

Mayors Column

March 2014

When I wrote my report for the February edition of the Advertiser, I thought we were over the worst of the weather. How wrong I was. Torpoint has been relatively lucky, not like our near neighbours Kingsand/Cawsand and further afield. I would like to congratulate and thank all the front line services for their hard work and dedication in the recent atrocious weather and our hearts go out to all the victims of the storms.

Congratulations to:

Our local Police Team who won the award "East Cornwall Policing Team" of the Year.

Torpoint brothers **Mike and Dennis Morris** who joined together for a charity night of music and comedy at the 200 Club. They lost their mother through cancer when she was 61 and decided to put on the evening for MacMillan Cancer Support. The evening was a sell out and with match support from the Banks they raised £2,500 for the charity. Well done to Mike and Dennis.

Alicia Keise who received her education in Torpoint Schools/College in graduating with BSc(honours) in Paediatric Nursing. We wish Alicia all success in her career.

Katie Martin is one of 18 Scouts chosen from all over Cornwall to attend The World Scout Jamboree in Japan 2015. A wonderful experience for Katie. Well Done!!

Carbeile Junior School are now the proud owners of a mini field gun, carriage and walls thanks to the Devonport Field Gun Association. The retired navy men who all took part in the field gun competitions over the years, formed an association after the competitions ended in 1999. The men raise money for service charities and have taken to building field guns for school children to use in exhibitions and competitions. The men will train teachers in the art of field gun competition and the teachers will in turn teach the children. It is hoped the Carbeile children will compete against other schools in Cornwall and Devon and take part in exhibitions at county shows and hopefully the Torpoint Carnival.

Sharron Parkin our Town Council Administer is leaving, Sharron has been the Town Administer for 4years and has made a vast difference in running the Town Council's affairs. She will be sorely missed. Sharron, Thank you for all your help.

Part-Time Fire-fighters Wanted!!

If you are interested please visit The Fire Station, Antony Road on Monday evenings on their training evening.

Scams - Everyone please be aware of any phone calls you receive.

There are a lot of scams going around so be careful, do not pass any of your details out over the phone.

Mayors Diary

Saturday 1st February Torpoint Players Show “The Snow Queen” Panto It was a fun and entertaining evening. Congratulations to all who took part.

Sunday 2nd February Liskeard’s Civic Parade.

Saturday 8th February The Torpoint & Rame Peninsula Lions Club 36th Charter Dinner & Dance at The Council Chambers. A very good evening had by all.

Friday 21st February Seventy Thirty presentation at The Kings to the St John Ambulance Cadets.

Saturday 22nd February Torpoint & Mount Edgumbe District Girl Guides UK “Thinking Day” Service at St James Church. To celebrate Lord & Lady Baden-Powell’s Birthday. Congratulations to all who took part.

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Clean Cornwall Week will take place between Saturday 15th to Sunday 23rd March.

Any volunteers for the Torpoint area please contact Torpoint Town Council on 814165, equipment can be arranged.

After the storms volunteers across Cornwall responded to the calls to help clean up local beaches and picked up almost 500 bags of rubbish. Volunteers took part on a “Great Cornish Beach Litter Pick” organised by Volunteer Cornwall and Clean Cornwall to remove litter washed up by the huge waves over the past few weeks. The event was supported by Cornwall Council’s Environment and Localism Services, and waste contractor Cory picked up the bags of litter collected by the volunteers. If you are planning your own event please use #doorbit to help promote what you are doing. For further information on how to set up a litter pick is available on the Clean Cornwall website www.cleancornwall.co.uk.

I would like to Thank:

Darren who has been cleaning up the stream at the Mill which has made a great improvement.

Linda and her Friends from the Cornerstone Church who have been clearing up the footpaths around the town, on Sunday 23rd February the team picked up 23 bags of waste,

a bicycle and also some DIY waste in 3hrs, they would also like to warn dog walkers of the broken glass in the woods behind Trevithick Avenue.

Katie with her mother who have volunteered to clean the beach as part of Katie's Duke of Edinburgh award.

And last but no means least to **Corys Environment** for supplying the equipment and arranging pick up of all the rubbish.

A Big Thank you to all.

Fly Tipping - Some of the rubbish which has been cleared up around our area is the result of fly tipping. Have you seen anyone fly tipping? If so, please contact the Council Environmental Management Team on 0300 1234 202 or email envmanagement@cornwall.gov.uk. Fly Tipping is illegal and dangerous, it can pollute land and waterways and is very costly to the tax payer to clear away. Dumping household, industrial and commercial waste illegally is a serious criminal offence that carries a fine of up to £20,000 or an offender can even be sent to prison. Cornwall Council treats this problem very seriously and will usually prosecute anyone caught fly-tipping. Fly-tipping is often associated with dumping waste from vehicles; in this case the person who owns the vehicle can also be prosecuted, which means that it is possible for a prosecution to occur when only the vehicle, not the driver, is identifiable. The police also have the powers to seize vehicles used for fly-tipping.

Cornwall Council provide waste disposal sites and recycling centre's where you can safely and legally dispose of unwanted items.

Torpoint –The Home of the Gorsedh 2014 – Plans are going well for the visit of the Bards of Cornwall. For further details please check the following web sites:
www.torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk - www.gorsethkernow.org.uk or www.esedhvos.co.uk

Best Wishes