

Mayor's Column

Save the date...

My Mayor's Charity Ball has been set for Saturday 15th February 2020 and will be held at the Torpoint Council Chambers. Further information and tickets will be available at the end of October.

Is your organisation in need of more volunteers? Have you got an hour to spare? Would you like to find out what volunteering opportunities are available in Torpoint? If the answer to either, or both, of these questions is yes then contact me by email

chris.goodman@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk to book a place at the first Volunteer Sign Up Event which will be held at the Torpoint Community Hub and Library on Thursday, 5th December 2019 - this date has been selected this day as it is International Volunteers Day.

On Monday 16th September 2019 Torpoint Town Councillors and Torpoint Town Council staff members attended a safeguarding training session led by Head Teacher Elisabeth Carney-Haworth. Like many of those attending the session, I had attended many safeguarding training sessions throughout my working life. Mrs Carney-Haworth was tasked to present from the perspective of safeguarding our community. The message was very much that safeguarding is the responsibility of every individual in the community. 'Think it, report it.' Posters were provided on the day for us to display in our community, thank you to Mrs Carney-Haworth for taking time out to host and present the training session.

On Tuesday 17th September 2019 attended the Why Sports Conference held at The Royal Society for Medicine. It was an opportunity to hear about National initiatives concerning sport and activity. I was able to reflect on an address given by the C.E.O of Sport England and network with other sports professionals; the message was clear that communities need funding to support these exciting initiatives and opportunities.

On the Friday 20th September 2019 I visited Mr and Mrs Stansfield to present them with a bouquet of flowers to celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

On Saturday 21st September 2019 I joined other volunteers at Thanckes Park Tennis Courts. Community members, young and old, joined together to tidy up the tennis court area, cutting back overgrown shrubs and brambles and trimming back the grass which had encroached onto the playing surface. Whilst working many of us reflected on the beauty of the site and the hours of enjoyment gained in the past by many in our community playing tennis on this site either socially or competitively.

Sunday 22nd September 2019 saw the Unveiling and Dedication Ceremony for the long awaited Torpoint War Memorial commemorating The Fallen of World War Two and subsequent conflicts as well as members of our Torpoint community who lost their lives as a result of the bombing raids on Torpoint. I should like to thank the War Memorial Working Party who have been working tirelessly in the last year to bring the project to completion. Members of the Working Party were drawn from Torpoint Archives, St James Church, The Royal British Legion and members of Torpoint Town Council. A special mention needs to be given to Councillor John Tivnan BEM for leading on many aspects of the project. It was a memorable occasion. Families of The Fallen had travelled from different parts of the Country, and indeed, further afield to be present.

On Thursday 26th September 2019 I attended the Hounds for Heroes fundraising event at the Mill. An interesting presentation was given relating to the ways in which these incredible dogs are trained to be able to make a positive difference, changing lives for those individuals living with injury or disability. Money has been raised to cover the cost of the training of a new dog. To reflect the support that staff and trainees at HMS Raleigh have given to the Hounds for Heroes project, this trainee, life- changer dog will be named Raleigh.

On Friday 27th September 2019 I visited the Community Hub and Library to support the Macmillan Coffee Morning. The event was very well supported by the community. Later in the evening I was invited by the STC Club to present a cheque to the Friends of Thanckes Park at The Kings Arms.

On Saturday 28th September 2019 we celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the opening of Benodet Park. In attendance were The President and Vice President of the Benodet Twinning Association who had travelled from France to mark the occasion. My thanks were offered to the Mayor and members of Torpoint Town Council of ten years ago who had the vision of how this space could be enjoyed by the Torpoint community. Thanks are due also to the members of the Torpoint Allotment Association, Peter McLaren and other partners who contributed to the creation of the beautiful space we enjoy today. Refreshments of Breton-style crepes and Torpoint, Cornish Cream Teas were provided by Mrs Christine Martin and her team from the Torpoint Twinning Association. Musical entertainment was provided by Mark Barnwell.

On Sunday 29th September 2019 I attended the Saltash Civic Service with Chris which was held in the Saltash Baptist Church.

On Wednesday 2nd October 2019 I was joined by Marion, CHAT Treasurer, visiting Tartendown Nursery to select the Torpoint Town Christmas Tree. I should like to take this opportunity to thank CHAT who have generously covered the cost of the purchase of the Christmas Tree for this year.

On Saturday 5th October 2019, Chris and I supported Luna's Fund Charity Auction which was held at HMS Raleigh. The Auction was very well supported by family and friends.

Much work has been completed towards gaining Torpoint Plastic Free Community Status. We are intending to submit our application to SAS for accreditation in December.

It has been a very busy month but the opportunities and experiences have been varied and enjoyable.

Cllr Chris Goodman

Torpoint Town Mayor