

Mayor's announcements

The Mayor of Chichester, Councillor Julian Joy

Presented at the meeting of the Council of the City of Chichester
14 December 2022

- 1 October – **Chichester Diocesan Association for Family Support Work** - Amazing work and in my mind again this should be in the councils remit as it gives a service to the people of Chichester that desperately need this.
- 2 October – **Christ Church Anniversary Service**
- 7 October – **Chichester Information Shop** - This is somewhere everyone should visit and support. A much-needed service for young children and should in my mind be run by our council but that's for another conversation.
- 8 October – **Eucharist Service at Chichester Cathedral**
- 9 October – **Sussex Celebration of Food and Farming**
- 13 October – **Graylingwell Chapel Drinks Reception**
- 25 October – **The Famous Five Musical show and party**
- 29 October – **Poppy Appeal Launch**
- 4 November – **Met with Gillian Keegan MP** - This was to discuss specifically her new education ministerial role and how this may help us in Chichester
- 4 November – **Wheelbarrow Club 333rd Annual Dinner** - An interesting tradition of the oldest dining club in the England. John Sargent was a guest speaker who had some interesting stories about Margaret Thatcher. A great charity organisation.
- 13 November – **Remembrance Sunday Parade** - A soulful day and highlighted by the inclusion of the Ukrainian people who also marched and laid a wreath. It was also a poignant time to reflect on the Falkland Island war which has its 40th year anniversary. I thought the Mayor's Chaplain, Bruno, really made this occasion a very reflective one.
- 21 November – **Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Tree Planting organised by Rotary Club** - A very stormy day that cleared up just in time for the planting. A time of reflection on her majesty's life and sad that this was a memorial and not her jubilee tree planting as first thought.
- 26 November – **Festival of Lights Christmas switch on** - Fantastic to see so many people come out for this event. The whole of North and East Streets were awash with happy people. The Prebendal choir were fantastic and filled the air with a much-needed feeling of hope.
- 27 November – **Bognor Regis Civic Carol Service** - A beautiful service given by the children and such a great organisation in the Salvation Army.
- 27 November – **Friends of Arundel Cathedral Pontifical Sung Vespers** - Again, words fail me on the majestic cathedral of Arundel and I was privileged to have attended such an important date in the calendar running up to Christmas.
- 30 November – **Stars of 2022, Chichester College Awards Ceremony** - Such a great event and amazing winners of Chichester College awards for excellence. Great dance and music by members of the college as well that was inclusive of all abilities - a real treat to watch.
- 2 December – **The Lions Club Annual Float Launch** - A festive event to see the float off for its initial Christmas sleigh round and lovely to see so many Chichester charities get their cheques for all their efforts throughout the year.
- 6 December – **The Mayor at Home Reception** - A great occasion filled full of local charity and executives of our community influencers. From the Vice Chancellor of the University to the small nurse school in St James Road. Hospitals to GPs. Police to charity leads and Chichester care home. Credit to the Officers who put on such a great event, and I am hoping that further Mayor at Home events should be Chichester based community invites so that they can get to know each other better.

- 7-10 December – **Trip to Speyer, Germany for signing of Twinning Deed** - An amazingly well received event by the people of Speyer – I think this is a start of an amazing twinning with full efforts to make this all inclusive of our two cities. They are so keen to include all aspects that makes up a city from education, sport, music art, food and culture, friends to business identities and relations.
- 14 December – **Full Council Meeting**