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Our following on the Town Council Website and on Facebook is growing! We are at the start of the summer and there are some great activities and events going on in and around Torpoint. We would very much like to hear from you to include details of your events - perhaps you would like to contribute an article? If you would like to submit a piece please email the Editor at g4rydavis@aol.com

Torpoint Art Club

Open to all ages and abilities

Torpoint Library

Fridays 1-4pm

For more information contact Mike Howells on mikehowells7@hotmail.co.uk or 816615

Torpoint Tigers Youth Rugby

Defiance Field, Sunday's from 10:30

St Columba and Torpoint Rugby Club have started up Youth Rugby for boys and girls aged 6+ at the Defiance Field, Torpoint. Training will take place every Sunday until further notice between 10:30 and 11:30am.

Tag Rugby training and games will take place for children aged 6-10 with contact rugby for 11-16 year olds. Training will be provided by qualified coaches.

The club is looking to generate enough interest to have teams competing in matches and friendlies next season.

Bacon sandwiches and refreshments are available from the clubhouse for parents, children and spectators.

If you would like more information please come along on Sunday or call on 01752 829005

The Torpoint Archives have a wealth of information, knowledge, articles and artefacts about the people and the history of Torpoint. They are open Tuesday's 2-4pm and Friday's 10am-12pm and 2-4pm at the Council Chambers. If you are researching your local family history they are well worth a visit.

Our thanks to Mrs Rosemary Pellew and her dedicated team who were able to provide this piece:

Ye Olde Tyhee Serenaders, Church House, 28th February 1914

A highly successful concert was given by Ye Olde Tyhee Serenaders at the Church House, Torpoint, on 28th February 1914, in aid of the submarine A7.

The room was crowded, all the tickets being taken before the time and the audience was most appreciative. The first part consisted of a miscellaneous programme, songs being sung by Messrs. Turner, Wakeham, Lovell, Cocking, Short, Bugo, Wall and Willsmore, the choruses being sung in fine style. The boys assisting were Masters Parsons, Cobreen, Veale, Giddy and Underhay, the last-named singing with feeling 'I Want My Mummy'. The whole gave a spirited rendering of 'Hail ! King George'. Messrs. Cocking, Lovell, Wakeham and Turner took the parts of corner men, and their jokes caused plenty of fun. Mr. Short was interlocutor.

The second part of the concert consisted of an unusual sketch entitled 'Come In', the characters being taken by Messrs. Turner, Cocking, Wakeham, Lovell, Hicks, Willsmore and Reg. Pearce, and all acquitted themselves most creditably. Mr. Maurice Cocks presided at the piano and the arrangements were carried out under the direction of Mrssrs. Cocking, Hon. Treasurer and Turner, Hon. Secretary.

Torpoint Town Council - Localism

Over the past year or so Torpoint Council has continued discussions with Cornwall Council to devolve local services. Notable successes to date have been:

- The management of the public toilets in both Antony Road and Thanckes Park, these services were under threat of closure by Cornwall, Torpoint agreed to take them on with a subsidy from Cornwall Council.

- Weed Control through the Town for all but the Main road and Fore Street. The Town Council have taken this service on from Cornwall after it was announced the service would be terminated for this year. It is expected to have the weeds under control over the coming weeks.

Other opportunities are under investigation and a meeting with Cornwall Council has been arranged in early June to further these. More info in the coming months...

MARYFIELD CHURCH FETE

In the garden at Maryfield Church

Saturday 5th July

2pm

Please come along and enjoy a relaxing afternoon – linger over tea and cake, pick up a bargain at one of the stalls, relive your childhood with roll-a-penny and other games and maybe win a raffle prize.

Torpoint Twinning Association 30th April - 4th May

After 27 years the Torpoint and District Twinning Association thrives. 52 Twinners made the journey from Bénodet across to Torpoint on 30th April. 10 of the Twinners were children which shows great promise and a rewarding future for the association.

There was a full programme of activities designed around all ages to show off some of the best sites and activities in the area.

The Thursday programme consisted of a morning at the Royal William Yard with a full guided tour by one of our members. A free afternoon was followed by Evening Soirées for families to get to know each other.

Friday Morning included a conducted tour of HMS Raleigh by Captain Bob Fancy OBE. This was followed by The Town Mayor, Mike Pearn MBE, hosting a Reception Buffet in the Twinners honour at the Council Chambers with formal speeches and a stunning performance by the Torpoint Infant School Choir made for a great afternoon. The day was rounded off with all of the Twinners attending a fabulous Barn Dance at the Council Hall - at one point every member was joining in from 6 year olds up to the 72 year olds!

Saturday was a special day at Morwelham Quay, which has much historic interest, the youngsters were really excited going on the old train ride into the mine. The train ride was made extra special as the Train driver was a French speaker.

The final day saw a traditional Sunday lunch for 90 people at Whitsand Bay Hotel, there was a very friendly atmosphere through out and it was with sadness they had to say farewell over a drink at the Torpoint Mosquito Sailing Club. The Twinners parted with fond farewells and promises to meet up next year in Bénodet.

If you are interested in joining the Twinning Association please contact the Chairman, Eric Fincher on janeric8@btinternet.com

A Taste of France

The Twinning Association will be holding A Taste of France event in Benodet Park on 25th August 2014, look out for posters nearer the time or in the August Tyhee.



Torpoint Lady Singers - 12 hour Singathon, Cornerstone Church, 14th June 2014

Saturday June 14th heralds the 22nd 12 Hour Annual Singathon at Cornerstone Church from 9am-9pm. The nominated charity is Jeremiah's Journey, a Plymouth based charity, which supports bereaved children and young people, to cope with grief and to share special memories of the person who had died. Refreshments will be available though out the day with tea, coffee in the morning and a cream tea in the afternoon. A free concert starts at 7 pm, Torpoint Town Mayor Mike Pearn MBE, a supporter of the choir will be opening the event and during the morning Donna Birrell from Radio Cornwall will be attending

The Torpoint Lady Singers were formed in 1987 with 8 members and has progressed through the years to become a highly successful self-funded choir with 30 members under the direction of Sylvia Fraser, Musical Director and Accompanist Sue Westwell. The two basic aims, those being to spread the joy of music and to raise funds for charity have been maintained over the years with an outstanding record of raising over £44,000 for various charities.

The last two concerts one on Saturday March 15th with Mevagissey Male Choir raised money for St James Restoration Fund and on Saturday May 17th with Brixham Orpheus Male Choir raised £506 for Maryfield Restoration Fund.

Anyone wishing to join the Choir should contact the Secretary, Jennie Reid, or come to Cornerstone Church on a Monday evening at 7.15p.m.

Old Fire Station Complex

After many years of speculation and planning the Community Health Centre at the bottom of Fore Street will be relocating to a new facility being built in Trevol Business Park. The relocation will result in the block containing the old Fire Station and Heath Centre becoming available for development. The Town Council are working with the various authorities to ensure the area can be redeveloped to rejuvenate this historic part of the town. If you would like to share your vision for this area of the town please contact us at

admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk

Antony Road Surgery

In the April edition of the Tyhee the Town Council advised they were working towards registering the Surgery in Antony Road as an asset of community value. The application for this is in process but it looks like any approval will come too late for the Council as it is understood a third party has agreed terms with the vendors.



Cornwall Council Grass Cutting

A number of residents have expressed their dissatisfaction in the way Grass Cutting has been carried out so far this year by Cornwall Council.

The long time period between cuts and the poor quality cut is resulting in both an unsightly appearance (example of Marine Drive above) and the unpleasant smell of the grass rotting.

Torpoint Council have a meeting with Cornwall in early June where this will be one of the topics for discussion.



Town Council Parks

Torpoint Town Council have taken on a management lease of Sparrow Park (top right) from Cornwall Council to add to the Council's existing park portfolio of Bénodet Park (top left) and Rendel Park (below)

Over the coming months a Park Maintenance Plan will be developed to maintain the spaces and enhance them further with a floral planting scheme to compliment the existing shrubs and hard landscaping.



Diary of Events

- Sat, 14 Jun Torpoint Lady Singers 12hr Singathon - Cornerstone Church 9am
- Sun, 15 Jun Fathers Day Walk
- Sat, 05 Jul Carnival Day - Cambridge Field.
- Sat, 05 Jul Maryfield Church Fete
- Sat, 12 Jul St Columba and Torpoint RUFC Community Fun Day – Defiance Field
- Sun, 13 Jul Civic Parade and Service
- Sat, 19 Jul Lions Fair - Torpoint School Campus
- Sun, 03 Aug Mt Edgcombe Classic Car Show and Fair
- Sat, 06 Sep Gorsedh Kernow – Thanckes Park
- Wed, 17 Sep The Horses & Mounted Gunners of The Kings Troop RHA
- Thu, 23 Oct RBL Poppy Concert – St James Church
- Sat, 29 Nov Christmas Light Switch-On

Armed Forces Day 2015

Do you have a big idea?
Be a part of it and come along to the first planning meeting on 12th June 2014

7.30pm, Torpoint Council Chambers

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