

St Edmundsbury Borough Council

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To: All Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to a Special Meeting of the Council to be held in the **Apex**, Charter Square, Bury St Edmunds on **Thursday, 15 May, 2014 at 1.30 p.m.**, for the conferment of the Honorary Freedom of the Borough upon Dr Elizabeth Ann Williams.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joy Bowes".

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Special Meeting of the St Edmundsbury Borough Council

15 May 2014
Apex, Charter Square, Bury St Edmunds

ASSEMBLY AND PROCESSIONAL PROCEDURE

ASSEMBLY

Members are requested to assemble at ***Moyses Hall Museum***, Cornhill, Bury St Edmunds **at 1.00 p.m.** Their ladies/gentlemen should take their seats in the Apex by not later than 1.15 p.m. Past Mayors'/Chairmen's Badges may be worn.

PROCESSION FROM THE MOYSE'S HALL MUSEUM TO THE APEX

At 1.10 p.m. all Members will be requested to start forming into processional order ***in Moyses Hall Museum***, with a view to the formed procession moving off at approximately 1.15 p.m.

PROCESSION INTO THE APEX

All stand

At 1.25 p.m. the Members of the Council will enter the Apex in procession, headed by the Sword and Mace Bearers; **they will stand** by their seats until the Sword and Maces have been placed in position and the meeting has been opened with Prayers by the Mayor's Chaplain.

PRAYERS

The Mayor will invite his Chaplain, the Reverend Canon Jonathan Alderton-Ford of Christ Church, Moreton Hall, Bury St Edmunds, to open the meeting with prayers.

The Mayor will then invite **all to sit and the public to remain seated for the remainder of the meeting.**

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AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence.**
- 2. Conferment of Honorary Freedom of the Borough**

That this Council, in recognition of the eminent services rendered by

Elizabeth Ann Williams, B.Sc., Ph.D., O.B.E.

of Church Cottage, Church Road, Chevington, Bury St Edmunds, distinguished Principal of West Suffolk College from 2002 – 2013, previously Lecturer and Vice-Principal there; and in appreciation of her outstanding contribution to education in the Borough through her work not only to raise the quality of the curriculum at the College, which thereby became in 2007 a Beacon College and in that year was also awarded the Training Quality Standard, but also to promote the well-being and achievement of students of all abilities; and

Further in recognition of the energy and vision she has shown in these roles to forge links between the College and the community, to the great benefit of students, employers and the local economy; together with her commitment to the expansion of West Suffolk College, culminating in the construction of the Gateway building, thereby securing the future of the College as part of University Campus Suffolk,

Do hereby, in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 and in acknowledgement of the services aforesaid, confer upon the said

Elizabeth Ann Williams, B.Sc., Ph.D., O.B.E.

The Honorary Freedom of the Borough of St Edmundsbury and **do hereby** admit her to be an Honorary Freeman of the Borough accordingly

Councillor J.H.M. Griffiths will move:-

That the Council confer upon Elizabeth Ann Williams of Church Cottage, Church Road, Chevington, Bury St Edmunds, the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of St Edmundsbury in the terms of the formal

motion set out in the Agenda, and the Mayor present an illuminated copy of the resolution to Elizabeth Ann Williams.

Councillor T. G. Marks will second the motion.

The Mayor will then put the motion to the vote, and upon its being declared carried will call upon the Honorary Freeman to make a declaration in the following terms:-

"I, **Elizabeth Ann Williams**, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will be good and true to our Sovereign Lady, **Queen Elizabeth the Second**, that I will be subject and obedient to all the good order and customs of this Borough and that I will be obedient to the office of Mayor of this Borough; that I will keep the Queen's Peace and shall know no Gatherings nor Conspiracies made against the Queen's Peace nor anything whereby this Borough or the Freedom thereof may be damnified, but shall disclose the same to the Mayor or the Magistrates of this Borough; and I do further declare that in all things I will conduct myself as a true and loyal Freeman ought to do."

The Mayor will then ask all Members of the Council to rise and will invite the Honorary Freeman to subscribe to the Roll of Honorary Freemen of the Borough.

The Mayor will then present an illuminated copy of the resolution to the Honorary Freeman.

Members of the Council and the Honorary Freeman will resume their seats and the Mayor will invite Elizabeth Ann Williams to acknowledge her admission.

The Mayor will then announce the conclusion of the formal business of the Council.

FLORAL PRESENTATIONS

All Members of the Council will stand.

The Mayor will announce a floral presentation to Dr Elizabeth Ann Williams.

RECESSION FROM THE APEX

The Sword Bearer will announce the recession from the Apex and ask members of the public to stand.

All Members of the Council will **remain standing** in their places whilst the Sword and Mace Bearers take up the Sword and Maces. As soon as the Sword and Mace Bearers are ready, specified Members of the Council, preceded by these Officers, will leave the Apex.

HONORARY FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

Until well into the 19th century, Freemen existed in many Boroughs as constituent parts of the Corporations and enjoyed special rights, dependent on local custom, such as rights of pasturage on corporate land and exemptions from certain tolls and dues.

Since 1885, Borough Councils have been able to confer Honorary Freedoms upon persons of distinction and persons or organisations who have rendered eminent services to the Borough or have served the community in a very distinguished way, but there are no defined criteria. It is solely at the discretion of a Borough Council, and is the highest tribute that a Borough can bestow. The fact that the honour has been bestowed by the former Borough of Bury St Edmunds and the present reorganised and larger Borough of St Edmundsbury on only 35 occasions in total since 1885 (see Page 6) is testament to its rarity.

It is honorary only, confers no legal rights and places no obligation on the holder, but Honorary Freemen are invariably invited to take part in important ceremonial occasions in the Borough. For units of the armed services it confers the historic right to "exercise the Freedom", that is to march through the Borough with colours flying, drums beating and bayonets fixed.

**Admissions to the Honorary Freedom of the Borough
subsequent to the Honorary Freedom of the Boroughs Act, 1885
and Section 249 of the Local Government Act, 1972**

Former Borough of Bury St Edmunds

	<i>Date of Conferment</i>
The Right Honourable Sir William Purdie Treloar, Lord Mayor of London	1907
Edward William Lake, J.P.	1909
George Gery Milner-Gibson-Cullum, M.A., F.S.A., D.L., J.P.	1911
Owen Aly Clark, Alderman of the former Borough	1919
Field Marshal Viscount Allenby, K.C.B., G.C.M.B., C. in C. of the British Army in Egypt and Palestine	1920
Lt. Col. the Honourable Walter Edward Guinness, D.S.O., M.P., Under-Secretary of State for War	1923
John Ridley Hooper, J.P.	1934
Joseph Maitland Wilson, C.B.E., J.P.	1934
Edward Lancelot Dewe Lake, T.D., J.P.	1937
The Most Honourable Rear Admiral Frederick William Fane, Fourth Marquis of Bristol, M.V.O.	1943
The Suffolk Regiment	1944
Miss Muriel Dewe Lake	1946
Field Marshal the Lord Wilson of Libya and Stowlangtoft G.C.B., G.B.E., D.S.O., A.D.C.	1947
Ernest Stork, D.S.O., M.B., J.P., Borough Medical Officer of Health	1948
358 (Suffolk Yeomanry) Medium Regiment R.A.T.A.	1953
1st East Anglian Regiment (now the 1st [Royal Norfolk and Suffolk] Bn., Royal Anglian Regiment)	1963
The Suffolk and Norfolk Yeomanry (as reorganised April 1967)	1967
Robert Arthur Cecil Olle, Alderman of the former Borough	1968
George Henry Pemberton, Alderman of the former Borough	1968
Ernest William Steward, M.B.E., J.P., Alderman of the former Borough	1968
Frederick George Banks, Alderman of the former Borough	1970
Royal Air Force Honington	1972

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Lt. Gen. Sir Richard Goodwin, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., D.L.	1978
John William Henry Knight, O.B.E., Councillor of the Borough	1991
Eric George Steele, O.B.E., J.P., Councillor of the Borough	1993
The Lady Miriam Hubbard	1995
James Ronald Hartley, Councillor of the Borough	1999
Third Air Force, United States of America	2000
Normandy Veterans Association (1944), Bury St Edmunds & District Branch No. 35	2004
All residents of the Borough of St Edmundsbury who served in the armed forces of the Allied Powers during the Second World War	2005
677 (Suffolk and Norfolk Yeomanry) Squadron Army Air Corps (Volunteers)	2006
Sheila Kathleen Wormleighton, M.B.E.	2007
Sir Eldon Wylie Griffiths, M.A. (Cantab), M.A. (Yale)	2007
3 Regiment, Army Air Corps, Wattisham	2010
David Lockwood, Councillor of the Borough	2012

