

November Report from the Mayor, Cllr Vicky Johns

During the last month I was honoured to be asked to attend the unveiling of the Coleridge Memorial Statue on 21st October, a fabulous statue and a lot of hard work was done to raise the funds for the statue by the Coleridge Memorial Trust volunteers.

At the beginning of the year I was asked to write a small introduction for a book written by John Hall titled the Modern Trooper, which is an updated book by Samuel Taylor Coleridge on the Ancient Mariner. The book has now been published, as a limited edition and is available at the Curious Otter.

I was also honoured to be asked to give out the awards to the winners of the Coleridge Literary Festival at Knightstone Manor during the evening of 21st October. The work submitted was of a fabulous quality and I'm glad I didn't need to choose, well done to all those involved.

The 5th November was Ottery's long tradition of the Tar Barrels and it was an amazing success with thousands of people descending on our Town to watch this unique event. The organisers did a fabulous job parking all of the cars, which in itself was a monumental task after all of the recent rain and keeping everyone safe. So I would like to thank them all as well as Streetscene who did an amazing job ensuring the streets were cleaned before lost people were awake.