

Mayor's Message

April/May 2013

New Council

By the time you read this, a new Town Council will have been elected and my Mayoral Year all but over. It follows that, at the meeting of the Council on 16th May, a new Mayor will be elected. It is right and fitting that I thank all those who have served a Town Councillors, since the last elections in 2007 – how long ago that seems. Having said that, it is disappointing that so few members of our Community have put themselves forward for election to the new council. Indeed, in the Torpoint (West) ward, only four candidates were nominated to fill eight seats – all of the nominees being sitting Councillors. Thankfully an election will take place in Torpoint (East), giving the electorate a choice of who should represent them. I wish all who will serve on the new Council, and my successor as Mayor, every success in their endeavours to promote and progress the Town.

Mini Soccer

The Deputy Mayor and I were invited to the Torpoint Mini Soccer Club on 23rd March, to present the children with their Easter eggs and to watch them go through their training. The children had a lot of fun as they went hunting for mini-Easter eggs.

Saltash Civic Service

Ann and I attended the Civic Service of the Mayor of Saltash on 24th March, as guests of Councillor Martin and Mrs Maggie Gee. We were joined by the Portreeve of Callington, the Mayor of Launceston and their Mayoresses, together with Mrs Sheryll Murray MP.

The service was held in the parish church of St Nicholas and St Faith and was followed by a reception in Saltash Guildhall.

Military Wives' Concert

St James' Church was packed to capacity for a concert on 6th April, which was organised by the Kessenyan Singers' Choir. The Kessenyan, together with the Plymouth Military Wives' Choir and three young soloists, provided an evening of superb entertainment, whilst raising a considerable amount of money for the Military Wives' Foundation and the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Incidentally, the amount raised in Torpoint for the current Poppy Appeal year has broken the £20,000 barrier – a magnificent achievement by any standards. Well done to all who have been involved in that stupendous effort.

Torpoint Carnival

By popular demand, the Torpoint Carnival will take place again this year, on Saturday 15th June. Its success depends on participation so, if you or your organisation would like to enter a float or otherwise take part, please contact Mike Pearn MBE on 843164.

Gorsedh Kernow

Following on from last month's communication, the Deputy Mayor and others attended the Proclamation of this year's Gorsedh in Penryn on 13th April. The aim of the visit was to see exactly how the ceremony is carried out and to bring back any lessons learnt – and many were. The next major stage in the

planning for Torpoint's Gorsedh next year will be a meeting in June, between the Grand Bard and the Torpoint Town Partnership, including groups and organisations that will be involved directly.

Torpoint Residents' Association

For many years, I had the privilege of being the Chairman of the Torpoint Residents' Association. Unfortunately, the TRA has been formally wound up, due to declining membership numbers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all TRA members for their help and support throughout the association's 30-year existence.

And Finally

As I retire not only as your Mayor, but also from Torpoint Town Council, on behalf of Ann and myself, I would like to thank everyone for their support and kind wishes over the last year. It'd been an amazing time for both of us, especially considering the major events that have taken place during my term of office, not least last year's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Torpoint is a fantastic Town with a brilliant Community and I wish each and every member of that Community every success and happiness for the future.

God bless Torpoint!

Terry Moore