

# Special Council



*St Edmundsbury*  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Agenda</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Thursday 18 May 2017</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>12.00 pm</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Auditorium The Apex Charter Square</b> Bury St Edmunds IP33 3FD
<b>Membership:</b>	<b>All Councillors</b>  You are hereby summoned to attend a special meeting of the Council to transact the business on the agenda set out below.    <b>Ian Gallin</b> <b>Chief Executive</b> <b>10 May 2017</b>
The Meeting will be opened with Prayers by the Mayor's Chaplain, the Very Reverend Canon Mark Hackeson of St Edmunds' Church, Bury St Edmunds.	
<b>Interests – Declaration and Restriction on Participation:</b>	Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest not entered in the Authority's register or local non pecuniary interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda (subject to the exception for sensitive information) and to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on an item in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest.
<b>Committee administrator:</b>	<b>Claire Skoyles</b> Democratic Services Officer <b>Tel:</b> 01284 757176 <b>Email:</b> <a href="mailto:claire.skoyles@westsuffolk.gov.uk">claire.skoyles@westsuffolk.gov.uk</a>

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# Public Information



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<b>Access to agenda and reports before the meeting:</b>	Copies of the agenda and reports are open for public inspection at the Council Offices, West Suffolk House, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds IP33 3YU at least five clear days before the meeting. They are also available to view on our website.	
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<b>Induction loop:</b>	An infra red audio system with stethoscope headsets is available for those with hearing difficulties and provides cover for the auditorium. If you require the use of a stethoscope headset, please book this directly with The Apex on 01284 758000 or by email at <a href="mailto:boxoffice@theapex.co.uk">boxoffice@theapex.co.uk</a>	
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# **Special Meeting of the St Edmundsbury Borough Council**

18 May 2017

The Apex, Charter Square, Bury St Edmunds

## **ASSEMBLY AND PROCESSIONAL PROCEDURE**

### **ASSEMBLY**

Members are requested to assemble at ***Moyse's Hall Museum***, Cornhill, Bury St Edmunds **at 11.30 am**. Their ladies/gentlemen should take their seats in the Apex by not later than 11.45 am. Past Mayors'/Chairmen's Badges may be worn.

### **PROCESSION FROM THE MOYSE'S HALL MUSEUM TO THE APEX**

At 11.40 am, all Members will be requested to start forming into processional order ***in Moyse's Hall Museum***, with a view to the formed procession moving off at approximately 11.45 am.

### **PROCESSION INTO THE APEX**

#### **All stand**

At 11.55 am, 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 her Chaplain, the Very Reverend Canon Mark Hackeson of St Edmunds' Church, 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.**

# **Special Meeting of the St Edmundsbury Borough Council**

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## **AGENDA**

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Conferment of Honorary Freedom of the Borough: HMS Vengeance**  
**That this Council,** in recognition of the eminent services rendered by

### **HMS Vengeance**

of BFPO 421, HM Naval Base, Clyde, Helensburgh, Argyle and Bute, and her Commanding Officer, Officers and Crew for 17 years' affiliation with and outstanding service to the Borough of St Edmundsbury.

**Further,** for their significant contribution to the civic life of the Borough and their active support to the voluntary sector.

**Do hereby,** in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 and in acknowledgement of the services aforesaid, confer upon the said **HMS Vengeance** the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of St Edmundsbury; and

**do hereby** admit the said **HMS Vengeance** to be an Honorary Freeman of the Borough accordingly.

**Councillor Margaret Marks** will move:

That the Council confer upon HMS Vengeance of BFPO 421, HM Naval Base, Clyde, Helensburgh, Argyle and Bute, 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 Commander Neil Lamont RN of HMS Vengeance.

**Councillor John Griffiths** will second the motion.

The Mayor will put the motion to the vote, and upon its being declared carried will then ask **all Members of the Council to rise** and will invite Cdr Neil Lamont RN to subscribe to the Roll of Honorary Freeman of the Borough on behalf of HMS Vengeance.

**The Mayor will then present an illuminated copy of the resolution and Freedom award to Cdr Lamont of HMS Vengeance.**

**Members of the Council** will resume their seats and the Mayor will invite Cdr Lamont to acknowledge the admission of the said HMS Vengeance.

**3. Conferment of Honorary Freedom of the Borough: TS St Edmund (Mayor's Own) Sea Cadet Corps**

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

**TS St Edmund (Mayor's Own) Sea Cadet Corps**

of Klondyke, Beetons Way, Bury St Edmunds who have dedicated 72 years affiliation with and outstanding service to the Borough of St Edmundsbury.

**Further**, for their significant contribution to the civic life of the Borough of St Edmundsbury and their active support in helping the local young people move towards responsible adulthood using a nautical theme based on the customs of the Royal Navy.

**Do hereby**, in pursuance of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 and in acknowledgement of the services aforesaid, confer upon the said **TS St Edmund (Mayor's Own) Sea Cadet Corps** the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of St Edmundsbury; and

**do hereby** admit the said **TS St Edmund (Mayor's Own) Sea Cadet Corps** to be an Honorary Freeman of the Borough accordingly.

**Councillor Margaret Marks** will move:

That the Council confer upon TS St Edmund (Mayor's Own) Sea Cadet Corps of Klondyke, Beetons Way, 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 Commanding Officer Lieutenant Daniel Davies of TS St Edmund (Mayor's Own) Sea Cadet Corps.

**Councillor John Griffiths** will second the motion.

The Mayor will put the motion to the vote, and upon its being declared carried will then ask **all Members of the Council to rise** and will invite CO Lt Daniel Davies to subscribe to the Roll of Honorary Freeman of the Borough on behalf of TS St Edmund (Mayor's Own) Sea Cadet Corps.

**The Mayor will then present an illuminated copy of the resolution and Freedom award to CO Lt Davies of TS St Edmund (Mayor's Own) Sea Cadet Corps.**

**Members of the Council** will resume their seats and the Mayor will invite CO Lt Davies to acknowledge the admission of the said TS St Edmund (Mayor's Own) Sea Cadet Corps.

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

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**All Members of the Council will stand.**

**RECESSION FROM THE APEX**

**The Mayor's Secretary 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 auditorium of 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 36 occasions in total since 1885 (see Page 8) 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

## St Edmundsbury Borough Council

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
Elizabeth Ann Williams, B.Sc., Ph.D., O.B.E.	2014

## **Local Government Act 1972 Section 249**

### **Honorary Freedom of the Borough:**

### **HMS Vengeance and TS St Edmund (Mayor's Own)**

### **Sea Cadet Corps**



HMS Vengeance is the youngest of the Royal Navy's four Vanguard-class strategic nuclear submarines. Along with her sister vessels, Vigilant, Victorious and Vanguard, her mission is to deter conflict and protect the nation through continuous patrol at sea. Her motto is 'Safe by my Strength'. In theory her patrols could last for years, since her nuclear reactors provide constant power and enough energy to turn sea water into drinking water and oxygen. Vengeance has two captains and two crews (Port and Starboard), which means while the duty crew is at sea, their opposite numbers back at the boat's base at Faslane, Scotland, are training or taking leave.

The connection with Bury St Edmunds goes back to Vengeance's first captain, Captain Stephen Upright, who had previously commanded the Oberon-class HMS Opossum, which was affiliated to Bury St Edmunds in 1982. When Opossum was paid off in 1993, her nameplate was given to St Edmundsbury Borough Council in commemoration of the submarine's association with the town. Captain Upright re-established the connection between the Royal Navy and the borough and in 2000 HMS Vengeance was affiliated with Bury St Edmunds.

Since then the HMS Vengeance crew have regularly visited the borough to carry out voluntary work in several places, including the SCOPE unit, where they have cleared gardens and carried out much needed painting and decoration. More recently, along with staff and TS St Edmund (Mayor's Own) Sea Cadet Corps, they have cut back trees and hedges in the grounds, allowing local families to enjoy the gardens more freely.

Memorably, several members of the ship's company cycled from Faslane to Bury St Edmunds in order to raise money for charity, and more recently, have cycled from Plymouth to Bury St Edmunds. They are equally to be found redecorating Havebury Housing homes and visiting care homes, simply to have a cup of tea and a chat with residents.

HMS Vengeance has shown support on many occasions, at civic ceremonies such as Remembrance Parades, Battle of Britain Parades, VE Day Commemoration, and many Mayor Making ceremonies. HMS Vengeance has also played host to Mayors and other members of the community and has very strong ties with TS St Edmund (Mayor's Own) Sea Cadet Corps, and visit their headquarters off Beetons Way as often as their programme will allow.



In 2014, TS St Edmund (Mayor's Own) Sea Cadet Corps celebrated its 70<sup>th</sup> year and HMS Vengeance again returned to assist the Sea Cadets with their anniversary and Battle of Trafalgar celebrations.

The Sea Cadet Corps is run entirely by volunteers who have been serving the borough for the past 72 years. The aim of the corps is to help the local young people move towards responsible adulthood by encouraging valuable personal attributes and high standards of conduct, using a nautical theme based on the customs of the Royal Navy.

Of the 400 Sea Cadet units in the country, TS St Edmund (Mayor's Own) Sea Cadet Corps is the only unit to have a fully functioning band, which regularly play for important borough events, and they help out with other service events.

The Freedom of the Borough of St Edmundsbury is awarded to HMS Vengeance and TS St Edmund (Mayor's Own) Sea Cadet Corps in recognition of their significant contribution to the civic life of the Borough.

## THE CIVIC INSIGNIA OF THE BOROUGH

The Sword of State, the two Civic Maces and the Mayor's Chain of Office, are all termed Civic Insignia - the marks or signs of office, and are the symbols of civic authority, and more specific information about them is given below. The Sword and Maces also infer protection of the Mayor when in civic procession where he is preceded by the uniformed Sword Bearer and Mace Bearers.

**Maces** - The right to have Maces carried before the Mayor was granted for Bury St Edmunds by Royal Charter in 1606. The Civic Maces are an evolution of the fighting mace which had a hitting end fitted with spikes for penetrating a helmet or armour. At the other end was a shaped hand-grip to ensure a firm grasp. It became customary for arms identifying the owner to be engraved on the shaped hand-grip, and as coats of arms became more elaborate, so the handle increased in importance. Consequently, on the Borough's silver gilt Maces, the shaped hand-grips are the heads with the Royal Arms, and the hitting ends are denoted by acorns.

Although it is not known when the Borough Maces were provided, it is known that the Arms of Charles II replaced those of the Commonwealth on them in 1661. They have remained unaltered and in constant use since that date.

**Sword of State** - The rare right to a Sword of State was also granted for Bury St Edmunds by Royal Charter in 1684 when the present Sword was a gift to the town, and it has been in constant use to this day. For visits by the Monarch it is carried 'reversed' - i.e. pointing downwards, as are the maces. The grip, cross-piece and mounts on the scabbard are all silvergilt. The decorations include the Arms of the Stuart sovereigns, the Arms of the former Borough of Bury St Edmunds, and the figures of Law and Justice.

**Mayor's Chain of Office** - This is a gold chain, of snaffle links, with fourteen medallions each with the head of St Edmund, the King of East Anglia, from whom Bury St. Edmunds takes its name. From the Chain is suspended an oval gold Medallion with a bust of William IV on one side and the Arms of the former Borough of Bury St. Edmunds on the reverse. This Chain and Badge of Office was a gift to the town in 1805 from James Oakes, a prominent local banker.

Following the reorganisation of local government in 1974, these Borough status rights were continued by Royal Charter for the new Borough of St Edmundsbury.

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