

## Mayor's Advertiser November 2018

Regrettably for some within our Community Christmas can be a lonely time. That's why 7 years ago Churches Together in Torpoint & District initiated the Home Alone Christmas Lunch. The concept is a great idea which provides a 3 course Christmas Lunch and a couple of hours of jovial company, free of charge, to anyone in the Torpoint area who would like to come along. It does however depend on the generosity of volunteers with some free time. The organisers are currently trying to secure a professional Chef who is able to cook a starter and Roast Lunch for up to 50 people. If this sounds like you or you can help in any capacity please email Viv on [vivienne.a.morris@gmail.com](mailto:vivienne.a.morris@gmail.com) for further details.

You may have recently read in the local press that Torpoint is in danger of losing its Foodbank facility. The Town Council and Local Churches agree that this would be a travesty. If you would like to make use of this service please contact the Torpoint Family Hub (Torpoint Children Centre) Trevol Road Torpoint PL11 2NH Tel: 01752 816569 who can provide Food Bank Vouchers. These vouchers can then be exchanged for Food Bank Boxes from St James Church Hall, Salamanca Street, Torpoint PL11 2BD, who are open Monday and Wednesday 10.30am -12.30pm

I am pleased to confirm that from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 Town Councillors email contact details have been standardised due to General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which came into force earlier this year. For the updated details please see the Torpoint Town Council website.

It gives me great pleasure to announce the recent co-option to the Town Council, of Councillor Mr Chris Still.

Chris and his family have resided in Torpoint for many years and I am confident he will bring a wealth of local knowledge and experience to enhance the work Torpoint Town Council is tasked with. On behalf of myself and members of the Council I wish Chris all the best in his new role.

A warm Torpoint welcome is also extended to the new Commanding Officer of HMS Raleigh, Captain Richard Harris who took command in early September.

I'm sure that over the coming years, the bond that exists between HMS Raleigh and Torpoint will continue to grow from strength to strength.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – HMS Raleigh Firework Display- 6.30pm Gates open- Free Entry.

2018 is the 100<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of the end of the First World War. 100 brave men from Torpoint sacrificed their lives during this conflict. To mark the occasion Torpoint is organising a number of events beginning with 25 giant poppies having been attached to lamp posts along Harvey Street and Antony Road. Each poppy has 4 names of the fallen written on them.

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November, there will be a Remembrance Service in St. James Church. The parade set off from Albion Road at 10.40am and proceeds to St. James Church where the service is conducted in the open-air in addition to being broadcast inside the Church for those wishing to be seated. Do please come along to remember those who have laid down their lives in not only the First World War, but so many conflicts since.

On the same evening there will be the Beacon Lighting Ceremony in Rendel Park. This is a nationally co-ordinated tribute which has special significance this year. I hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us for this poignant event which commences at 6.30pm.

A plea for volunteers to assist with the organisation and set up of the Christmas Lights Switch On. This is a fabulous community event which takes place this year on 1<sup>st</sup> December. Please contact [adminassistant@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:adminassistant@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk) or telephone 01752 814165 if you can give some of your time to help.

Until next time.