



## **News and Updates from Totland Parish Council March 2019**

**Appreciation Evening:** Together with Freshwater Parish Council and the Memorial Hall we held an Appreciation Evening on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February at the Memorial Hall. Several people had been nominated and we awarded 27 people/groups with a certificate and a huge thank you.

**Precept 2019/2020:** The Parish Council will set the precept on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and the proposal at this time is an increase of just over 9%. The increase has been kept as low as possible whilst Councillors continue to source and give good value for money with the works, events and activities they organise around Totland. Councillors agreed to the continued support for the West Wight Sports & Community Centre and repairs/maintenance will be carried out at Totland Beach toilets. We expect to close these toilets for around 10 days during March and before the holiday season commences.

**Colwell Common:** We can now confirm the Car Boots on the Common will be going ahead every Saturday from 6<sup>th</sup> April until 28<sup>th</sup> September. The Parish Council will be supporting the West Wight Nursery, 1<sup>st</sup> Freshwater/Totland Scout Group, West Wight Sports & Community Centre and the West Wight Men in Sheds with these events.

**Turf Walk:** Councillors are aware the badgers are very active in this area and we are talking with the Badger Action Group at this time with regards to what the Council can do to reduce the damage being caused.

**Skate Park:** Totland & Freshwater Parish Council work together equally to ensure this park remains safe and open. The Councils are working with Island Extreme of Freshwater and will be offering some free scooter sessions over the Easter Holidays. Once dates have been secured we will be advertising this.

**MUGA:** Freshwater Parish Council have taken this facilities over from the Isle of Wight Council and the Skate Park Committee monitor the condition of this area. They are hoping to offer some Basketball sessions over Easter, however, we have not yet found an instructor. If you can help please let us know, contact details below.

**Men in Sheds** continues to run in Totland and will be moving to the Corner room at Fort Victoria for the winter. They will remain open on Thursdays between 2pm and 4pm and all are welcome. You can also check out their Facebook page West Wight Men in Sheds.

**Meet & Eat** This will continue on the first Friday of each month and the next one will be Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 5<sup>th</sup> April and 3<sup>rd</sup> May. They meet at St Saviours Holy Family Centre which is on the FYTBus route B round. All are welcome.

### **Foodbank**

The Parish Office will continue to be 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.

**Reminder:** Afton Marsh Recycling Centre open days and times:

- Three days a week; Saturday, Sunday and Monday, including bank holiday Mondays.
- 10am to 6pm.

### **Other Parish Office Services**

The Parish Office continues to offer a photocopying and laminating service for all to use.

**CONTACT DETAILS:** Parish Clerk – Mrs Helen Gibbs - Telephone 756028

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The parish office is open Monday & Tuesday 9am – 12noon and Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am–12.30pm.

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

The Parish Council meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 7pm, except August, and all Totland residents are welcome.