

Mayor's Column

On Saturday 17th August I was invited to attend the Allotment Association Garden and Craft Fayre. This year has proved challenging for local growers but they rose to the occasion. The Torpoint Craft Awards Ceremony started with the awards for the 'Young Growers' category and I was pleased to present 1st Place Award to Summer Lock who had created a garden with a recycling theme. Summer's creation included seed bombs one of which I have since planted at the entrance to Sparrow Park. On display were cakes, artwork, embroidery and other craft works in addition to the garden produce. We certainly have some talented individuals in Torpoint. The number of entrants had increased slightly from last year. However, Chris Moore and the Allotment Association would be delighted to welcome any enquiries from community members wanting to enter the competitions next year.

On Sunday 18th August the 2nd Torpoint Dogs Show was held in Bénodet Park. This event was very well attended by people of all ages and their dogs. I should like to thank Mrs. Kim Brownhill for taking the lead in organising this event.

On the 31st August I collected some plants from Plants Galore, Plymouth, as part of their end of summer giveaway. These plants have been planted at Bénodet Park in readiness for the 10th Anniversary of the opening of the park for the community of Torpoint on Saturday 28th September.

On Sunday 1st September I was invited to Defiance Field, the home of Torpoint Rugby, to watch the Juniors' train with Juniors from The Cornish Pirates Club. Visitors attending on the day had the opportunity to view the exciting plans for the new Rugby Club. I should like to take the opportunity of thanking all of the individuals in our town who are working so hard to secure funding in order to improve facilities for our community. Rugby training and matches for young people and adults alike, could not happen without the volunteering hours given freely by coaches, referees, grounds staff, catering and bar staff, fixtures secretary's etc. So, I should like to thank those volunteers in our community, across all the sports and activities, who work to enable these opportunities to happen.

On Tuesday 3rd September I attended the Dedication and Unveiling of Plymouth's Merchant Navy Monument on Plymouth Hoe. I should like to thank Mrs Chris Rankin of Torpoint who was a member of the organising committee. Following this event, I travelled to Redruth for the launch of Kresen Kernow. This new and impressive Archives Centre is housed in the converted Redruth Brewery and is well worth a visit.

On Thursday 12th September Councillor Chris Still and I attended an emergency planning exercise in County Hall, Truro. This exercise followed on from the visit I had to Devonport Dockyard last month. At County Hall we were able to observe operations closely, and were able to listen to the interaction between all agencies. Our observations on the day leaves me in no doubt that that should an emergency event occur, we are in very safe hands.

Saturday 14th September was Torpoint Carnival Day. The weather was very good and attendance numbers at the event were very pleasing. I have sent my personal thanks to the Torpoint Town Partnership (TTP) members and all the other individuals and groups involved in contributing to make it such a successful event. Date for your diaries: Christmas Lantern making Saturday 23rd November, with the Christmas Lights switch on – Saturday 30th November.

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