

TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT – 7 Nov 23

Thursday 5 Oct 23

The Mayor and Mayoresses made a most enjoyable visit to the Christchurch Centre to help the Stone Alzheimer's Drop-in celebrate its 17th anniversary. The service provided to both sufferers and their carers is hugely appreciated and the Drop-In is an excellent example of the many valuable community organisations that are in the Town.

Tuesday 10 Oct 23

The impact of the Covid pandemic itself combined with the various steps taken to try to control it not only was severe at the time but also has continued to this day. The Commemorative Orchard, planted on Crown Meadow, provides the community with a place of reflection and commemoration, particularly for those who lost loved ones, those whose health is still affected and the schoolchildren whose education was so disrupted. The Mayor was joined by the Mayors' Chaplain, Rev Jim Cartlidge, and many members of the Council and the community in opening this peaceful sanctuary.

Thursday 12 Oct 23

The ceremonial opening of the Crown Court in Stafford brings together dignitaries from far and wide. The Town Mayor was honoured to be able to represent Stone and to promote the Town at this important event. The dignitaries he met including not only the High Sheriff of Staffordshire but also the High Sheriffs of Derbyshire and Herefordshire.

Saturday 14 Oct 23

The links between the Town and the Royal Navy are long-established and highly valued, particularly through the HMS St Vincent Association. The Mayor and Mayoress were delighted to attend the Association AGM and Annual Dinner which were held in Portsmouth, and to renew and celebrate the links.

Sunday 22 Oct 23

The towns of Cheadle and Stone have long enjoyed excellent relations and the Mayor was pleased to attend this year's Civic Sunday at the Church of St Giles the Abbot (not the Pugin-designed St Giles's). It was a happy coincidence that, having met the new Deputy Lieutenant, Mrs Judy Scott-Moncrieff, in her first official outing at Leek in July, the Mayor met her again on her second such event, this time in Cheadle.

Saturday 28 Oct 23

There is a growing awareness of the importance of the work of John Jervis, Admiral of the Fleet the Earl of St Vincent, in improving the effectiveness of the Royal Navy and which underpinned Nelson's brilliant victory at Trafalgar in 1805. This year's commemorative event took the form of an excellent dinner in the restaurant of the Mill Hotel, a building which features wooden beams made from old ship's timbers. That provided the setting for a most evocative and celebratory evening which was very well attended including by a wide range of local civic dignitaries. The work done by the Mayor's Secretary, supported by the Mayoress, in preparing the event was warmly praised by all who attended.

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No report on this occasion