

TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS – 5 November 2024

Monday 23rd September – Visit to the Council Chamber by 1st Walton Rainbows

The girls thoroughly enjoyed their visit seeing the things on display in the Chamber and they particularly liked sitting in the large chair and banging the gavel.

Thursday 26th September – Staffordshire Moorlands Chairman's Curry Night

It is the first time that I have been to Thornbury Hall at Kingsley Holt. It was a relaxed and informal evening with superb food.

Sunday 29th September – Cannock Chase Chairman's Civic Service

The Chairman's Civic Service was held in St. Luke's Church, Cannock, a very nice church with some interesting memorial windows of the 1st World War.

The tables at the reception afterwards were named after the former coal mines in the area and contained various mining artefacts. There was also a superb footballing trophy on display that the various miners teams competed for annually.

Monday 30th September – Celebration of the work of Stafford & District Bereavement and Loss Support Service

Over the years I have been aware of the superb work that this group has undertaken, and more recently with a group that meets in Stone. It was therefore a real pleasure to attend the celebration of the work of the charity.

Thursday 3rd October – Stone Alzheimer's Club 18th Birthday Party

I remember when this group was established, and I have attended a variety of their functions over the years. They really do a fantastic job helping and supporting both those suffering from this disease and their carers. They have recently started additional services including legal advice, hair dressing etc.

Friday 4th October – Monday 7th October – H.M.S. St Vincent Association Weekend in Portsmouth

A superb weekend meeting members and attending their AGM, their annual dinner, and a boat trip around Portsmouth harbour and seeing the new aircraft carrier HMS Queen Elizabeth. I also attended Morning Service (which also happened to be Harvest Festival) in St. Ann's church in the Royal Naval Dockyard.

Tuesday 8th October – Opening of the Michaelmas Term of Stafford Crown Court

An interesting ancient ceremony. It is good that Staffordshire is still one of the counties that holds such a ceremony for each legal term. It was a real honour to attend.

Saturday 12th October – Fulford Community Choir Massed Voice event

A wonderful concert in Longton Methodist Central Hall. Six choirs from the area joined together with over 200 people taking part. A real fabulous evening and it was nice to see the Fulford Choir taking part - a number of members of which live in Stone.

Sunday 13th October – Eccleshall Parish Council's Civic Service

Held in St. Paul's Church at Croxton.

Friday 18th October – East Staffordshire Mayor's Charity Barn Dance

Held in Burton Town Hall with an Irish band and a caller. A fun evening which raised a substantial amount for the Mayor's charity.

Saturday 19th October – Trafalgar Night Dinner at the Mill

A wonderful evening with superb food and entertainment from the Staffordshire Community Choir. It was attended by most of the Civic Heads in the County. Particular thanks must go to Trudy for all her hard work in arranging the evening.

Tuesday 22nd October – Stone Scribblers' Staffordshire History Festival Event

The Scribblers are a group of people who meet in Stone Library and write short articles on various topics. As part of the History Festival a number of members wrote articles on various aspects of the town and county's histories. A most interesting afternoon.

Friday 25th October – 2352 (Stone) Squadron ATC - Dinning In Event

Held at Aston Marina - a very enjoyable evening meeting various ATC cadets and their leaders. It is fantastic that the Cadets have the opportunity to take part in the variety of activities and learn new skills.

Saturday 26th October – Stone Lions Club's "Last Night of the Proms" evening

The usual mix of patriotic songs and music and lots of flag waving. The music was provided by the Lea Hall Brass Band which was formerly the band from Lea Hall Power Station. The event was in aid of the Stone Community First Responders, and it is hoped the Band were able to raise a substantial amount for them.

TOWN DEPUTY MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS – 5 November 2024

No Deputy Town Mayor's report on this occasion