

Remembrance day

On the 12th of November, as the sombre notes of the bugle resonate, we unite in solemn reflection at St Mary's Church on Remembrance Day as it serves as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by countless individuals who faced the harsh realities of conflict. In fields far from home, they displayed unwavering courage, and in the face of adversity, they stood united. Their stories, etched into the annals of history, implore us to appreciate the precious gift of freedom. As we observe this day, let us not only recall the fallen but also recognise the enduring impact of their sacrifice on generations past and those yet to come. Through remembrance, we ensure that their legacy lives on, an eternal flame lighting our path towards a future built on peace, unity, and gratitude. Let us not forget the heroes who gave their all for the greater good. I would like to thank all committee members for your dedication.

Civic Event for World AIDS Day at St Mary's Church

On December 1st, Atherstone Town Mayor hosted a poignant event at St Mary's Church to honour World AIDS Day. The occasion was not only significant for the community but held a deeply personal resonance for the mayor. The emotional atmosphere was palpable throughout the evening.

The success of the event was indebted to the dedication of volunteers, Reverend Michael, and the collaborative efforts of councillors who contributed significantly to the cause. Their commitment was commendable, underscoring the importance of collective action.

Distinguished guests, including the High Sheriff of Warwickshire and Richard Nicholson, the Foundation Principal of Warwick School, graced the occasion. Their presence added a sense of gravitas and underlined the broad support for addressing the challenges posed by HIV/AIDS.

A poignant moment unfolded when Clara O'Donnell shared her uncle's deeply moving story, eloquently read by Councillor Sara Bishop. The inclusion of the New Inspirations choir in the town square further elevated the event, creating a powerful and memorable experience.

The evening concluded with a minute of silence, a symbolic gesture that resonated deeply with the attendees, emphasizing the gravity of the cause. The mayor expressed immense pride in the event's success, highlighting the unity and compassion demonstrated by the Atherstone community. It was also thanks to the civic event committee who did a fantastic job.

Mayor's Report on Atherstone Partnership Event – "Hats Off" Documentary Screening at St Mary's Church

On December 3rd, I had the privilege of attending the Atherstone Partnership event at St Mary's Church, where the much-anticipated documentary "Hats Off" was screened. The documentary delved into the rich history of our town as a prominent hatting center and explored the fascinating narrative of the hat factories that once thrived within our community.

Joseph Smith, Angela Spencer, and Rob Higgins delivered an exceptional presentation, offering insights into the intricate process of hat-making, the historical evolution of the industry, and its profound impact on our town. Their expertise and passion for the subject were evident, making the event not only informative but also incredibly interesting.

The ups and downs of the hat industry were candidly discussed, highlighting the resilience of our community in the face of economic challenges. The importance of the hat-making legacy within Atherstone became evident as the speakers illuminated the cultural and economic significance it held for generations.

A special commendation is due to Gary Chamberlain, the talented producer behind the documentary. His skilful work in capturing and presenting the historical journey of our town's hatting industry allowed the audience to immerse themselves in the past and appreciate the heritage that shaped Atherstone.

The event provided a unique opportunity for residents to connect with their town's history, fostering a sense of pride and appreciation for the cultural heritage that defines Atherstone. "Hats Off" stands as a testament to the collaborative efforts of the Atherstone Partnership in preserving and sharing our town's rich legacy.

December 7th

M G Evans and Sons Christmas memorial service.

The Christmas memorial service at 7 pm at St Mary's Church in Atherstone was truly a heartwarming experience. George Evans extended a gracious invitation, and it was an honour to attend. The impeccable arrangements by M G Evans and Sons were evident, reflecting their dedication. The musical performances by the exceptional violinist Ievgeniia Veasey and the soulful singer Aaron Broadhurst resonated through the church, creating a serene and memorable atmosphere. The event brought together a community in reflection, weaving a tapestry of gratitude and remembrance that lingered long after the final notes had faded away.