

Mayor's Column

Thank you to the huge numbers of volunteers in our community for their time and effort to ensure the 2019 Christmas celebrations and events took place. Thanks also to the volunteer members of the Torpoint Town Partnership for hosting the Lantern Making Workshop and orchestrating the Lantern Parade at the Christmas Lights Switch on evening. Also, the Torpoint businesses who supported the 2019 Best Dressed Christmas Window Competition, adding that extra magical Christmas sparkle to the Fore Street area. Heartfelt thanks also to the team of volunteers who put up the Christmas tree, arranged the Christmas tree lights and the lights along Fore Street. Many of our community have commented this year on the beauty of the lights, as well as the team of volunteers who managed the road closures. In spite of the strong winds the stage was set up and a variety of community singers and performers entertained everybody. Thanks to all the performers as many of the groups had multiple engagements throughout the Christmas period.

What an amazing community effort at St James Church on Christmas Day, I enjoyed meeting and talking with local residents who were taking advantage of the hospitality. Thank you to the kitchen team and the church members for a successful event.

Many members of our community like to visit the Horson Cemeteries at Christmas time to pay their respects to family or friends. I regretfully report that whilst visiting the new Horson Cemetery individuals have been horrified to see that some irresponsible dog owners have allowed their dogs to foul around the graves of their loved ones, which is deeply distressing for those individuals. Signs are now displayed at the Cemetery reminding all dog walkers to keep their dogs on a lead in the area. Dog fouling is also on the increase in Fore Street and several businesses have commented their displeasure having found dog excrement on the pavements, I know the majority of dog owners are responsible, however, I encourage us all to be vigilant on this matter.

Forthcoming events include the Mayor's Charity Ball at the Council Chambers on Saturday 15th February, tickets are £30 each and include a three course dinner, with entertainment provided by Broken Men. If you would like to purchase Mayor's Ball tickets please contact the Council offices on 01752 814165 or email adminassistant@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk. Advance notice of the Annual Civic Service, this year it will be on Sunday 12th July at St. James Church.

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Torpoint Town Mayor

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