

Mayor's Column

The Mayor's Charity Valentine Ball was a very special evening. The Council Chambers Main Hall was picture perfect thanks to the skills of Mr Andy Martin, the table flowers were created by Bea's Florist and the catering supplied by Any Occasions. David Wetherill was guest speaker and delighted the audience with his speech when he made reference to growing up happily in Torpoint and that he believes Torpoint to be a very special community. At the end of David's speech, on behalf of those present, and the Torpoint community, I wished David well for the 2020 Paralympics. £255 was made from the auction of David, Jack and Lloyd's team shirts and I should like to thank them for donating the shirts. I should like to thank all those who attended on the night and donated generously towards my Mayor's charities.

The next Mayor's charity events are a quiz to be held at the Conservative Club, Torpoint, on Saturday, 28th March and a Spring Vintage Afternoon Tea to be held on Sunday 26th April from 2-4.30pm in the Torpoint Council Chambers.

On Saturday, 22nd February, Chris and I were invited to attend the Torpoint & Rame Lions Charter Dinner which was held at The Torpoint Athletic Football Club. It was an enjoyable evening and an opportunity for me to thank the Lions, personally, for all they do throughout the year to support our community.

On Thursday, 27th February I was invited to the Launch of the Torpoint & Rame U.3.A. (University of the Third Age). Members of our community turned out in force to support this initiative. The Council Chambers hall was full to capacity. The organising group have worked very hard to provide a very varied and interesting programme of activities. There is opportunity to sign up for Dartmoor walks, visits to gardens, theatre visits, cycling, language sessions, craft sessions etc. If you did not have the opportunity to attend the Launch, and would like to find out more, information is available at the Torpoint Library and Community Hub.

On Saturday, 29th February, I travelled to Liskeard to attend a climate change workshop which was organised by Cornwall Council. This was a valuable opportunity to meet with other community representatives and understand more about the climate change agenda on a local and national level.

On Thursday 5th March I visited the Torpoint Library and Community Hub to support the St. Piran's Day Celebration organised by the Library Hub Staff. Even though it was raining for most of the morning over two hundred people visited throughout the day. It is now a year since the opening of our Torpoint Library and Community Hub and on behalf of the town I should like to congratulate Mr Paul Smythe, the Library and Community Hub Manager, and his team for providing us with such a welcoming environment and excellent service that goes above and beyond.

On Friday 6th March I was joined by two other Councillors, working in a voluntary capacity, to plant some spring flowers in Sparrow Park. How distressed I was when I returned from working at Sparrow Park to be informed that two trees, that were planted recently at Hawthorn Avenue as part of the Forest for Cornwall initiative, had been vandalised. I am asking residents to be vigilant and report any such anti-social behaviour.

Monday, 9th March was Commonwealth Day and a Commonwealth Service was held at Sparrow Park followed by a small reception at the Torpoint Library and Community Hub.

Planning is well under way for the V.E. Day 75th Celebrations to be held in May. Plans include a street party in Fore Street on Friday 8th May. Save the date.

Finally, I should like to congratulate Torpoint Athletic Football Club Mens 1st team on an excellent cup run reaching the Cornwall Senior Cup Final. Good Luck, Torpoint.

It is possible that the Final could be a local derby as Millbrook have reached the semi-finals. Congratulations to Millbrook also.

Chris Goodman

Torpoint Town Mayor

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