

CIVIC REPORT

Councillor Colin Stevens 28th June to 25th July 2022

DATE	FUNCTION	COMMENTS
1 st July	The Rifles High Tea	I attended the 6th Battalion The Rifles High Tea at Poundbury Barracks, Dorchester. A very interesting afternoon with presentations by serving officers and officers from the Army Reserve unit and Dorset Army cadet force.
2 nd July	Summer Reading Challenge Launch Party	I attended Blandford library to launch the Children's Summer Reading Challenge. A very interesting morning meeting lots of children from Blandford and surrounding villages who had come in to sign up for this event. The challenge is to read 6 books over the next 6 weeks. Those children who complete this challenge will be awarded with certificates and vouchers that will be presented at their school's assembly during the Autumn term.
6 th July	Chickerell Civic Day	We attended Chickerell's civic day which consisted of a visit to their community library and garden, run entirely by volunteers. We then moved on to the parish church which is over a thousand years old, and was given an interesting history of the church and churchyard. We then went by coach to a fruit farm where we were served a cream tea on the lawn and had a chance to pick a variety of fruits. A really interesting and enjoyable day.
10 th July	Christchurch Civic Service	Deputy - Yvonne and I were lucky enough to attend the Christchurch Civic Service today, at the gorgeous Christchurch Priory, which was mercifully cool in the sweltering heat. We were treated to a very relevant and timely sermon about the God Samaritan and the need to help others in need, before retreating into the lovely. Priory Gardens for delicious refreshments. A nice day.
17 th July	Yeovil Civic Service and Drinks Reception	Chris and I attended Yeovil Civic Service. An enjoyable service with the Royal Naval Volunteer brass band, and the Optigon Choir taking major parts in the service. Followed by a walk through the beautiful semi tropical gardens to a local hostelry for refreshments.

Meetings Attended by the Chairman of Council