

## **TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT – 3 October 23**

### **Wednesday 6 Sep 23**

For many years the Stone Community Hub has been providing support and advice in time of need to the people of Stone and the Stone area. Its services have been crucial to many people and continue to be so. Recently the Hub moved its operation within the Frank Jordan Centre to a more suitable area and the Mayor and Mayoress were invited to help open the new and improved facility. It was a great opportunity for the Mayor to thank the staff and volunteers for the wonderful work they have been doing and to wish them every success for the future.

### **Thursday 14 Sep 23**

Having himself served for over twenty-seven years in the RAF the Mayor, accompanied by the Mayoress, was delighted to attend the 2023 Battle of Britain Dinner at MoD Stafford. The event was superbly organised and it was evident that the spirit of today's RAF is equal to that of its forebears of over 80 years ago.

### **Monday 18 Sep 23**

Visiting our neighbouring towns is always interesting particularly when a unique event takes place.

As a young man, Dr Johnson refused one day to work on the family stall in Uttoxeter. Years later, in his sixties, and now ashamed of his disobedient behaviour then, he returned to Uttoxeter and stood alone in the market square in the rain, bare-headed, for a number of hours. The act is remembered every year in Uttoxeter as 'Johnson's Penance' with a special ceremony.

The Town Mayor was delighted to attend this year's event and pleased to be able to move to the Uttoxeter Town Hall before heavy rain arrived to emulate Dr Johnson's experience centuries ago.

### **Thursday 21 Sep 23**

The Mayor joined the Mayor of Stafford Borough at the funeral of Mrs Margaret Goodall at the church of St Michael and St Wulfad. Margaret Goodall had served as a Town Councillor and Borough Councillor for Walton, as had her late husband several years beforehand.

### **Friday 22 Sep 23**

The Stone Lions Club had invited the Town Mayor to join them in welcoming to Stone three mothers who had shared the devastating experience of losing a young son to suicide. They were walking the 265-miles from Madeley to Sandwich in Kent in memory of their sons and to raise awareness of suicide prevention and to promote the professional help and support which is available to children and young people. The three mothers and their supporters were delighted with the warmth of the welcome they received.

### **Saturday 23 Sep 23**

Stone has an enviable reputation for the quality and attraction of its town events. On Saturday 23 Sep 23 the town was once again busy with visitors and residents who had come to see the many classic cars that were on display in the High Street. The Town Mayor had a most enjoyable and nostalgic time inspecting the immaculately maintained vehicles and chatting to a number of the owners.

### **DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT – 3 October 2023**

No report on this occasion.