

# Registrar and Seneschal of the Cinque Ports Honoured

Peter Sherred

Following the article in Issue no. 84 of the Newsletter (November 2015, pp. 32 - 36) it was a great pleasure to read of

the appointment of Ian Russell as a Member of The Royal Victorian Order (MVO) in the New Year's Honours List.



**A**DMIRAL BARON BOYCE Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath, Officer of the Order of the British Empire, Constable of Dover Castle, Lord Warden and Admiral of the Cinque Ports Two Antient Towns and their Members, Deputy Lieutenant of Greater London and Knight of Justice of the Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of Saint John of Jerusalem

To: IAN DAVID ARTHUR RUSSELL ESQUIRE MA MSocSc Solicitor

**W**HEREAS the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty by Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain hath given and granted to me the Office of Constable of Her Majesty's Castle of Dover with the appurtenances thereto belonging and also the Office of Warden and Keeper of Her Cinque Ports Two Antient Towns and their Members AND by the same Letters Patent hath also given and granted to me the Office of Admiralty within Her Cinque Ports Two Antient Towns and their Members aforesaid TOGETHER WITH full power and authority to make and depute all and singular Officers and Ministers to all and singular Offices to be exercised and occupied in the said Castle

**H**OW out of the good opinion I have of your ability fidelity discretion and industry I DO by force and virtue of the said Letters HEREBY CONSTITUTE and APPOINT you the said IAN DAVID ARTHUR RUSSELL ESQUIRE to be **REGISTRAR OF THE COURT OF CHANCERY AND ADMIRALTY OF THE CINQUE PORTS TWO ANTIENT TOWNS AND THEIR MEMBERS AND CLERK OF THE CASTLE OF DOVER** aforesaid in the room of Ian George Gill Esquire TO HAVE HOLD AND ENJOY the said places and offices during my pleasure together with all rights and privileges thereunto belonging in as full and ample manner as any other Registrar or Clerk has formerly enjoyed the same

**A**ND for so doing this shall be your WARRANT

**G**IVEN under my hand and seal this First day of November Two Thousand and Five:-



*Ian Russell Warrant of Appointment*

The Order is given by The Queen to those who have served her or the Monarchy in a personal way. It was founded in April 1896 by Queen Victoria as a way of rewarding personal service to her, on her own initiative rather than by ministerial recommendation and is entirely within The Queen's personal gift.

The Chapel of the Order is The Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, a 'Royal Peculiar' but as the number of members of The Order now exceed the available space in the Savoy Chapel, a service for those who have received awards is now held in St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle every four years, when members of the Royal Family who have themselves received the

award are present along with the many recipients, who include servants of The Queen who have served the Monarchy for many years.

In 2016 Ian will have served the Confederation of the Cinque Ports for 25 years, being appointed Registrar and Seneschal in 2005 by Admiral of the Fleet the Lord Boyce KG GCB OBE DL, the current Lord Warden, who succeeded Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother who Ian served as one of the Joint Solicitors to the Confederation alongside Ian Gill the former Registrar (and Town Clerk of Dover) who himself was appointed a Commander of the Royal Victorian Order.

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**Sheila Cope**

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We have a membership of 480 which now includes; Mr I & Mrs A Gisby, Mr C Blackburn & Ms J Sanders, Mr C & Mrs H Brown, Mr G & Mrs D Hutchison, Mrs S & Mr R Bradford, Mr M & Mrs J Baker, Mrs W Pollard, Mrs H Wouldham, Mr R Russell, Miss C White and Mr M Coulter. These new members are very welcome.

We send our condolences to his family and friends on the death of our founder member and first chairman Mr Jack Woolford and we also mourn Ms Pamela Taylor, Mrs Linda Leach, Mrs Cynthia Terry and erstwhile members Mrs Jean Tuckwell, Mrs Ursula Cork and Mrs Sylvia Dunford.