

TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT – to 31 January 2023

December 2022

The Mayoress and I joined the members of Christ Church for the season's advent window unveiling through December. It was lovely to see everyone who joined in with singing and following the story of the nativity. The work from all the organisations who decorate the windows is wonderful to see and is a tribute to the sense of community that Stone is blessed with.

Sunday 25th December – Christmas Morning at St Mary's Home

We were honoured to be asked to visit St Mary's Home on Christmas Day, to meet the residents and staff, and of course Father Christmas. We were humbled to experience the joy, love and fun of the residents and their families which at times was very emotional. It is without doubt a memory that shall stay with us for ever.

Thursday 29th December – Raising of the Texas Flag

We joined Cllr Davies and others to remember the start of Stone's close ties with Texas and how the residents of Stone welcomed the young service men from America during the Christmas Holidays so many years ago. Something that the Mayoress and I hope will continue for many years.

Friday 27th January – Mayor's Charity Pig Race

Over 50 guests joined me and the Mayoress for our charity Pig Race at Stone Golf Club. I have never seen so many adults and children shout at toy pigs as they race down a track. Buying Pigs and placing bets vigorously. The evening was a great success, which benefited from very generous donations from local businesses. Just a wonderful night of fun.

Saturday 28th January - Burn's Night Ceilidh, Biddulph Town Council

With Nancy and I dressed to impress in Scottish attire, Yes me in a kilt. We joined many highland flingers from Biddulph and further afield to enjoy Haggis, dancing, fun and games. The ceilidh band put us all through our passes and left everyone with smiles on their faces.

DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT – to 31 January 2023

No report for this period.