

Full house at the Town Meeting

A very well-attended Annual Town Meeting marked the start of a series of consultation and feedback sessions regarding the aims and objectives for Hungerford 2036 gathered thanks to last summer's survey.

For example, the Neighbourhood Plan will allow Hungerford voters to choose aspects of proposed developments in the form of a legally-binding referendum.

More details can be found at www.hungerford2036.info.

The meeting also saw a warm welcome for Hungerford's Youth Council, who'll be holding regular meetings at the Youth and Community Centre on Priory Road. It's early days yet, so watch this space...

And there was genuine heartfelt applause for the three winners of the Freedom of the Town: Ted Angell, Trustee and Handybus Co-ordinator for CHAIN schedules drivers and also takes his turn behind the wheel of the bus which he did so much to help acquire. But he doesn't just drive his passengers from door to door – he keeps a careful eye on them and if need be, collects their prescriptions and sorts out their shopping for them when they can't.



Chris Buck has been working hard for the community for over 30 years, now: whether organising the annual flower festival, setting up concerts at St Lawrence's and the Methodist Church, or keeping the choir at St Lawrence's all singing from the same hymnsheet in perfect harmony. And all while she's been providing the organ music for all kinds of services there and helping the church's ABC Toddler Group. And Peter Harries, previous Town Councillor and two-term Mayor who had so much to do with HM the Queen's use of the Rose of Hungerford when she opened the Kennet & Avon Canal in 1990. Presently he's a driver for CHAIN and also a Trustee for the Hungerford Library & Community Trust which, without his practical and administrative assistance, wouldn't be the success it is today.

Finally, a quick reminder: nominations for the 2019 Town Council elections close at 4:00 pm, Wednesday April 3rd. If you're interested in accepting the Council's invitation to put your name forward, you can find out more about how you can do so at www.westberks.gov.uk/elections2019.

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