



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

As promised Car Boot sales will continue on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month from 14<sup>th</sup> April and we will be working with West Wight Nursery this year.

**Memorial Hall:** Totland Parish Council is a one third owner of the Memorial Hall in Freshwater along with Freshwater Parish Council owning the rest. Totland had commissioned a company to carry out a 5 year report on the hall in order to keep the building safe and usable. This report has now been completed and once the Parish Councils agree the Priorities works will commence in order of need. This is a great asset for us all and is available to hire for one offs or weekly/monthly events. For further information please speak to the Administrator on 752956.

**Stoke Green Steps:** Works are also being carried out to the steps that lead down to the Pier Café this month and so they will be closed for a day or two, this work is necessary in order to keep them in a good condition for us all to carry on using.

**Public Toilets:** Work was carried out during December to the Totland Beach toilets with roof repairs, replacement of soffits and fascias, guttering and downpipes. Further works inside will be carried out before Spring. The Wallgate units have been serviced and have all passed in good working condition.

We are still receiving compliments from many residents with regards to the Christmas Market and Lantern Parade along with the Christmas tree on Colwell Common. It was fantastic to see local residents enjoying this day and we thank you for supporting this event.

**Projects:** The Mosaic project continues to run on Tuesday and Wednesday between 2pm and 4pm and we have spaces available on the Wednesday sessions. If you are interested come along and have a go, full training given and no experience is necessary.

A couple of residents have notified the Parish Office of a vehicle driving over the Recreation Ground and causing some damage. The Clerk has spoken to this group and has been informed this will not happen again. Thank you for informing the office.

Councillors with the Responsible Financial Officer have been working on the budget for 2018/2019 and the precept is likely to raise, however, the Parish Council want to keep things open, maintained and used in Totland and continue to offer excellent value for money.

### **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.

**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  
Totland Parish Council, Winchester House, The Broadway, Totland Bay, PO39 0AX.  
The parish office is open Monday & Tuesday 9am – 12noon and Wednesday & Thursday 9.30am–12.30pm.

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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.

**Ward Councillor John Howe** Telephone 753414 or email: [john.howe@iow.gov.uk](mailto:john.howe@iow.gov.uk)

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 from 7pm, except August, and all Totland residents are welcome.