

The community of Torpoint excelled themselves on Sunday 13th July with a fantastic turnout for the annual Civic Service and Parade. Led by Torpoint Sea Cadets Band, Mayor of Torpoint Councillor Julie Martin and consort Andy Martin were accompanied by Deputy Mayor Councillor Mrs Chris Goodman and consort Mr Chris Goodman.

Dignitaries attending included the Commanding Officer Captain Jane Roe from HMS RALEIGH and Anna Gelderd MP. The Lord Mayor of Plymouth Councillor Kathy Watkin accompanied by Alderman Dr John Mahony. Also, visiting Mayors from St Austell and Liskeard and Deputy Mayors of Saltash, Bodmin and Launceston. Chairman of Cornwall Council Councillor Rob Nolan and Moyra Nolan, Honorary Freeman of Torpoint Mike Pearn MBE and Honorary Burgess John Crago were supported by Torpoint Town Councillors, the Torpoint Town Crier, plus Cornwall Councillors Kate Ewert and Rob Parsonage. Additionally, former Town Mayors attended and paraded to the Church.

The Reverend Jo Northey, the Mayor's Chaplain led the Service at St. James Church, with beautiful performances from Torpoint Sea Cadets Corps of Drums and Coppola School of Performing Arts.

The Civic Awards 2024 – 2025 were chosen by Councillor Gary Davis who asked the Torpoint Town Mayor to present all of the awards.

Outstanding Achievement Award

"2024 was an impressive year for Torpoint Sea Cadets, it was a year of exceptional success. In April at the National Drill Competition at HMS Raleigh, they were crowned Continuity Drill Display Winners, with trophy and medals presented by HRH Princess Anne.

In July they triumphed again, winning the Southwest Area Band contest, which earned them a place at the National Sea Cadet Band Contest in Greenwich last September. There, they delivered an extraordinary performance, bringing home a near clean sweep of awards:

- Best Overall Band
- Best Dressed Band
- Best Corps of Drums
- Best Drum Major
- Best Marching Display
- Best Musical Display
- Petty Officer Cadet Will Wooller, won Best Musician for the for the 'Best Original Composition'

With over 60 cadets from 10 to 18 and over 20 odd volunteers, TS Ramehead is continuing to put Torpoint on the map, delivering incredible experiences for the young people in our town."

Youth Achievement Award



"This year's Youth Achievement Award goes to a young person whose quiet determination and vibrant community spirit have inspired so many of us. Sam has dedicated over seven years, and he is only 15, to the Friends of Thanckes Park, showing an unwavering commitment to both the environment and local community. His reliability, energy, and kindness shine through in everything he does, from litter picking and planting flowers to supporting events from start to finish. Sam's courage, especially in overcoming communication challenges and stepping forward to join committees and the Scouts, speaks

volumes. He is a true role model, and a shining example of what young people can achieve when given the opportunity to make a difference. This year's Youth Achievement Award goes to Sam Farndale."

Persons of Courage



“The Persons of Courage Award this year goes to Justin and Amanda Carney, whose strength in the face of unimaginable loss has deeply moved our community. Following the tragic passing of their son, Kyran, in a road traffic accident on the A374 in October 2022, they chose not to retreat from the town, but to bring it together. Kyran, a child of Torpoint, grew up amongst us, played football for Torpoint Athletic Youth, and joined the Royal Navy, completing his training here at HMS Raleigh in the town he loved. In his memory, Justin and Amanda have united us through two powerful community events, first in 2023 and again this year, raising over £15,000 for local causes and Royal Naval charities. Their courage has turned grief into hope, and their actions have ensured Kyran’s legacy continues to shine as a source of strength, pride, and unity for Torpoint.”

Citizen of the Year



“The 2025 Citizen of the Year Award goes to Jeremy Lock, a true pillar of Torpoint whose selfless dedication and exceptional talents have elevated countless community events. A professional sound engineer in television, Jeremy brings his expertise, passion, and infectious enthusiasm to local schools, festivals, parades, and the annual Christmas Lights switch-on.

Whether it’s the magic of the Torpoint Fest or a heartfelt school production, Jeremy’s work behind the scenes ensures every moment shines. He volunteers his time tirelessly, supporting organisations from Friends of Thanckes Park to the Coppola School of Performing Arts, always with patience, kindness, and a helping hand. His impact is immeasurable, his spirit unmistakable, and his contribution to our town simply extraordinary. If he is not supporting with behind the scenes

with sound and stage. You will see him as a volunteer road marshal supporting road closures for our parades. Jeremy, you embody what it means to be a citizen of the year and we thank you wholeheartedly.”

Organisation of the Year



“The Organisation of the Year Award goes to the Coppola School of Performing Arts, a cornerstone of creativity and opportunity in Torpoint. Originally founded 50 years ago by, Carol Lamb, and now for 20 years led with passion and vision by her daughter Kelly-Jane Brown, the school has trained hundreds of young people in ballet, tap, jazz, musical theatre, singing, and acrobatic arts.

Their annual showcases and large-scale productions, including last year’s dazzling “Out of This World” dance show and this year’s spectacular staging of Disney Junior’s “Moana” have lit up our Town Hall and given amazing

memories and experiences to performers and audience our hearts. Beyond the stage, Coppola School’s generosity shines through their fundraising efforts, which have raised thousands for local causes and charities, including Sarcoma UK through Rohan Brown’s London Marathon. Whether performing at carnivals, Christmas lights, or community events, Coppola School brings joy, talent, and togetherness to our town and we are proud to celebrate their outstanding contribution.”

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