TORPOINT NEWSLETTER







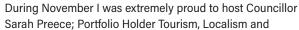
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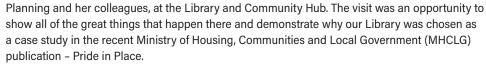




From The Mayor's Parlour

Welcome to this quarter's newsletter. This newsletter is produced as part of the Town Council's communications strategy and along with our social media presence, websites and press releases, it is designed to update and inform residents. It is delivered to 3,600 homes, including nursing homes and is also available online on the Torpoint Town Council website.





Included in this issue is an update on the recent funding secured by Torpoint Town Council. With the help of this funding the Council has been able to invest in community assets including a portable hearing loop, PA system, generator and temporary lighting. This new equipment has been used recently at the Freedom of the Town, the Bonfire and Fireworks Display, Remembrance Sunday, the switching on of the Christmas Lights event and the Street Market. If your organisation has a need to borrow any of this equipment please contact the office as it is for the benefit of everyone.

Also included in every issue of this newsletter are the Town's Diary Dates. I would like to draw your attention to the Christmas Civic Service I am hosting on Tuesday 16th December 7.00pm at Cornerstone Church, all are welcome. To add your community event to this section please email admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk, I hope you find this newsletter useful, please provide any feedback to the Town Council, details are on the back cover.

As we prepare for the festive season I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the businesses, organisations and community volunteers who work hard to make Torpoint a great place to be at Christmas.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Kind Regards Councillor Julie Martin Scan QR to view TTC website



DIARY DATES

DECEMBER

Tuesday 16th

MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS CIVIC SERVICE

Cornerstone Church | 7pm admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk

Tuesday 16th - Monday 22nd CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

St James Church lindamyles3@gmail.com

Thursday 25th

HOME ALONE CHRISTMAS LUNCH

St James Church Hall | 12:30pm - 4:00pm To reserve your seat or volunteer your help for part / all of the time please call Sandra on 07592788732 between 3pm & 6:30pm

February 2026

Thurs 5th, Fri 6th, Sat 7th

TORPOINT PLAYERS' PANTOMIME

Details to follow

Saturday 14th

TORPOINT TOWN MAYOR'S CHARITY BALL

6.30 for 7pm | Torpoint Council Chambers Tickets available price £40.00 – contact admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk

Sunday 15th

TORPOINT COMMUNITY CINEMA

3pm | What We Did on Our holiday (with afternoon tea) 5.30pm | Dog Man torpointcommunitycinema@gmail.com

MONTHLY

Third Thursday of each month TORPOINT COUNCIL MEETING

Committee Room | 7pm
An open forum will precede the meeting.
Members of the public wishing to put a question to the council can do so, 24hrs prior to the start of the meeting, in writing to the Clerk.

Last Sunday of each month SUSTAINABLE SUNDAYS & REPAIR CAFÉ

Torpoint Library & Community Hub | 10am -1pm Torpoint Environmental Action Repair Café The Toolbox Team will be present for small repairs to household items & the Sewing Repair Team for any sewing repairs.

Fourth Wednesday of every month

TORPOINT & RAME U3A

Council Hall | 10am – Midday u3asites.org.uk/torpoint-rame/groups

TORPOINT WI

St. James Church Hall | 7.30pm babs_g_205@hotmail.com

Please note that dates are subject to change. To add an event to this diary please email admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk









Would you like to join Torpoint Diverse Advisory Panel (DAP)?

Torpoint Town Council is looking for residents living with a disability, who can support and contribute to the panel.

Responsibilities of DAP Include:

- ✓ Seeking the views and opinions from the disabled community of Torpoint about accessibility concerns.
- ✓ Production of an action plan detailing a summary of steps to review and implement these concerns.
- ✓ To identify and engage with relevant key stakeholders within the town, surrounding community and other experts to support the Advisory Panel.
- ✓ To advise and recommend funding opportunities to support relevant improvements, for the benefit of the disabled community in Torpoint.
- ✓ To regularly communicate positive steps in equality, diversity and inclusion to the town, via the Town Council website, social media and newsletter.

If you are interested, please email your letter of application to the Town Clerk clerk@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk

Please include:

- 1. Your contact details.
- 2. What can you bring to the panel?
- 3. Why would you like to be included in the panel?

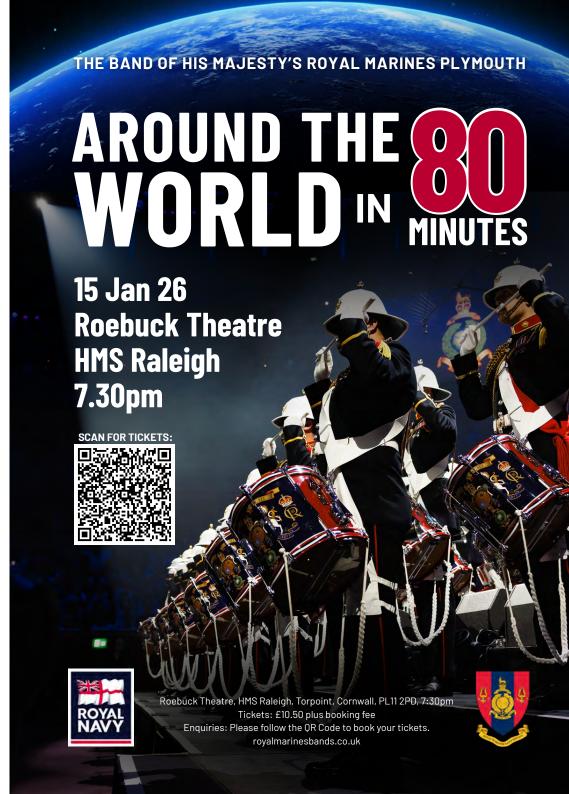
Panel meetings are held quarterly at Torpoint Library and Community Hub.

The Torpoint Diverse Advisory Panel (DAP) are very pleased to announce that we are very close to hitting our £30,000 goal for the accessible play park equipment. We have now selected the company to complete the very exciting and much needed changes to two playparks within Torpoint.

We will keep you updated with the progress...

In other positive news, we have had many local organisations and businesses that have signed up to the 'Inclusive Community Partner' sticker and doorbell scheme!

DAP will be hosting an engagement evening in January to say thank you and to issue the stickers and doorbells to participating businesses. If you are a local organisation and business and would like more information on this fantastic initiative, please get in touch.



Torpoint & Rame Branch Royal Naval Association







The Royal Naval Association provides companionship, comradeship and unity to everyone with a naval story, supporting them through life's highs and lows.

The Torpoint & Rame Branch also seeks to play its part in the Torpoint community by supporting local organisations. To this end, on 28th October, the Branch presented cheques for £250 each to Torpoint Archives and the YMCA Torpoint. The Archives are guardians of the heritage of the Town, whilst the YMCA helps to promote health and fitness in the community.

Remembrance is vital to the RNA, as it is to the community at large. The Branch standard was paraded on both Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day, by standard bearer S/M Chris Davies. Lest We Forget.

As 2026 approaches, we are planning Branch activities for the new year. Our programme includes quizzes, horse/farmyard racing and bingo, together with an annual barbecue,

Black Tot Night and the ever-popular Trafalgar Night Dinner. The most important element of our meetings is the companionship, comradeship and unity principles, upon which the RNA is founded. Make no mistake, our gatherings can be pretty jolly affairs!

Membership is key to the success and longevity of the Branch and new members are always welcomed. If you would like to find out more about the Royal Naval Association and the Torpoint & Rame Branch, please email S/M Paul Carter at paulcrtr@btinternet.com.

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Peaceful New Year

TORPOINT COUNCIL CHAMBERS

FACILITIES FOR HIRE!

Do you know that The Main Hall, Committee Room, Mayor's Parlour, with use of the kitchen or bar, and Bénodet Park are available for hire by individuals, organisations and businesses?

The Main Hall has a licence to facilitate up to 200 people standing and 120 seated. There is a stage and access to both the kitchen and bar. There is disabled access, a hearing loop and has Wi-Fi available.

The Committee Room is a room suitable for meetings of up to 80 people standing or 45 seated. The room is ideal for children's parties as there is plenty of space for a disco and can be used in conjunction with the bar area to serve refreshments. The room is fitted with a Hearing Loop system, a projector and screen and has Wi-Fi available.

The Mayor's Parlour, a comfortable room that can seat up to 12 people. It can be used for formal board room style meetings, training sessions, or informal meetings, The Mayor's Parlour is in a self-contained area with its own entrance on Buller Road.

All rooms can be booked via the online booking system https://www.torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk/facilities.php

If you have any questions regarding the facilities or the booking process, please contact the Town Council Support Officer / Assistant to the Town Clerk via email at admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk or on 01752 814165.

SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK NOW



Hire Charges Per hour (incl. Setup & Cleaning) Main Hall £18.00 Committee Room £12.00 Mayor's Parlour £8.00 Bénodet Park £12.00

Become a Tennis Activator (minimum age 16)



Play your part in helping people in your community play tennis for free at Thanckes Park. Your support may be the reason why someone picks up a racket for the first time and discovers a new sport for life.

Barclays Free Park Tennis sessions wouldn't be possible without the incredible work of volunteer Activators. These teams work together to plan and lead fun activities on court as well as collaborating with venues and operators to get more people active and enjoy tennis with free weekly sessions.

You don't need to be a coach or even have that much experience playing tennis, anyone aged 16 and over can become a Barclays Free Park Tennis Activator – you'll receive everything you need to succeed.

So, what's in it for you? Here's just a few of the benefits on offer for our Barclays Free Park Tennis Activators:

- Free online training giving you all the knowledge and resources you need to run fun sessions at your local park courts.
- Free tennis equipment we'll kit you out with an equipment bag with rackets, balls, markers and everything else you need to use during the sessions.
- Free hoodie once you've finished your training we'll send you a Free Park Tennis hoodie to wear during your sessions.
- **Support** Torpoint Town Council and the LTA will support you throughout your time as an Activator with ongoing admin and online sessions.
- Rewarding running Barclays Free Park Tennis sessions can be incredibly rewarding and you can take great pride in knowing that your work is making a difference to people's lives.

Torpoint Town Council currently has two Tennis Activators delivering sessions in Thanckes Park and are hoping to encourage more people to sign up to make 2026 as active as possible!





Activator Karen has shared what it's like to sign up and deliver sessions:

What inspired me to become a Tennis Activator?

I have always enjoyed taking part in sports, being outside and try to live a healthy lifestyle. When I changed my job I had more time and decided to be part of the team to help develop the growth of tennis in Torpoint. In my teenage years, I loved playing tennis and playing in local tournaments and would love to see more people get involved for the enjoyment it brings.

What do I enjoy most about the sessions?

It is great to see the enthusiasm and enjoyment of everyone of all ages and abilities playing together, as well as watching the players grown in confidence and see themselves progress in the sessions.

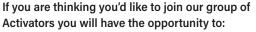
What are the hopes for future tennis in Torpoint?

As tennis is accessible to everyone,

I would like to see a variety of sessions available throughout the year, bringing like-minded people together, and seeing more people enjoy using the fantastic facility we have in our town. I would like to see our Activator numbers increase to help us provide weekly sessions.

What have I discovered that I didn't expect to by being a Tennis Activator? I didn't expect to love it as much as I do!





- Make new friends.
- Learn and develop new skills.
- Help others to learn new skills and achieve.
- Put it on your CV.
- Feel valued and proud of your achievements.
- Enjoy it!





Torpoint Library & Community Hub

Weekly Activities

Everyone is Welcome at the Torpoint Library and Community Hub! We have lots of different people that offer all kinds of help and support at the library. Pop in for a chat or phone us.

MONDAY

Quiet Library / Café
Torpoint Chapter book club
11am – 12noon (1st Mon of month)

TUESDA'

Social Prescriber (appointments by Dr Referral)

Armed Forces Support 10am – 12pm (2nd Tue of month)

Awenek Art for wellbeing
Term time only | 10 – 12noon (weekly)

Lego Club | 3.30 – 4.45pm (weekly)

WEDNESDAY

Rhyme Time | 10am – 11am (weekly)

Council Tax & Housing Benefit Support 10am – 12pm (weekly)

Friendship & Musical Memory's Singing Group | 1pm – 3pm (weekly)

Police Drop-in
1st Weds of Month (11am)

THURSDAY

Advice & Info | 10am – 12.30pm (Weekly Drop-in)

Craft Group | 1 – 4pm (Drop in)

Battling on: Veterans support 10am – 12pm (3rd Thu of month)

Pain Café | 4 – 6pm (Last Thu of month) Must be booked with Library staff

FRIDAY

Quiet Library/Café Arts Club 10am - 12pm (weekly)

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Saturday Opening | 10am – 12pm (2nd Saturday of the month)

Sustainable Sundays and Repair Cafe 10am - 2pm (Last Sunday of the month)

IT and Printing

Full access to our printing services and computers.

Help and Support

We offer a daily support service for money, health and general advice. If you are struggling come and see us or alternatively call – Cornwall Gateway helpline on 01872 266383 (8am – 8pm, 7 days)

Or just pop in for a chat and piece of Home-Made Cake!





Library opening times

Monday – Friday | 9.15am – 4.30pm T | 01752 812215 E | Torpoint.library@liscornwall.org.uk

Or find us on Facebook and Instagram!



Torpoint and Rame Peninsula Lions Club was pleased to recently donate £1000 towards the Cornerstone Church Repair Fund.

Torpoint's Cornerstone Church began with the historic Methodist Chapel, built in 1795, which became Grade II listed and was extended in 1908. In 1987 it merged with the local United Reformed Church to form Cornerstone.

The Church provides a venue for so many local events and organisations, Torpoint and Rame Penisula Lions agreed that it was vital to help with the cost of the vital repairs needed to continue to retain this fantastic community space in the heart of the town of Torpoint.

Torpoint and Rame Peninsula Lions are always keen to do our bit for the environment and recently met up at Seaton Beach to pick up litter.

It is always essential to clear any litter which can be a danger to wildlife through ingestion or entanglement. Removing the waste also prevents toxic materials and microplastics from entering soil, water, and the atmosphere, protecting ecosystems.

Torpoint & Rame Peninsula Lion President Steve Murray said, "We collected a bag of rubbish to ensure that this beautiful beach is free from any rubbish so that it can be enjoyed by all – local and visitors alike."

Photo: Top left - Lion President Steve Murray, Lion Steve Morris, Lion Richard Pymm and Lion David Rosson present a cheque for £1,000 to Cornerstone Church

Photo: Top right - Local Lions collecting rubbish from Seaton Beach.

Freedom of Torpoint



HMS RALEIGH, the Royal Navy's principal naval training establishment, proudly exercised its right to the Freedom of Torpoint on Sunday 28 September, with a spectacular parade through the town.

The parade started from Thanckes Park car park and made its way through the heart of Torpoint to the Ferry Lanes. Residents and visitors lined the streets to watch the Ship's Company and Trainees march with drums beating, Colours flying, and bayonets fixed, honouring the historic privileges first granted to HMS RALEIGH in 1996.

Leading the parade was the Band of His Majesty's Royal Marines Lympstone, followed by a Guard of Honour made up of recruits currently in week 9 of their training. The rest of the parade comprised of Ships' Company, and recruits based at HMS RALEIGH.

During the return leg of the march, the procession paused at the War Memorial in Eliot Square to pay respects to the fallen with a solemn 'eyes left' salute.

Town dignitaries, including the Town Mayor of Torpoint, and the Town Clerk – who read the historic Proclamation –, took part in the ceremony.

Town Mayor Councillor Julie Martin, Mayor of Torpoint, accompanied by her Consort Mr Andy Martin and Mayor's Cadet Ernie Eastment, welcomed the parade stating "A symbol of trust and loyalty, this event is an opportunity to demonstrate the strength of bond that exists between the Naval Base and our town recognising our shared history and community spirit and the close affiliation that has existed for many years. Providing our community with employment, supporting the economy of our town, and providing valuable help and assistance within the community, the bond of unity and friendship that exists between HMS RALEIGH and Torpoint is as strong as ever".

Captain Jeremy Ussher Royal Navy,
Commanding Officer of HMS RALEIGH
responded "We are deeply grateful for the
enduring friendship and support that Torpoint
has shown to HMS RALEIGH over the years.
The bond between us is more than ceremonial,
it is practical, personal, and deeply rooted in
shared history. I would like to thank the people
of Torpoint for your unwavering support,
your kindness, and your generosity. Your
community spirit and the welcome you extend
to our personnel and their families make a
real difference, and we are truly grateful".

The Freedom of Torpoint allows HMS RALEIGH to march through the town in full ceremonial regalia – a tradition symbolising the trust and respect between the naval establishment and the local community.







A NEW PAIN CAFE AT THE TORPOINT LIBRARY AND HUB, LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH 4PM-6PM

What we will cover
We will always start with a
cuppa!

The first session will be an introductory session, then we will cover,

Medication,visit from the Local
Pharmacist and Social Prescriber
Sleep, relaxation and
mindfulness
Acceptance
Pacing yourself
Getting active and setting goals
Managing setbacks
Nutrition

Contact us for more information on, 01752 812215 or email, torpoint.library@liscornwall.org. uk



Update on Funding

Earlier this year Torpoint Town Council secured £37,600 of additional funding from the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. The funding was allocated from Cornwall Council's Community Levelling Up Programme, which is part of the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Good Growth Programme. The funding was bid for and won to create a programme of activity to support events that benefit the local community, all ages and for all needs.

By using Community Levelling Up funding, the Town Council created a project which targets key locations, each with specific needs, and aims to enhance and repurpose these spaces to support the expanding events programme. Training new volunteers and purchasing affordable mobile equipment to ensure the sustainability of events is included in the project.

The Town Council has now purchased a hearing loop to make events more accessible, a battery powered PA system, extra temporary lighting and a generator. All of these can be borrowed, free of charge, by local organisations, to enhance events and activities, please contact the council offices for more information.

Wi-fi hotspots have been created via the installation of the very latest solar smart benches, one installed at Bénodet Park and one outside the Library and Community Hub. Users can sit on the bench whilst chatting with friends or just resting and are able to charge their phones or other devices using wireless and USB chargers. Also, users can access the internet using 4G, listen to music on the built in Bluetooth speaker and at night have the comfort of discreet LED lighting activated by sensor. These benches offer the very latest in cutting edge solar technology with the highest quality engineering.

A brand-new sound hut in Bénodet Park, replacing the old one and supporting live music and community performances has been installed and new safety signage, road-closure equipment, and vehicle-safety grids to help run safe, family-friendly events have been purchased.

The funding has also invested in volunteers' undertaking training in Emergency First Aid at Work, LANTRA Traffic Management for Community Events qualification, two staff undertaking online Event Management training, plus a Sensory Workshop for library and community hub staff and volunteers.

The project will also see new wheelchair-accessible storage installed at the tennis courts, expanding upon the work the Town Council is continuing with the LTA. Also radios and safety equipment, community BBQ's and dance floor surfacing bought, enabling events to be fun, safe, inclusive and professionally supported.

Torpoint Town Mayor Councillor Julie Martin said, "This funding is helping communities like ours to invest in things that really matter, improving local spaces, supporting wellbeing, providing inclusivity and bringing people together. All of the improvements we are making will benefit families, visitors and local groups for years to come."









This project is part-funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. The funding was allocated through Cornwall Council's Community Levelling Up Programme which is part of the Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Good Growth Programme.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund proactively supports delivery of the UK-government's five national missions: pushing power out to communities everywhere, with a specific focus to help kickstart economic growth

and promoting opportunities in all parts of the UK. For more information, visit: https:// www.gov.uk/government/publications/ uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus.

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Update on Funding awarded to deliver a Royal Institute of British Architects detailed design report on the land formally housing the police station.

Torpoint Town Council has reached a major milestone in the completion of the Royal Institute of British Architects detailed design of the community hub, residential units and community square on the site of the old police station on Hooper Street.

After having won the funding to complete the studies from the Good Growth fund managed by Cornwall Council the Torpoint Town Project Board undertook a procurement exercise and selected Clifton Emery Design, an award winning group of Architects from Devon, to complete the work that represents an important element of the work being undertaken to regenerate the lower end of Fore Street, in Torpoint.

As part of the design process significant engagement was completed online and in face-to-face events, on a number of occasions across the town. The design is in keeping with the recently agreed

Neighbourhood Development Plan and The Masterplan for the area, all of which have been discussed with residents.

Torpoint Town Councillor Gary Davis, Chair of the Town Team Project Board said, "This continues to be a pivotal moment for Torpoint. With the support of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, we are moving from vision to reality - transforming the former police station site into a vibrant Community Hub and Town Square that will serve generations to come. These designs reflect years of consultation, ambition, and collaboration."

An outline planning application has been submitted to Cornwall Planning for the site, with the results expected soon. Cornwall Council secured funding to demolish the old police station in preparation for development and are currently marketing the site for a developer to come forward.



Artist's impression of the location at the bottom end of town.

TORPOINT HAS A NEW VISITOR WEBSITE!

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VisitTorpoint

Torpoint and the Rame Peninsula

Discover the charm of Torpoint and the Rame Peninsula, Cornwall's hidden gem. Think quiet beaches, winding costal paths, cosy villages, and grand historic estates. Whether you're after see views, woodland wanders, or a proper Cornish pasty by the water, this laid-back corner is ready to surprise you.



Dip into hidden gems by the water

Discover secret coves, scenic walks and local hangouts just minutes from the ferry. There's more to see than you think in Cornwall's forgotten corner.



Explore the parks and open spaces

Breathe in fresh air at lush parks, riverside trails, and peaceful gardens. Perfect for a picnic, a stroll, or a moment to just soak it all in.

Torpoint Allotment Association

New members welcomed!

Please contact Mark Swain for more information on how to get involved. Email: 508950@gmail.com



Torpoint & Rame Peninsula LCWIP Local Routes, Local Voices

Walk Wheel Cycle Trust

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Walk Wheel Cycle Trust, formerly Sustrans, is working with Cornwall Council and Torpoint Town Council to develop a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for Torpoint, Rame Peninsula and St Germans.



Find out more

Visit https://bit.ly/Torpoint-and-Rame-Peninsula-LCWIP Scan QR code



Torpoint Library and Community Hub Schedule

Monday

Quiet Library Café open as normal

Book Club 11am 12pm (first Monday of the month)

Tuesday

Social Prescriber (book appt. via GP)
Armed Forces Support 10-12 (2nd
Tues of the month)
Awenek Art 4 Wellbeing 9:3010:30am
session and 11am-12pm session
(weekly)

LEGO Club 3.30 - 4.45 (weekly)

Wednesday

Rhyme Time 10-11 (weekly)
Council Tax and Housing Benefit
Support 10-12 (weekly)
Friendship and musical memory singing
group 1-3 (weekly)
Police Drop-in 11 am (1st Wed of the
month)

Thursday

Brew and Banter Veterans Group 10-12 (3rd Thursday of the month) Advice and Info Drop-in 10-12:30 (weekly) Knit and Natter 1-4pm Drop-in (weekly)

Friday

Quiet Library Café open as normal

Art Club 10-12 (weekly)

Saturday & Sunday

Saturday opening 10-12 (2nd Sat of the month)

Sunday opening and Sustainable Sunday and Repair Cafe 10-2 (last Sunday of the month)

Open Mon - Fri 9:15am - 4:30pm

Please email or call with enquiries: 01752 812215 torpoint.library@liscornwall.org.ul



The Torpoint Compassionate café

offers a friendly space for people to gain support who are bereaved/living with loss, a Terminal or life limiting illness or long term health condition and carers.



MEETS EVERY 1st AND 3rd MONDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE TORPOINT MOSQUITO SAILING CLUB between 12.30-14.00

(No need to be a member or to book) Email Torpoint Compassionatecafé@gmail.com facebook@Torpointcompassionate café

Free Refreshments provided



We are a non profit organisation. Our films are FREE to view but we would be grateful if you could donate towards the costs of screening and license fees.

PACKAGES

Refreshments | £5 Afternoon tea | £8

(Payable in advance)

We would love you to come and join us at the Community Cinema, our next movies are:

Sunday 15th Feb

3pm What We Did on Our Holiday + Afternoon Tea (£8)

5.30pm Dog Man (Refreshment package available £5)

Sunday 15th Feb

3pm - I Swear + Afternoon Tea (£8)

5.30pm - Bad Guys 2 (Refreshment package available £5)

Sunday 24th May

3pm - Thursday Murder Club + Afternoon Tea (£8)

5.30pm - Zootropolis 2 (Refreshment package available £5)

If you would like to join our mailing list please email us.

We can then provide you with up-to-date information on our screenings and you can suggest films for us to show.

For more info: T | 07870453641 E | torpointcommunitycinema@gmail.com

Torpoint Town Council welcomes any feedback on the content and frequency of their newsletters. Please write your comments below and return to 1-3 Buller Road, Torpoint PL11 2LD, or email admin@torpointtowncouncil.gov.uk.