

**Annual Parish Meeting**  
**Chairman's Report Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2013**  
**7pm Totland Church Hall**

Totland Parish Council met on 14 occasions, and attendances of your councillors has been as follows:

Cllr Carol Bryan Chairman	14
Cllr David Bryan	14
Cllr Val Cooke	7
Cllr David Eccles	11
Cllr Vince Fennell	14
Cllr John Honeychurch	12
Cllr John Howe	6
Cllr Caryl Starr	9

We started the year on a very sad note, when Pat Howe passed away last April, I together with all parish councillors attended her funeral. Pat had worked very hard in Totland, and was a former parish clerk.

I was voted in as Chairman for the 4<sup>th</sup> year running, and I thank all the councillors for there support.

Totland parish won the best kept war memorial for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year, something I have always been very proud of, I would like to thank councillor Fennell for helping me paint the railings around the memorial which I am sure helped us to win.

It gave me great pleasure to present all the children at both our Totland schools a medallion on an Olympic band to commemorate both the

Queens Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics in London, on behalf of the parish council.

The Olympic torch came through Totland last July and some 10,000 people turned out to see this, the Samba Band helped them on their way playing at Colwell Common, it truly was a lovely day. Very well organised by The Isle of Wight council, and expertly coordinated by our parish clerk Helen.

August saw another Art on the Turf Walk, which was very well attended given that it was a very blustery day which later turned to rain. I would like to thank Alma Harvey for her splendid organisational skills and her hard work. I would also like to thank the WI for another year of excellent refreshments served on this occasion.

I would like to thank Rachel Bradley, councillor Caryl Starr and all the helpers for the wonderful floral displays throughout Totland. We had a red, white and blue theme last year for the Jubilee, I am sure you will agree it looked lovely.

Last September, on behalf of the parish council I applied to obtain some of the monies the IOWC were making available for the refurbishment of public toilets and I am pleased to say that after quite a few emails and negotiations I managed to secure funding, and am now pleased to inform you that the Colwell toilets have been refurbished and are now open.

During December over the Xmas period, we had 3 massive cliff falls which resulted in the break up of

the seawall between Totland and Colwell. This has devastated the whole area. The coastal sea walk is one of the best and most popular on the Island. We will do everything we can to push for the repair/renewal of the seawall as soon as is possible.

Totland parish council started a beat surgery in the parish office in January, where you can come and meet the local police officers, and discuss any incidents/problems you have. Surgeries will be held on the last Friday of the month.

I have just been involved in WOW week, Week Out West, which was a week of entertainment for people of all ages culminating in the finale on the renamed Jubilee Field in Freshwater. This was an idea by PC Jeff Rogers together with both Totland and Freshwater parish councils, sports centre, scouts, youth football and other local organisations. We held many different events throughout the week, from an elder persons lunch, free cream teas, street dancing, arts and crafts, CSI event, and much more. It was very successful, and hopefully this will become an annual event. I would like to pay tribute to the parish clerk Helen, who has worked extremely hard over the past year, not only on her parish duties but also the many hours of voluntary work she has managed to fit in, not least her unstinting enthusiasm which shone through on the recent WOW week, we are lucky to have her and I truly thank you very much. I would also like to thank Colin Gibbs, who has always been available when we need him to do the

odd job, and there has been a few so thank you  
Colin.

Thank you also to Cllrs Fennell and Dave Bryan for  
keeping our open spaces looking good.

I would like to thank IOW Cllr John Howe.

Lastly I would like to thank all the councillors for  
their hard work and support over the last year,  
which has been an extremely busy time.

Carol Bryan, Chairman Totland Parish Council.