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MEDAL OF HONOUR – Vic, right, with family and friends at Windsor Castle



PROUD MOMENT – The Queen presents Woking's Vic Laws with his MBE

Fury over Chobham traveller site plans

A PLANNING application for a gipsy site in Chobham has infuriated residents.

The former Plants To Go land, opposite the old Chobham Nursery Field 981, was acquired by resident Simon Howard, who has submitted the application for three traveller pitches and associated works.

Some years ago the site, south of Bagshot Road, had been granted permission for a hardstanding to enable deliveries of stock.

But this was granted only on the condition that if the business ceased trading at that location, the hardcore would be removed and the land returned to its original state.

This condition has never been enforced by Surrey Heath Borough Council.

Now that Mr Howard has made an application for the change of use to form a gipsy site, residents fear he aims to use the hardstanding for that purpose.

Resident Chris Rowbotham is urging the council to obey the letter of the law agreed and calls for the immediate enforcement of the removal of the hardcore, irrespective of the result of planning application number 2012/0177.

Vic thrilled to meet The Queen - again

WOKING'S latest MBE has been presented with his gong by The Queen in a ceremony at Windsor.

Vic Laws, 69, named in the New Year's honours list for his consultancy work in the hospitality industry, said it was the 'most memorable day of his life'. He added it was not the first time he had met The Queen, and not even his first meeting with royalty this year.

"You don't know who's going to present the award until you get there," said Vic, who runs AVL Consultancy at his home in Horsell Park. "But I knew The Queen spent Easter at Windsor

by Steve Judge

Castle so I thought there might be a chance she'd be there to present us.

"It was such a fabulous location and, to meet The Queen again and be presented with the MBE, it was the most memorable day of my life."

Vic met The Queen four years ago at a reception for 400 people in the hospitality industry. Their paths crossed again a few weeks later at the opening of a wing at West London Hospital.

Not that those meetings were mentioned at the presentation ceremony

on Tuesday, April 3, but Vic did tell The Queen he had recently met her daughter, the Princess Royal.

"The Queen said she understood I was a consultant in the hospitality industry and asked 'what sort of things do you do?'. I told her about my work with The Clink restaurant and that I met Princess Anne when she visited last month. The Queen replied that she would have to speak to her daughter about it. After that I took four paces back, nodded, turned and left."

Vic's daughters Debbie Carter and Kerry Laws, and his partner Penny

Spurr joined him on his big award day. He was also made an Honorary Doctor of Science by the University of West London at the Waldorf this month.

Vic started his catering education at the forerunner of the university, Acton Hotel School, and has been a university consultant for 20 years.

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