

TOTLAND MONTHLY PARISH NEWSLETTER - MARCH
BY JOHN HOWE, CHAIRMAN.

The wall opposite Totland Pier has recently begun to bulge and crack. We have had to remove a number of stones and the Town Manager has arranged to have these stored temporarily. A structural engineer has inspected the wall and we have a report. We are in discussion with Southern Water currently to establish the cause of the problem and will act accordingly when we have further information to hand.

Village Plan- As you may be aware the Committee, chaired by John Holsburt, has officially handed over the Village Plan to the Totland Parish Council. We have taken on the responsibility of delivering a number of the projects contained within the Plan and a number of our Councillors have each offered to take individual responsibility for certain of these projects.

Sports Night - I was pleased to be able to assist at a recent Sports Night for young persons at the West Wight Sports Centre. This was attended by about 90 young people and the evening was highly successful.

Village Schools – I am very concerned at the possibility of losing the Totland Primary Schools. These schools both had excellent OFSTED reports and now we are threatened with possible closure of them. As a Governor of both of these schools I am very worried about the impact that this may have on Totland and village life. There was a protest march by parents, grandparents, relatives and friends which I joined. I was pleased to see support on this march from our Island MP, Andrew Turner and Councillors Patrick Joyce and Melanie Swan.

Totland Regeneration Partnership – I would like to draw people's attention that this Committee is still in existence and anyone with any suggestions/ideas for events please contact our Clerk, Val Gallard at the Parish Office. We look forward to another successful Art on the Turf Walk in August this year and would be pleased to have any offers of help with this event, of any kind.

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