-industrial economy, is enjoying something of a resurgence thanks to the hard work of its council, local companies and its many volunteers. It will be the City of Culture in 2021. I have enjoyed renewing my acquaintance with



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its iconic cathedrals and its ancient city guilds. Attending the annual Guild Service and dining in the ancient Guild Hall were particular pleasures, as was joining the Archbishop of Canterbury for lunch when he came to renew old acquaintances and mark the centenary of the Anglican diocese of Coventry.

In the north of the county, the boroughs of Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall, together with the City of Wolverhampton, lie at the heart of the Black Country, the cauldron of the Industrial Revolution. Each of these places has proud traditions and together they are rich in civic pride. Their strong support for the armed services was evident on Armed Forces Day when, over a single weekend, I attended events in all four places. A particular highlight was the Sunday afternoon spent at Himley Hall in Dudley when I had the great honour of meeting a 91-year-old veteran who was the only survivor from his fire-bombed tank at El Alamein. On a lighter note, wearing court dress this summer has been a particular challenge with the commanding officer at Himley Hall remarking to me after the formalities were over that 'you, Sir, are clearly the most unsuitably dressed today – an honour which generally falls to me!'

I've enjoyed many military occasions thus far and space prevents me from mentioning them all. Witnessing RAF Cosford being awarded the Freedom of the Borough of Dudley and of the City of Birmingham were memorable occasions, but the highlight would have to be the visit of HRH the Duke of Cambridge to unveil a statue of Major



Frank Foley, an intelligence officer who, during the Second World War, was responsible for saving the lives of more than 10,000 Jews. Perhaps as a mark of a true hero, little of his courageous exploits was known until after he passed away quietly in 1958 in his home town of Stourbridge. For those interested to know more about our humble hero, I commend Michael Smith's book *Frank Foley: the spy who saved 10,000 Jews*. Every day is a school day.

Above: With the Mayor of Dudley, Councillor Alan Taylor, after the unveiling of the statue of Major Frank Foley CMG by HRH the Duke of Cambridge

♣ Chris Loughran

High Sheriff of West Midlands 2018-19



Before the Annual Justice Service in Birmingham (L-R): Rt Revd David Urquhart KCMG (Bishop of Birmingham), Laura Hone, Jane Loughran, Clare Sawdon JP (Warwickshire), Nat Hone DL (Herefordshire), Chris Loughran, Beverley Lindsay OBE (Vice Lord-Lieutenant, West Midlands), Rt Revd Mgr Daniel McHugh (Chaplain to the High Sheriff, West Midlands), Jane Roberts and Cassian Roberts (Worcestershire)



Celebrating the 'Uncelebrated Journey'

AFTER YOU have agreed that your name can go forward as your county's nomination as a future High Sheriff, you have plenty of time to think about what you want to do and achieve during 'your year'.

As chair of Swindon Women's Aid, which provides refuge facilities and support for women and their children affected by domestic abuse (DA) in Swindon, I knew my focus would be on raising awareness of the impact DA has on victims and families in Wiltshire and planned to organise events that would raise funds to support the tremendous work of the charities and voluntary groups.

During my first six months, I have talked to Swindon Borough and Wiltshire Councils – both councillors and staff – about their work with victims, families and perpetrators. I've had great support from the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Chief Constable and his officers for whom DA is certainly a high priority. The MOD have recently published a DA strategy and Wiltshire's senior army officers have been very open on how they are dealing with incidents of DA within the army family.

I have visited charities providing support to victims and working with perpetrators; sat in court and listened to judges hear some horrendous



Right: Summer Party at STEAM (Museum of Great Western Railway): High Sheriff Nicky Alberry with David Waters from The Great Bustard Charity (Wiltshire's county bird)

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cases; visited my local prison Erlestoke to talk to the governor about some of his offenders; met the Crown Prosecution Service lead for DA; talked to probation and community rehabilitation staff about offender management; and met specialist support workers in mental health, drug and alcohol rehabilitation. It has been hectic, but I have been so impressed by the caring and professional approach shown by all of those I've met. It's clear to me that the money available to tackle DA is very stretched. This makes collaborative working a priority so I've chosen this as a focus for my DA Conference in January 2019. So far, I've managed to raise £20,000 from my summer party at STEAM and a dinner at Bowood House but we need much more.

Having worked in Swindon for many years, I also wanted to raise the profile of the performing arts in the town which has wonderful dance schools, a youth theatre company, many excellent choirs and singing groups, including a choral society and a full symphony orchestra.

So, a massive Swindon collaboration gave birth to 'Uncelebrated Journey' a truly unique event celebrating a combination of Swindon's performing arts, history and heritage. As our theme we chose key moments from the very moving life of the largely unknown and uncelebrated Swindon poet, Alfred Williams, who was known as 'The Hammerman Poet' due to his job in the Great Western Railway foundry.

Incredibly, 'Uncelebrated Journey' involved over 230 performers and featured five specially commissioned pieces of work shaped by Alfred's poems, with a spectacular finale sung by over 120 people.

This unique performance was a sell-out at the Wyvern Theatre, and a truly memorable and triumphant celebration of the wealth of artistic talent that symbolises the modern, vibrant, creative town that Swindon is today.

A quieter six months ahead? Perhaps, after the tandem sky-dive...

♣ Nicky Alberry DL

High Sheriff of Wiltshire 2018-19

Left: Fundraising dinner at Bowood House: Nicky Alberry with speaker Katie Ghose, Chief Executive Women's Aid Federation England and Olwen Kelly, Director Swindon Women's Aid

Below: Singers, musicians, actors and dancers in the 'Uncelebrated Journey' Photo credit: Calyx Picture & TV Agency



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R L Dean Esq Date of death: 09/10/2018 Age: 80 County: Gwent Year of office: 1998	Mrs A Kelaart OBE DL Date of death: 17/06/2018 Age: 73 County: Oxfordshire Year of office: 2004
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D M Jones Esq Date of death: 13/04/2018 Age: 81 County: South Glamorgan Year of office: 1998	A K Stewart-Roberts Esq 31/07/2018 Age: 87 County: East Sussex Year of office: 1993
	Evelyn, Mrs Ward-Thomas (Evelyn Anthony, author) Date of death: 25/09/2018 Age: 92 County: Essex Year of office: 1994

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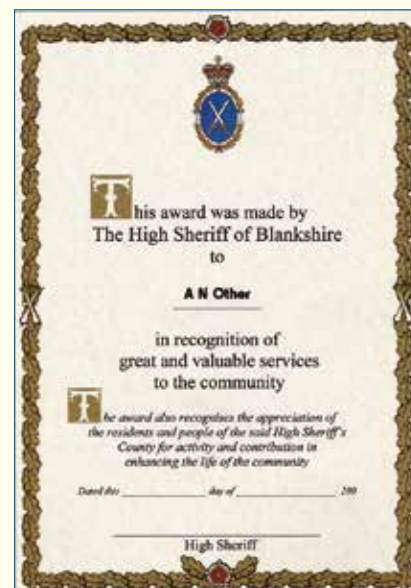
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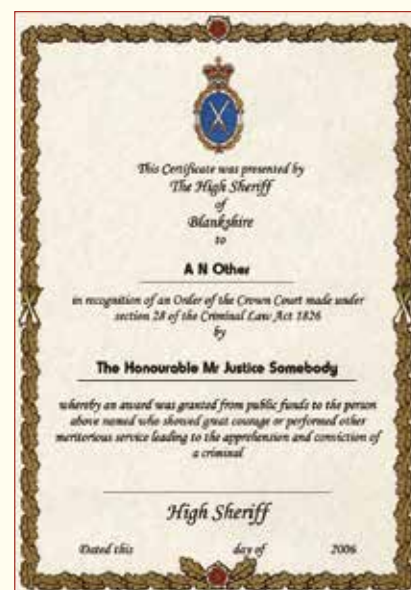
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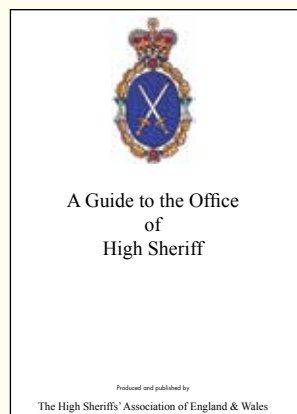
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