



From the Mayor's Parlour

September 2013

August has been very quiet month with the holiday period upon us, I hope you all have had a nice summer break.

Student Success

Congratulations to all the students who attend Torpoint Community College and have achieved good exam results. The college bucked the national trend with their GCSE results which showed a small increase in standards.

New Bus Services

Plymouth Citybus has announced that it will launch a new service between Plymouth and Torpoint from Monday 7th October 2013. The

service will run up to every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday between Torpoint and Plymouth City Centre, via Stoke and Plymouth Railway Station. Plymouth Citybus has further invested in its operation to now serve further afield into South East Cornwall.

Child Safety

Cornwall's Children's Services Authority has asked everyone to work together to keep children and young people safe online:

Be aware – Set ground rules for using the technology safely, sites that can be visited and acceptable behaviour.

Keep safe – Do not give out too much personal information, do not post or say anything that could hurt or embarrass yourself or others.

Stay in Control – Remember once something is posted you have lost control of the email, text or picture. If you wouldn't show that picture or say it in the real world, then don't do it online.

Report – If you receive bullying messages, do not respond to the sender and do not 'forward' messages, texts, or emails. Keep the evidence and record dates, times and description of incidents and block the person who is cyber bullying.

Report - To the Internet Service Provider and Social Media Site (check the Terms and Conditions).

Report – To the Police if the incident threatens violence, messages and photos are sexually explicit, the incident incites hate, racism and stalking.

Report – To the school if the incident involves other pupils at the school.

Your help in this matter is vital.

Lifeguards

Thanks - I would like to thank the RNLI lifeguards that have saved lives at sea and around the coasts of Great Britain.

Cornwall Lifeguards has been very busy this season and a special thanks to our own lifeguards at Whitsand Bay as they also have had a very busy time. The lifeguards patrolling the beaches along Whitsand Bay have reported one of their busiest weeks of the season, with 33 rescues over 7 days, 23 of these rescues involved children.

Please support RNLI collecting tins and fundraising events, the RNLI is a volunteer-based organisation funded almost entirely by voluntary contributions.

A big **Thank You** must go to **all** our front line services - they all have had a very busy time.

Vandalism

CCTV cameras are now operating and recording in Benodet Park and the Skateboard Park, sadly it has had to be used. The young people who damaged the children's slide in

the play park have done community work around the town. Another five youths have been caught on camera damaging the tiles on the band stand/sheds in Benodet Park. The CCTV tape is with the Town Council who will discuss with the Police to decide what action is to be taken.

Friends of Thanckes Park (FOTP)

The proposed woodland walk; it was a big disappointment for the FOTP members to hear from Cornwall Council that the funding for this project was turned down by SITA UK. But I am sure that the members of FOTP will not let this beat them!!! Your support would be much appreciated.

Gorsedh 2014

Plans are going ahead to stage the Gorsedh 2014, if you would like to help in anyway there is a meeting on Thursday 12th September at the Council Chambers at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Freedom of Torpoint

On Sunday 22nd September at 10.30am The Band of HM Royal Marines, Royal Naval Officers, staff and trainees of HMS Raleigh will be marching from the Sports Centre, Antony Road to the Ferry Lanes for

an inspection and The Captain and myself will be taking the salute outside the Comrades Club to mark the 16th Anniversary of HMS Raleigh being granted the Freedom of Torpoint. Please come along to show your appreciation for HMS Raleigh being part of Torpoint.

The Mayor & Mayoress's Diary

23rd July - 27th August 2013

26th July Attended Tom Brock's Memorial Service at St James Church.

27th July 10am Mayors Charity Sale, Thanks to all the helpers and those who attended a total of £409. 89p was raised for the charity.

27th July 1pm Officially opened the Torpoint Youth Project who held their first ever Arts Festival at Benodet Park. Congratulations to the organisers and all the local entertainers. Torpoint certainly has got talent!!!

27th July 9pm Attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary Party of Ann & Danny Branley.

15th August meet with the Instructors and committee of 'TS Ramehead' at the Mill, If you are interested in joining or becoming a part of the team please phone Jan Creek 813360

16th August 1730 (STC)
presentation to the Torpoint Youth Football Team. The 1730 Club presented £100 at the Kings Arms to members of the Torpoint Youth Football Club under 12's. There is one young girl out of the 99 young players registered who play in the youth teams from under 11 to under 18. Good luck to you all for the new football season.

17th August Torpoint and District Garden & Craft Show at the Council Chambers. There were 66 classes and a children's section with a wide variety of entries, all winners were presented with rosettes and trophies, Congratulations to all the exhibitors and the members of The Torpoint Allotments Association who organised the show. Thank you for your kind donation to the Mayors Fund.

If you require assistance/questions answered

please contact any Town or Cornwall Councillor, it is no good putting it on face book (not everybody reads it). A full list of Councillors can be found on the website

www.torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk, or call into the Council Chambers, open weekdays between 9am and 1pm, or the One Stop Shop at the library. The library is closed on Thursday's but open Saturday mornings.

Until next month my very best regards,

Mike Pearn MBE