



Paralympic Volunteers
September 2012

Hello everyone



Usain Bolt

2012: Highlight of the year had to be our 'holiday' volunteering for the *Paralympics*. I was driving guests around in new BMWs, while Andrew was welcoming international teams to London. The nearest I got to Usain Bolt was his poster in the car park!



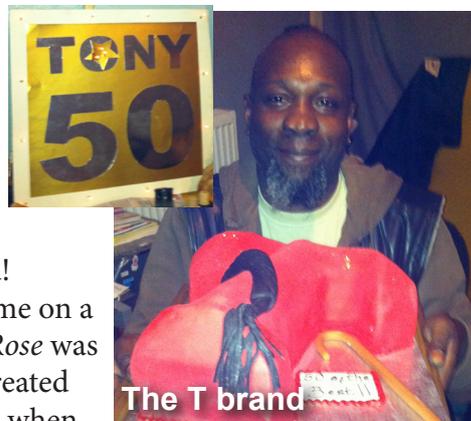
Mum & sister Barbara

The *Queens' Diamond Jubilee* was fun, and Hammy generously invited me to lunch at the Festival hall, with a spectacular and uninterrupted view of the Thames pageant. Meanwhile in Portsmouth, Mum's picture at the Chesterfield Road street party featured prominently in *The News*.



Diamond jubilee

Tony celebrated his 50th with a wicked cake, and we all had a whip-round!



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Sarah and Peter joined Mum and me on a boat trip out to the spot where the *Mary Rose* was raised 30 years ago. More champagne! I created the first brochure for the *Mary Rose* Trust when I worked for Portsmouth City Council in 1977. And in the dockyard museum we found a panel about the Trinity House pilots, and more information about our Coote grandfathers who have been pilots in Portsmouth Harbour since at least 1720.



Brixton windmill



War Horses



Jubilee Queen

The *Coote Family* website elicited some updates from around the world, including some fantastic stories from the local Courts! And a great great grandmother who was arrested for obstruction during a Salvation Army abstinence protest in the High Street! Some things *don't* run in the family!



Mary Rose

Love and best wishes

Stephen x

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