

County Council – 21st March 2023

Chair's Announcements

People

Former County Councillor Geoffrey Woollard

It is with regret that the Chair reports the recent death of former County Councillor Geoffrey Woollard, who represented the Newmarket No.1 and Burwell Divisions on behalf of the Conservative Party from 1974 to 1993. The Council's thoughts are with his family and friends at this very sad time.

Messages

Cambridgeshire Apprenticeship Awards

The Chair attended New Shire Hall alongside His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, Mrs Julie Spence and the Vice Chair of Cambridgeshire County Council, Councillor Sebastian Kindersley to celebrate apprenticeships within Cambridgeshire. Cambridgeshire County Council hosted the second Cambridgeshire Apprenticeship Awards to recognise, showcase and celebrate the commitment and achievements of individuals completing an apprenticeship and those supporting apprenticeships.

Magpas Air Ambulance Reception with Royal Patron Her Royal Highness (HRH) Princess Royal

On Friday, 10th February the Chair joined Magpas Air Ambulance staff, clinicians and former patients as they welcomed HRH The Princess Royal to the site of the charity's new base, to unveil a cornerstone for the new building. The new, purpose-built airbase and headquarters at Alconbury Weald will boast a dedicated state-of-the-art training centre to train the next generation of pre-hospital emergency doctors and paramedics; be equipped for 24/7 operations with well-being and rest facilities for crew and clinicians; and provide new community and patient facilities on site.

Huntingdon Pancake Flipathon

The Chair joined in with the annual Shrove Tuesday tradition with Huntingdon Town Council with the Mayors and Chairs of the county. This was a fun occasion joined by over 100 people filling the Market Square. After the 'Chain Gang' race, participants from the local community did a lap of the Market Square. This year over 80 students from Stukeley Meadows Primary School and Spring Common Academy joined in the fun, with other local groups and businesses also taking part.

Flag Raising for first Anniversary of the Invasion of Ukraine

The Chief Executive of Cambridgeshire County Council and the Chair stood in solidarity and raised the Ukrainian flag at New Shire Hall to mark the first anniversary of the invasion of Ukraine. It was a moving ceremony for all, and they had the pleasure to be joined by some Ukrainian families.

Flag Raising for Commonwealth

The Chair was an honoured to raise the Commonwealth flag at New Shire Hall. This marked the beginning of a week-long series of events and activities happening around the globe. The [theme for Commonwealth Day 2023](#) is 'Forging a sustainable and peaceful common future'.

Flag Raising for St Patrick's Day at New Shire Hall

On the 17th March the Chair had the joy of raising the St Patrick's Day flag at New Shire Hall. A national day of cultural celebration for St Patrick, patron saint of Ireland.

Visit to Comberton Village College

Comberton Village College have recently brought online its new £3m energy system. This was put in as part of the schools retrofit programme to encourage decarbonisation which Cambridgeshire County Council oversees. The Chair attended the event to mark this special occasion.