

It's been an honour to be Mayor of Saltash 2025-26 and to represent the town I love. I have thoroughly enjoyed attending all the groups, meetings and events I've been invited to.

I would like to thank my husband Matt who has attended events and groups with me. We have both enjoyed finding out more about the amazing work undertaken by volunteers, and the social opportunities and events in our community. I would also like to thank Deputy Mayor Councillor Brian Stoyel and his wife Maxine Stoyel who have supported me throughout my Mayoral year.

Since our time as Mayor and Consort, Matt and I have attended lots of great events, near and far and met lots of lovely people along the way. I can honestly say we have thoroughly enjoyed every event that we have been to.

We have attended many mayoral services, mayor choosing ceremonies and mayors civic services. We loved these events and we have enjoyed getting better acquainted with the mayors from other areas, being part of the "chain gang" as some mayors call it! I have learnt a lot from other mayors' events and stole a few ideas along the way:

When we attended Bodmin Mayor Making last May, the Mayor of Bodmin was introduced into the church by their Town Crier. I loved this idea and set about appointing a new Crier for Saltash and for my own Mayor Making. Historically we have had a Town Crier, but for one reason or another Saltash has had a period without one. Following an audition, our new Town Crier, Andy Williams, was officially appointed.

Andy has since been a regular attendee at events in the town such as my Mayor Making ceremony, Beating the Bounds, the Christmas lights switch on, my Mayors Civic Service and St Piran's Day celebrations.

Last September, The Saltash Sailing Club hosted an evening reception for the J24 World Sailing Championships event at their Sailing Club on Waterside. The World Championships consisted of teams from all over the world. It was a beautiful evening, and it was lovely to see our Waterside being showcased to people from all over the world

The summer saw my husband and I attending lots of local outdoor events such as Saltash Regatta, The Core Garden Party, Forder Fete and Tincombe Tea Party. Sadly, the weather wasn't always on our side, but despite that they were still a pleasure to be part of.

The annual Beating the Bounds event was a success with many residents coming along for the scenic, historical walk. We were joined by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Cornwall, Daphne Skinnard who enjoyed being bumped on a boundary stone. The residents of Botus Fleming welcomed us by opening their parish church of St Mary for a visit and welcomed us with some well needed respite.

Remembrance – The Civic party had the pleasure of attending the St Stephens Church for their morning Remembrance service, following this, wreaths were laid by myself at St Stephens Church war memorial, Ashtorre Waterside, the railway station and the Peace Garden. In the afternoon we held the Council's Civic Service of Remembrance at Saltash Wesley Church. Following the service, a piper led the procession down Fore Street to the St Nicholas and Faith church war memorial, where wreaths were laid by me and others, representing many organisations. Despite the appalling weather it was a lovely day of remembrance that was an honor to be part of. On 11th November, Remembrance Day itself, my husband, deputy mayor Brian Stoyl and I attended Saltash Station to meet the Poppy train, where the Saltash Town Council wreath was presented to train staff. The wreath was then taken to Paddington Station and then on to the Cenotaph. Later at 11'oclock the Civic Party joined RBL and members of the public outside the Brunel pub on Fore Street to observe the minutes silence.

We have had lots of interesting visits to our local schools over the last year. My husband and I enjoyed helping the children make lanterns at the Christmas lantern workshops which took place at Bishop Cornish, Brunel, Burraton and St Stephens primary schools. We also attended some fantastic school performances, St Stephens Harvest Festival concert and St Stephens's carol concert, both held at St Stephens church. Also, the St. Stephen's School nativities and finally the "Little Mermaid" performance at Saltash Comprehensive which was outstanding!

The Christmas light switch on was another highlight of the year, having the opportunity to ride in the Rotary sleigh with Santa was a childhood dream come true. It was very touching to see the excitement on the children's faces seeing the sleigh as we processed up Fore Street. It was lovely to see this event so well supported by the townspeople and shops.

My husband and I also enjoyed attending lots of other Christmas events, such as the Age Concern Christmas lunch, Saltash Sailing Club Christmas ball, Christmas parties at Rowan House and St Anne's and the Christmas Festival. I had the pleasure as mayor of starting the Saltash Santa run and then joining in with the runners to run it myself!

2026 - I have been busy organising my mayor's charity quiz nights, so far I have raised £1413.10 from the first three quizzes I have hosted, with another two quizzes to go before my mayoral year is over. My Mayor's charities this year are Memory Box and Saltash Youth Network. Two charities very close to my heart.

In February I held my Mayors Civic Service in St Nicholas and Faith church. It was a lovely service with performances from Brunel School who sung beautifully.

St Piran's Day – On the March Saltash Town Council hosted the first ever St Piran's Day walk "to England and Back" which was a real success. The council intends to

make this an annual event going forward. The following day my husband and I attended the St Piran's Day Concert at Saltash Library, this too was a lovely event.

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