

Articles about Charters School in the Local News May 2009

Play goes down a storm

YOUNGSTERS were given a day to remember as they took part in a Shakespeare workshop.

The Globe Players brought Shakespeare's *The Tempest* alive as they visited Year 9 pupils at Charters School on Charters Road, Sunningdale, on Tuesday, April 21.

Alan Savage, KS3 co-ordinator for English, said: "This is how Shakespeare should be experienced – in the round, with live actors. The students got such a lot out of it and it was a pleasure to have such a brilliant acting company in – they really brought it alive and answered student questions very generously at the end."

The actors also helped students follow the plot, themes and stagecraft of the play by explaining as they went.

Year 9 pupil Melissa Carter, said: "It really helped to understand the play by having the actors in school acting out *The Tempest*.

"It was fun, too."



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DISROBED: The mayor of Windsor and Maidenhead, Cllr Dorothy Kemp, with Arlette Ferrarini and her pupils. Ref:103212-3



ZUT ALORS: Arlette Ferrarini in the mayoral robes. Ref:103212-2

Madame is mayor for the day

A TEACHER who has been bringing her French pupils to the Royal Borough for 20 years became mayor of Windsor for a day on Tuesday.

Arlette Ferrarini is a member of the Foreign Languages Department at College Les Breguieres, Cagnes-sur-Mer on the French Riviera.

Exchanges started between Charters School, Sunningdale, and the college in 1982 and Arlette – who teaches English – took over the French side of the visits in 1987.

She and her pupils stay with parents of Charters children and visit famous English landmarks

from Windsor Castle to Salisbury Cathedral.

Now Arlette is retiring and has been paying her last visit with pupils to Charters.

On Tuesday she took them to the Guildhall, Windsor, where a big surprise awaited her.

Royal Borough mayor Cllr Dorothy Kemp persuaded her to try on her robes and hat. Before she knew where she was, Arlette was mayor.

She said: "I knew we were having a reception at the Guildhall but I was not expecting to get to wear the mayor's robes. Nor was I expecting to get a beautiful souvenir glass crystal in the shape

of a diamond. It was wonderful."

But the head of French at Charters, Justin O'Connell, said: "We owe a debt of gratitude to Arlette for all she has done to maintain this well-balanced exchange. It is a wonderful opportunity for the pupils of both countries to improve their language skills and get an insight into French/English life."

Arlette says she will not miss teaching though.

"I have got a granddaughter and twins are expected in August, so I'll be grandmother to three then.

"I will have plenty to do."

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