

MAYORS COMMUNICATION TORPOINT ADVERTISTER NOVEMBER 2017

On Tuesday 26th September the Deputy Mayor, eight other members of the Town Council and I had a most informative and fact-finding evening at the Community Fire Station in Torpoint. My thanks once again to Station Manager Steve Gill and Fire Fighter Shane Gill, who between them explained the workings of many pieces of apparatus used by them and the rest of the crew operating from the station.

Community spirit must be mentioned yet again when you realise that Steve and his crew are all employed retained fire fighters that give their time to keep us safe in our homes, on the roads and in our local community. Training nights are usually held on Monday evenings and members of the public are welcome to come along and watch with prior notification. New retained fire fighters are urgently required to maintain this valuable service within the town, if you are willing and able why not contact Steve for an informal chat and obtain further information on this role. With winter fast approaching if you require a free fire safety check i.e. electric blanket, smoke alarm etc. please contact www.cornwall.gov.uk/keepingsafe or call them free on 0800 3581 999; or Steve Gill at Torpoint Community Fire Station, Antony Road Torpoint 01752 812351.

On Saturday 30th September the wet weather did not dampen the carnival spirit. The decision to relocate to the Council Chambers was made early in the day and as the day progressed proved the right thing to do. My sincere thanks to the Torpoint Town Partnership, Andy Martin Production Support, Town Councillors, caretakers, stallholders and all the organisations that made the day such a great success. It was nice to see the fancy dress competition so well supported by young and old and everyone enjoyed the spectacular costumes that ranged from Viking Long Boat to a superfluity of nuns.

On Monday 16th October Maureen and I had the pleasure of attending a presentation given by Cornwall Councillor John Crago, to the recipient of the People of Courage Award for 2017 Claire Stephens, at the Torpoint Mosquito Sailing Club. The surprise event was attended by many of Claire's family and friends, well done Claire.

I am pleased to report on a recent meeting held between representatives of Torpoint Town Council and Cornwall Council about the arrival of Travellers at Horson Sports Field. Discussions are ongoing, but it is hoped that preventive measures will soon be in place to stop trespass happening again in the future, and if it should happen then a remedial action plan can be brought into immediately. I hope to provide an update on this matter in next month's column.

The Council is keen to pursue the possibility of CCTV coverage throughout Torpoint, resulting in a delegation of councillors making a visit to Tolvadden Control Centre to see for themselves the cameras in use, and how the surveillance can benefit the town from both a safety and security element. The Cornwall Fire, Rescue and Community Safety Service is based at Tolvaddon, Camborne and it is hoped that if installation takes place we will become part of a wider network of CCTV coverage

throughout South East Cornwall, which will be a great benefit to both our town and neighbouring communities.

The Council recently launched the Torpoint Town Council Logo Competition. It is hoped that the winning logo will be used on official stationery, posters and the town council website. The competition is opened to any individual and the entry judged the best will win an iPad. Further information regarding terms and conditions, style and content of the logo can be found on the town council website www.torpointtowncouncil.co.uk and posters in key locations in the town. Closing date for entries is Midnight on Thursday 30th November 2017.

I hope you have an enjoyable and Spooky Halloween, and look forward to seeing you all at the free RALEIGH Fireworks evening on Thursday 2nd November.

Until next month.