

TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS – September 2024

Wednesday 31st July – Mayor of Leek's Charity Canal Trip

From the Hollybush at Dentford along the Caldon Canal to Cheddleton aboard "Beatrice", the narrow boat that has been adapted for the use of children with disabilities. It was nice to see the boat still operating as it once used to be based in Stone. A most enjoyable trip on a summers evening.

Sunday 4th August – Party in the Park at Cheadle

Various organisations from the town arranged displays and competitions at this event hosted by the Mayor of Cheadle. An enjoyable afternoon learning about some of the organisations we do not have in Stone.

Thursday 15th August – Mayor of Leek's Fund-Raising Curry Night

An informal evening held in a former textile mill in Leek with entertainment provided by the Mayor's son.

Sunday 18th August – Florence Brass Band Concert and Burma Star Commemoration

Once again the band gave an excellent concert in Stonfield Park playing a variety of music. The Burma Star commemoration was a very moving part of the event. The park was as always is resplendent.

Saturday 31st August – Summer Street Party to welcome back two of the town's silver medal Olympians.

It was a privilege to welcome Joe and Adam back to Stone. They worked hard signing autographs and having their photographs taken. Once again there was an excellent variety of music. The event was well attended and I have received lots of reports on how much people enjoyed it

It was also nice to meet some of the people who had been involved in the establishment of the canoe club 50 years ago and it was pleasing to hear how the Town Council helped and supported them and even allowed them to camp on Crown Meadow.

Sunday 1st September – Mayor of Leek's Civic Service

This was held in St. Edward's Church in Leek and the parade was led by the excellent Leek Scout and Guide Band.

Friday 6th September – BBC Radio Stoke's "Make a Difference Awards"

Held at Vale Park. It was humbling to see people receiving their awards in recognition of the services they have given.

Thursday 12th September – Battle of Britain Dinner at M.O.D. Stafford

An excellent meal and very moving and thought-provoking readings between the courses.

Sunday 15th September – Battle of Britain Parade at Stafford

Organised by Stafford Borough Council the service was held in St. Mary's Church, Stafford, and was a fitting tribute to "the few".

This was followed by wreath laying at the Borough War Memorial.

Wednesday 18th September – County Scout AGM

Held in County Buildings it was interesting to hear about the work of the Scouting movement in Staffordshire and how membership has grown. Three Scouts who had been on a leadership course gave an excellent presentation.

Sunday 22nd September – Mayor of Ashbourne's Civic Service

A wonderful service with several hymns being accompanied by the town's Brass Band. It was nice to meet some of the Town Mayors from towns in Derbyshire.

Monday 23rd September – Dr. Samuel Johnson Commemoration at Uttoxeter

A wreath laying ceremony led by the Town Mayor of Uttoxeter at the Dr Johnson memorial in the Market Square. This was followed by coffee and "wakes cakes" in the Town Hall.

TOWN DEPUTY MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS – September 2024

No Deputy Town Mayor's report on this occasion