

CIVIC REPORT

Councillor Colin Stevens 29th November 2022 – 19th December 2022

DATE	FUNCTION	COMMENTS
2 nd Dec	Yuletide Festival	Chris and I attended Yuletide leading the parade of schoolchildren with lanterns into the Market Place. I then had the privilege of lighting the Xmas tree and singing the carols. A well attended and very enjoyable evening, with the added presence of 4 traction engines.
4 th Dec	Portland Civic Carol service	Chris and I attended Portland Civic Carol service. An enjoyable afternoon with carols sung by the Portland Community choir and music provided by the Salvation Army band.
5 th Dec	Weldmar 'Light up a Life' Carol Service	Chris and I attended the Weldmar "Light up a Life" Carol service held in the Crown Hotel gardens. A very moving service on a very cold night.
7 th Dec	Blandford Forum Railway Club Christmas Lunch	Chris and I attended the Blandford Model Railway Club Xmas lunch at Charlton Marshall village hall. A really nice meal followed by a visit from Santa and lots of friendly banter.
7 th Dec	Civic Carol Service	Thanks to our office staff for a really well organised event, supported by visiting mayors and dignitaries. Contributions provided by the Archbishop Wake school choir, Dorset Rural Music School and The Stour Valley Band.
9 th Dec	Chickerell Civic Carol Service	Chris and I attended Chickerell Christmas Carol evening. With music provided by The Weymouth Concert Brass and carols sung by Chickerell Infant School children who also did sign language at the same time as singing. A really enjoyable evening.
15 th Dec	Blandford School Presentation Evening	Deputy Mayor - Yvonne and I were delighted to attend the annual prize-giving at The Blandford School last Thursday evening, and I was very pleased to present some of the prizes - including the BFTC Award for Services to the Wider Community. It really was an impressive evening, and it was great to witness the wide range of talents possessed by the students of The Blandford School, as well as to listen to some striking musical performances from some very talented musicians. A lovely evening.

Meetings Attended by the Chairman of Council