

Since our last meeting, Saturday 24th September was the annual carnival thank you to everyone for organising the event even the weather stayed kind to us until everything was finished.

On Sunday 2nd October we had the Freedom of HMS Raleigh, thank you to all who attended and made it a memorable day, even the weather was another very sunny day.

Saturday 8th October Tina and I attended the home of Mr Peter and Mrs Sandra Nicholson and presented them with a basket of flowers to celebrate their Golden Wedding.

Monday 17th October I accompanied several Councillors and attended the invitation to the Fire Station where we were made most welcome by Station Officer Steve Gill and his crew. We were shown around the operations and equipment available to them and what they can do for our community and we have been invited back in the summer to witness the equipment used when there is a Road Traffic Accident.

Saturday 21st October Tina and I attended the Coppola School of Performing Arts for their show The Little Mermaid and were treated to another excellent production, congratulations to Kelly and all of her students and all behind the scenes, well done.

Sunday 30th October Tina and I attended St James Church for the commemorative service for 2nd Lt Robert Bagster Vinter who lost his life during the battle of the Somme, a very moving service which was very well attended. Once again the young children from Torpoint Nursery and Infant School performed some excellent songs and a pupil from Carbeile Junior School carried the MHC Heroes standard. I received a very nice letter from the Cornwall's Regimental Museum thanking everyone involved in the service, my thanks to those involved in organising the service.

Friday 11th November I attended the wreath laying ceremony at Sparrow Park an event which gets bigger every year and in the afternoon I attended Torpoint Nursery and Infant School for their Remembrance Day Service. This was another excellent service well done to all the young children. In the evening

Tina and I attended the Festival of Remembrance in the Plymouth Pavilions which was a very moving performance.

Sunday the 13th November we attended the Town Remembrance Service, organised by the Royal British Legion Torpoint Branch, again very well attended by all of the organisations in the Town and the streets were lined with the community showing their respect and support, my thanks to all involved in making it another successful annual event.

By the time this is published our Christmas lights will have been switched on and I am sure they will even more impressive than before, congratulations to all involved in putting up the lights and making it a successful event for the town and our younger people.

The Town Council is acutely aware of the budgetary restraints that Cornwall Council are experiencing that in turn is leading to issues with service delivery in the town. The Town Council has already taken over the weed spraying operation around roads and pavements and will extend this in 2017 to include footways that link roads. For example the footways between Park Road and the service lane and Hamoaze Road and Carbeile Road. The Town Council is currently maintaining Benodet, Rendel and Sparrow Parks and is also reviewing further park improvements in in the 2017-18 budget in other parks that would become part of a devolution package. Additionally the Council has entered into negotiations to take over the redundant tennis courts in Thanckes Park and also the small park in Rowe Street. The Town Council has also appointed an enforcement officer who can issue fixed penalty notices for dog fouling and fly tipping and urge residents to report incidents. The Town Council will also be supporting the Torpoint Town Partnerships who are holding a summer events festival in Thanckes Park during 2017. A new Community Interest Company (CIC) will be formed to progress further the Coastal Community Town (CCT) initiative that will engage with Torpoint Town Council and parish councils on the Rame peninsula to encourage economic activity and infrastructure projects. It is also anticipated strong links will be forged with Plymouth City Council for a consolidated approach to benefit both sides of the Tamar. The Town Council has also supported further investment to engage planning consultants to work with the Neighbourhood Development Plan team and produce integrated policies as part of the development strategy.