



# TOTLAND PARISH COUNCIL

## Newsletter July 2008



### "QUALITY"



Totland Parish Council receiving their Quality Status Award

Totland Parish Council is now a "Quality" Council having received their Quality Status Certificate at the Parish Council Meeting on 14 May 2008 from Mr David Guy, Chairman of the Quality Accreditation Panel.

We are now in a position to seek funding and to start the improvements and investments which you, the local residents and young people, have asked for through the Parish Plan.

We said in that Plan we wanted to make Totland the best place on the Island to live, work and recreate and now we can move forward as we have the necessary facilities to begin.

### YOUR PARISH OFFICE

Your Parish Office is open from 9am until 11.30am Monday to Friday, for residents to call in to report any concerns or problems they may have concerning the Village. Your Parish Councillors, Town Centre Manager and the Police all visit the office regularly and appointments can be arranged for you to meet them here or to leave messages for them to contact you.

We can also be contacted by telephone: 756028 or e-mail to: [totlandparishco@waitrose.com](mailto:totlandparishco@waitrose.com).

For all Parish news and information please visit our web site at: [www.totlandparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.totlandparishcouncil.org.uk)

### MESSAGE FROM JOHN HOWE, Chairman

Having served the community of Totland for over 30 years on Totland Parish Council and having witnessed the gradual decline of our once envied village by the closure of local businesses which have become houses, the loss of Victorian houses to blocks of unsold flats, we can now pull out all the stops and seek funding for projects so desperately needed in Totland, such as the refurbishment of the toilets at Totland Pier, Colwell Bay and the rebuilding of the ones on the Recreation Ground.

We will continue to fight 'unsuitable' planning applications and together with your help we will endeavour to make a real difference to the future of Totland.

We welcome all residents to our Parish Council Meetings and also to become involved with local community projects. If you feel you can contribute please contact us or call in to the Parish Office.

### Totland Regeneration Partnership

### ART ON THE TURF WALK 2008

(7th year)

An exciting outdoor arts and crafts market & exhibition of work by Island artists, at the beautiful coastal setting of Turf Walk in Totland.

*Refreshments & entertainment*

**Saturday 23rd August  
10am - 4pm**

ADMISSION FREE



This venue is very popular with our exhibitors and we hope to maintain or improve on last year's number of 64. Don't forget art-crafts also include glass painting, wood carving, photography and any other 'arty' influence items.

Headon Hill WI will serve refreshments. Entertainment will be supplied by the very talented Kaleidoscope Youth Theatre Group.

After the success of last years Children's Picture Competition, our three local Primary Schools are again entering, these will be judged by West Wight Painting Circle members and the winning entries presentation will be at 2pm on the day by our Chairman, John Howe. The remaining entries will be displayed in the Totland Parish Office windows - last years display was well observed and much enjoyed. This event is kindly sponsored by the Needles Park.

A Tombola will be running at the event and prizes can be supplemented locally, donations to be left in the Parish Office

**DO COME AND ENJOY THE DAY**

## PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEES

**Each Parish Councillor has undertaken to set up a Committee to lead on the following projects:**

<b>CHURCH HALL</b> including Youth Club	<b>JOHN HONEYCHURCH</b>	Tel: 755117
<b>RECREATION GROUND &amp; TOILETS</b> including facilities for the young	<b>JOHN HOWE</b>	Tel: 753414
<b>NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH</b> including dog fouling	<b>VINCE FENNEL</b>	Tel: 754717
<b>TRANSPORT</b>	<b>DAVID FILBY</b>	Tel: 756028
<b>PLANNING AND HOUSING</b>	<b>CAROL BRYAN</b>	Tel: 752385
<b>NHS AND DENTAL</b>	<b>ALASTAIR JONES</b>	Tel: 752592
<b>SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT</b>	<b>BRIAN HINTON</b>	Tel: 754872
<b>FOOTPATHS, TREES &amp; PLANTS and FAUNA IN TOTLAND</b>	<b>VAL COOKE</b>	Tel: 559300

**If you are interested in joining one of these Committees please call the appropriate Councillor or call in to the Parish Office. We will be pleased to welcome you.**

### TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT



I have been Town Centre Manager for Freshwater & Totland since September 2007. I have nine fellow Town Managers covering the major towns on the Island and one senior Town Manager that oversees our day to day work. I am employed by the Isle of Wight Council Safer Neighbourhoods Directorate. Our main office is in Charter House in St Thomas's Square, Newport.

In comparison to my colleagues, I have the smallest population in my area, however, I have one of the largest geographical areas to cover and two parish Councils to work with. My role is to improve the environment and deal with members of the public who may have problems that concern them. I am part of a larger family, being the Safer Neighbourhoods team. The team is made up from partner agencies consisting of Police, dog wardens and Community Support Officers.

I also assist the Parish Councillors in their endeavours to improve the local area. I have an office at Yarmouth Police Station, and at the Freshwater Youth centre. I am committed to help improve both villages and make them two of the best places to live and visit on the Island. I live in West Wight, so I am very biased about this part of the Island which I firmly believe, is a natural beauty to be enjoyed by all. I have the highest regard for the councillors of both Freshwater and Totland, who work extremely hard to improve our villages. We are all trying hard to achieve a better place to live, work and play and continue to work together to achieve our aims.

I am proud to be working in such a great place and have met many local residents who are very passionate about the environment that they live in. I work alongside really dedicated people all trying to achieve the same goal, long may it continue.

**Bob Nelson**

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### JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB IN THE WEST WIGHT

West Wight Extended Schools (WAYS Forward) working in partnership with the Police, Sports Centre, Police Community Support Officers and the Town Manager to name but a few, has set up a Junior Youth Club for children aged 8 to 12 years old. With a focus of raising self-esteem, motivation and aspirations, as well as promoting a fit and healthy lifestyle, this project hopes to secure funding to enable the club to continue long term.

The club has attracted more than 160 children across the first 7 weeks it has been open, with an average of 90 children attending on a weekly basis. The local Police and others from the Safer Neighbourhoods team have played a key role in the positive start by attending on a weekly basis and joining in with the many activities on offer. The young people have warmly welcomed the opportunity to talk to the Police officers and Police Community Support Officers, as well as challenge them to a game of football or pool!

Amongst the activities that have been offered at the sessions are

swimming, circus skills, arts and crafts, football, steel pans, pool, basketball, badminton and table tennis. The junior club Youth Worker arranges team-building activities and topical issues are discussed and challenged.

With the emphasis on giving the young people ownership of the club, they are continuously consulted to identify the types of activities they would like to see on offer.

By engaging the children at an earlier age, it is hoped they will continue to attend sessions as they grow. It is envisaged a mentoring programme will develop to encourage the older youths to volunteer at the junior sessions, allowing skills and knowledge to be shared, and good role models to be mirrored.

The sessions run on a Wednesday afternoon from 3.30pm - 6pm, and continue through the school holidays. The junior club is working closely with the management group of the statutory youth provision to help provide a continuous quality service for the young people of the West Wight.



### **A NEW BUSINESS OPENS IN TOTLAND**

**The Parish Council is pleased to welcome the Sun family, proprietors of SUN-BO Chinese & Oriental Meals to Take Away, newly established in the Broadway.**

**We welcome them to Totland and would like to wish them every success.**

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

**to Sally Honeychurch who has been extremely successful in opening the Faith, Hope and Charity shop.**

**Quite the “in-place” for locals to meet, browse, have a coffee and chat - this is what “community” is all about.**

**The lease runs out on August 10th but she has applied for a new one, so call in for a coffee and more information.**



**Open hours:  
Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm  
Saturday 10am to 1pm**

## **DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING**

*by Councillor Carol Bryan, Chairman of the Planning Committee*

### **Hatherwood House, Cliff Road**

We are concerned about the number of flats being built in Totland, even more so when the planners decide to demolish beautiful old Victorian/Edwardian buildings to make way for even more flats. We already have enough unsold luxury flats in Totland, and none of these applications are for affordable flats.

I recently managed to have Hatherwood House incorporated onto the Draft Island's List of Buildings, Structures, Parks & Gardens of Local Importance. It was felt that together with its mature landscaping, this house had townscape merit and that it was distinctive due to its Edwardian age and style and to the local area as noted in the Lloyd/Pevsner volume. This may help preserve it for the future.

### **Meadow Barn, Weston Lane**

I attended the Isle of Wight Council planning meeting in County Hall, and spoke against the planning application for a detached house in the grounds of this beautiful, grade II listed building.

Our main objection was that new development was not supported by the residents survey in the Totland Parish Plan and would be an over-development of the site. We were also concerned that the detached house would be built first and the barn not then converted. Other objections included opening up a listed wall for vehicular access and more traffic on a busy school route.

I also objected to the planners not following their adopted policies by recommending approval when these plans clearly went against those policies. I am pleased that the IWC Planning Committee accepted my arguments and deferred the scheme for further consultation. We will be monitoring this closely.

The Parish Council has no objection to the barn being tastefully renovated or converted but without in-fill development in the grounds.

### **Housing needs survey**

We are conducting a housing needs survey to determine how many affordable homes we need to house local young families. This is a priority, as instead of expensive houses/flats being built and remaining unsold or unoccupied, we would like to be able to put pressure on the planning department with regard to the building of affordable homes in Totland.

When you receive the forms for the housing needs survey, we would be most grateful for your co-operation in filling them in and returning to the office.

At every opportunity we will fight to preserve the character of Totland and our Parish Plan assists us in this aim. It clearly states that residents are against more development and gives us a powerful argument with the IWC planners. We now need to produce a Village Design Statement, to reinforce the Parish Plan.

*Totland Parish Council have donated £180 to the West Wight Junior Youth Club towards additional expenses required to cover costs of opening during the school summer holidays.*

*The Council has made a generous donation to the Freshwater and Totland Carnival Committee towards the cost of this year's event.*

*Totland Parish Council are currently in negotiation with Freshwater Parish Council regarding future joint funding for the MUGA/skateboard park in Freshwater.*



*We are obtaining quotes for the cleaning of the War Memorial and painting of the Railings.*

*A much needed dog bin will be placed in Colmar Way and the Parish Council have agreed to meet disposal costs.*

*The road signs throughout the Parish are being repaired, repainted or renewed with the co-operation of the Town Manager.*

*The concrete beach huts on the sea wall at Colwell were recently demolished.*

*The village is looking tidier with new rubbish bins, dog bins and dog bag containers installed at various locations.*

*The bus shelter at Colwell Common is due for a facelift and will be cleaned and painted by the Probation Service work team.*

### St Saviour's Catholic Primary School

#### ACHIEVEMENT & FAITH FOR ALL

St Saviour's is a Voluntary-Aided School of the Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth. We share in the Catholic Church's mission to serve the community. Our school extends a warm invitation not only to Catholics, but also to all who value the principles and practices of Christian education.

Our Christian faith promotes the value of each and every child and our school is a happy caring community where children can flourish spiritually, socially and academically. We have developed our curriculum to ensure that it is exciting, relevant and engages children in their learning. At the foundation of our curriculum are our underpinning values of spirituality, teamwork, enjoyment, creativity and independence which prepare our pupils for tomorrow's world, in which they can make an effective contribution and enjoy a lifetime of learning. Our increasing range of extra curricular activities enables pupils to discover and develop their talents.

We are committed to working in partnership with pupils, parents and governors to ensure that the children in our care have the very best opportunities that we can offer.

Visits to experience our vibrant school community which was recently recognized by Ofsted as being a 'Good school with outstanding elements' are always welcomed.

### Weston Community Primary School

Well we are nearly at the end of another school year and here at Weston Community Primary School we would like to share with you some of the highlights.

Throughout the year we have had many experts come into school to coach the children in many different sports eg tennis, golf, gymnastics, dance, football, kwik-cricket, orienteering and swimming.

We have held successful after school clubs all year, these have included construction club, outdoor fun club, art and crafts. One of our most popular clubs has been gardening club where the leader was Mrs Rachel Bradley a volunteer from our community. One afternoon the children visited her beautiful garden.

Another local resident Mr Terry Rawkins has helped us to improve our library and the children now really enjoy coming to read all of our wonderful books.

We are surrounded with such beautiful countryside and scenery we felt it was very important our children learnt and appreciated the wonderful West Wight. Consequently when we were offered a chance to work with The National Trust on a History and Art project at The Needles Old Battery we were thrilled. The project was very successful and culminated in a celebration at The Needles which Parents, Carers and friends of Weston come to enjoy.

We have enjoyed a flourishing relationship with our local church and Andy Yorke comes into school every Friday to take an assembly with the children. We have held our Christingle and Easter service in church and recently we have welcomed a member of the church to come and hear readers in school.

If anybody is interested in spending some time in our lovely school please contact Mrs Lynda Evans.



### 'OPTIO' Community Transport

is in Urgent need of  
Voluntary drivers across the Island.

Volunteers use their own cars and are reimbursed their mileage expenses.

For more details contact  
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