

## **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT – to 31 October 2022**

### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Mayor's Charity Quiz**

A great evening was had with guests from the local community and civic leaders who joined us for an evening of fun and games and quizzing. It was a night of laughter with a great amount money raised for my charities. In excess of £200.

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – Girlguiding Stone Outward Division, Bon Voyage Service**

I was honoured to join the Girl Guides from around Stone on their official leaving service at Christchurch. The hard work they had put into raising the funds to go out to Kenya to help refurb the buildings and school they had help build in previous visits, was amazing. For most it was going to be the first trip to Kenya and the memories they will make will last them a lifetime. The guests were entertained with songs, stories and videos of past trips and the expectations and hopes for this year's visit. I was honoured to present them with their ruck sacks for the trip and I had a great time talking to the proud parents and families of the young ladies. The pride in their faces was easy to read. The Girl Guides really are a credit to the community that the people of Stone should be very proud of.

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Eccleshall Parish Council Civic Sunday**

The Mayoress and I joined other civic leaders at the lovely church in Broughton to pay respect to the chairman of Eccleshall Parish Council. The unusual church was full of interest and a number of the guests stayed behind to look at the history and interesting items within.

### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Staffordshire County Council Chairman's Ball**

The Mayoress and I joined the civic leaders from the local region in an enjoyable evening. Meeting old and new friends. A large amount of money was raised from a raffle and auction for the Chairman's charities.

### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October - HMS St Vincent Association's Annual Dinner**

The Mayoress and I were again very honoured to be invited to the St Vincent Association's annual dinner in Portsmouth. Keeping the close ties of the association with the people of Stone. It is lovely to meet the president and chairman again and to talk to all the association's members. The MC was his entertaining self and the food and company were, as ever wonderful. The highlight of the evening was the room serenading the Mayoress with a sea shanty.

## **DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT – to 23 October 2022**

### **Sunday 2nd October – Ashbourne Town Mayor's Thanksgiving Service**

The Deputy Mayor attended Ashbourne Civic Sunday. There was a good turn out to the event by other councils. The Ashbourne Brass Band played particularly well in church. A lovely service for all. Thank you for the invite.

### **Thursday 6th October – Alzheimer's Drop in Club 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

The Deputy Mayor attended the Alzheimer's club at Christchurch Centre. It was a wonderful event for the club's 16th birthday. Sandie and her team of volunteers do a marvellous job at giving Alzheimer's sufferers and their carers a break for two hours on a Thursday. Today was the group's 16th birthday and it was celebrated with cake donated from Morrisons. There was a singer who sang all the old-time favourites and everyone who could got up and danced. Sandie explained about the work she does to give the suffers entertainment and simulation which is what they need. It's a great club and one we should be very proud to have helping residents of Stone. Thank you.