

## **TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS – 10 December 2024**

### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Opening of the Crown Wharf Theatre & play “Shakespeare in Love”**

A historic event for Stone with the opening of the theatre, a facility which the town has long been in need of. Congratulations must be paid to the trustees and all the volunteers who have worked so hard to enable this to come into fruition.

This was followed by an excellent production of “Shakespeare in Love” by the talented Stone Revellers. I was particularly impressed with imaginative stage set.

### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November – Stone Choral Society’s – Elgar’s The Music Makers and Poulenc’s Gloria**

An excellent performance with some wonderful soloists. The Society are a real credit to Stone.

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Remembrance Sunday**

A short but moving service was held at the Walton War Memorial which was well attended before the act of Remembrance in Stone.

Once again, an excellent turn out in the town and the event seems to get bigger every year. A large number of wreaths were laid at the war memorial, and this was followed by an excellent service in St. Michael & St. Wulfad’s Church.

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November – Armistice Day**

A large crowd assembled again in Granville Square for the act of remembrance. It was nice to see some of the pupils from St. Dominic’s Primary School and from St. Dominic’s Priory School attending.

### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – 4<sup>th</sup> Stone Brownies Visit to the Council Chamber**

The Brownies found the visit interesting and asked lots of questions.

### **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Christmas Lights Switch On**

I was helped to switch the lights on by the three winners of the Christmas card competition and as if it had been organised it started to snow as soon as the lights were switched on. The event was attended by a large crowd, and it was nice to see that a number of the shops had kept open. I have received a great many favourable comments about the lights.

I felt rather old though on the night when the father of one of the prize winners informed me that as an eight-year-old boy he remembers visiting the council chamber when I was Town Mayor for the first time.

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Army Benevolent Fund Curry Lunch**

A very enjoyable event at the Beacon Barracks at Stafford.

### **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Stone Flower Club’s Diamond Anniversary**

It was nice to join the members of the Club for this special event and to watch a talented flower arranger give a demonstration.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Light Switch on at Shoemaker Place.**

Yarlet Hall School Choir sang carols before I was invited to switch on their Christmas Tree. It was nice afterwards to talk to the residents.

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Crown Wharf and Ambition Gym's Turkey Trot**

Two hundred runners, many in fancy dress took part together with several dogs and it was a really enjoyable well organised event.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Unveiling of the Christmas Window created by St Dominic's Priory School**

It was nice to join the pupils and a small group of people at the unveiling.

**TOWN DEPUTY MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS – 10 December 2024**

No Deputy Town Mayor's report on this occasion