



## **News and Updates from Totland Parish Council January 2018**

Happy New Year to you all and we hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. 2017 was a very busy year full of new projects and Councillors want to continue with this for 2018.

The Parish Council worked with the 1<sup>st</sup> Freshwater/Totland Scout Group introducing Car Boot sales on Colwell Common between April and October. The Scouts want to continue with this event and will be holding a Car Boot on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month from April. The Parish Council have agreed to continue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month from April and will be working with West Wight Nursery.

We reintroduced an Art & Craft event on Colwell Common and this will be built on for 2018. We have pencilled Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2018 between 10am and 3pm. Further details will follow during the next couple of months.

The Community Mosaic project has been running for a few months and this is open to all Totland residents. The group meet in the Parish Office either on a Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon and continue with this project weekly. If you are interested please come along on either day at 2pm. No experience is necessary, just enthusiasm. At the time of writing this update we had arranged for the completed panels to be installed during December, this will rely heavily on weather at the time.

The Christmas Market & Lantern Parade held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December was also very successful and attended by many people who all enjoyed the day. Thank you all for supporting this event and to all the volunteers who helped on the day. The Christmas tree and lights were new to Colwell Common and feedback has been good with Totland residents wanting this to continue each year along with the Market and Lantern Parade.

The Parish Council will be sitting down to agree the Budget during this month and will continue to support the West Wight Sports & Community Centre along with keeping the public toilets open all year round. Colwell Common cutting plan has been agreed at the December meeting and this will commence in April.

During 2017 we also worked with Age UK IOW and the Men in Sheds project in Totland commenced this will continue during 2018 but needs to be supported by local people. The Totland Shed men have been working hard at Sunken Secrets at Fort Victoria and once this project is completed they will resume meeting every Thursday 2pm -4pm on Turf Walk, all are welcome for a cup of tea.

### **Foodbank**

The Parish Office is a Collection Point for the Foodbank and we welcome donations for this very good cause. Please support if you can.

**West Wight Arts Association** - tickets can be purchased or reserved from the Parish Office for monthly concerts held in the Memorial Hall.

**Garden Bags;** Garden waste bags are in stock at the parish office at £1.30 each. To pre-book this collection please telephone 823777 and give at least three working days' notice to help guide the route. If you have any problems with this service please let the Clerk know.

### **Reminder: We have now moved into the Winter Timetable**

Afton Marsh Recycling Centre open days and times:

- Three days a week; Saturday, Sunday and Monday, including bank holiday Mondays.
- **Winter 10.00am to 6.00pm. (30<sup>th</sup> October 2017 to 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018)**
- Summer 7.00am to 8.00pm. (26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018)

### **Other Parish Office Services**

The Parish Office continues to offer a photocopying and laminating service and the Computer Suite is available for all Totland residents to use.

**CONTACT DETAILS:** Parish Clerk – Mrs Helen Gibbs - Telephone 756028  
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or follow the Clerk on Twitter [@TotlandClerk](https://twitter.com/TotlandClerk). The parish council also have a Facebook page which is updated daily.

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Your Parish Councillors' are: Chairman Vince Fennell, Vice Chairman Jan Cave, John Howe, David Filby, Steve Blamire, Helen Wood and Gareth Wyre.

The Parish Council meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month, except August, and all Totland residents are welcome.