



## Paralympic Volunteers September 2012



Usain Bolt



Diamond jubilee



Brixton windmill



Jubilee Queen

*Hello everyone*

**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!

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*.

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

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.

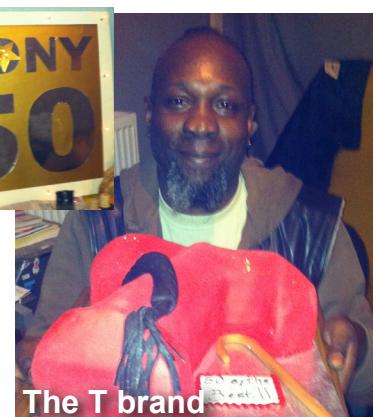
The *Coote Family* website elicited some updates from around the world, including some fantastic stories from the local Courts! And a great great grandmother who was arrested for obstruction during a Salvation Army abstinence protest in the High Street! Some things *don't* run in the family!

*Love and best wishes*

*Stephen x*



Mum & sister Barbara



The T brand



War Horses



Mary Rose

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