



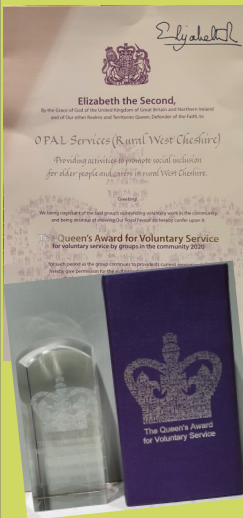
Older People Active Lives

# REACH



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## VOLUNTEERS OFFICIALLY REWARDED FOR THEIR WORK



On Wednesday 11th November, David Briggs, Lord-Lieutenant of Cheshire, formally handed over to OPAL volunteers the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. The virtual event took place prior to OPAL's Annual General Meeting and attended by over 60 guests. Jane Colville, Chair of Trustees, received the award on behalf of all OPAL's volunteers. "We are delighted to have been recognised by the Queen for the work we undertake for older people and carers in rural communities. Although we received notification of the award earlier this year, COVID-19 has meant we needed to adjust the 'usual' presentation of the award. It was amazing to see so many faces on the Zoom session".

David Briggs commended our volunteers saying "You are truly stars. OPAL is a special charity and you are spreaders of happiness. This is the highest award a group of volunteers can be given—the equivalent of an MBE".

## RUPERT BEAR IS 100!



Then Algy looks a trifle glum. "I'm going home," he tells his chum.

We may not have a regular cartoon in Reach, but we were still astounded to read that Rupert the Bear appeared in the Daily Express 100 years ago – on 8th November 1920. To celebrate, Rupert has been honoured by the Royal Mail in a set of eight stamps.

## BLAST FROM THE PAST - 84 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK (1936)

- Winston Churchill gave a speech in Parliament attacking the Baldwin government's slow response to German rearmament.
- The comedy film 'Go West, Young Man' starring Mae West was released.
- The British government created the Suez Canal Zone under its control.
- Cricket legend Don Bradman scored 192 for South Australia v Victoria in front of a crowd of 21,000 in Melbourne.
- Edward VIII summoned Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin and told him he wanted to marry Wallis Simpson.

## OPAL IS A CO-OP LOCAL CAUSE AGAIN



If you are a Co-op member, then you will already know how easy it is to contribute to local charities. By selecting the local cause, the Co-op will pay a percentage of your shopping bill to that charity for 12 months. OPAL Clubs in Malpas, Tarpoley and Kelsall have all received funding in this way in the last 2 years, and for the next year, the GREAT news is that OPAL has been chosen by the Co-ops in Kelsall and Tarvin. This time all money raised will support OPAL GoOnline, and raise funds for us to help older people who currently have no access to technology, and by selecting OPAL Services, money spent at any Co-op in the UK can support us. Please contact your organiser for more details, or email [opalreach@opalservices.org.uk](mailto:opalreach@opalservices.org.uk).



OPAL Services

Wellbeing

Through use of communication technology and ongoing individual support, we aim to enable lonely, restricted people to have greater access to others in their community. £0.89 raised so far

## Riddles & Teasers

Why can't Trump go to the White House anymore? Because it's For Biden.

I saw the tongue twister champion just got arrested, I hear they are going to give him a really tough sentence.



I refused to believe that my dad was stealing from his job as a road worker. But when I went to his house all the signs were there.

LAST WEEK'S FIREWORKS : 1)WHEEL 2)CANDLE 3)JACK 4)VESUVIUS 5 BANGER

## Quizzical

### TOMMY COOPER PUNCH LINES QUIZ



- 1) I went to the doctors. He said 'I'd like you to lie on the couch'. I said 'What for?'  
He said \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) I went to the doctors the other day. I said 'have you got anything for wind' so he  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3) I slept like a log last night. I woke up \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) I bought my wife a wooden leg for Christmas! It's not her main present, just \_\_\_\_\_

TOMMY QUIZ ANSWERS : 1)I want to sweep the floor, 2) gave me a kite, 3) in a fireplace 4) a stocking filler.

LAST WEEK'S QUIZ ANSWERS:

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CHESS PUZZLE - 1) ROOK, 2) BISHOP, 3) PAWN, 4) KING, 5) KNIGHT, 6) QUEEN

## In the spotlight....

### MR DAVID BRIGGS, MBE, KSTJ, HER MAJESTY'S LORD-LIEUTENANT OF CHESHIRE



We have a special Spotlight this week - David Briggs is the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire, and represents the Queen in the county with many varied duties.

This week his role included awarding our own volunteers the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. In fact, a high percentage of the role is being involved with charity and community causes – something close to David's heart and part of the role he always finds rewarding.

#### Where were you born?

In Huddersfield, West Yorkshire. I moved to Cheshire in 1980.

#### What's your earliest memory?

Moving house when I was 4 years old.

#### Where is one of your favourite places to be?

The Chapter House in Chester Cathedral.

#### Who makes you laugh?

My grandchildren.

#### Tell us something we might not already know about you.

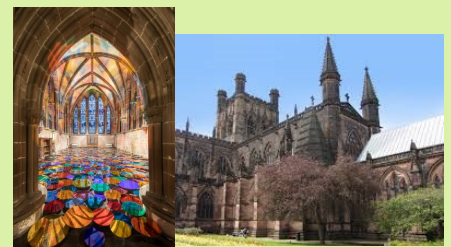
I am the first Lord-Lieutenant of Cheshire who was not a large Cheshire land owner.

#### Did you have a career?

For more than thirty years I ran Dawson's Music, a well known retailer founded in Warrington.

#### Do you have a favourite quote or poem?

Lines Written for a School Declamation, by David Everett.



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