



**News and Updates from Totland Parish Council November 2019**

**Best Kept Village Awards**

We had an amazing winning week during October and Councillors would like to thank all for being part of this. Firstly, we won the Best Community Initiative with our Community Mosaic Project. This project has been running since October 2017 and is expected to complete by the end of February with the remaining 4 panels being installed. We are very proud of these panels and thank the wonderful volunteers who attend every week to make these. A thank you also to Helen Goodman who has been the tutor of these sessions and designed the panels from all the ideas we gave her.

Secondly, we won the Best Extra Large Village and the Overall Best Kept Village for 2019. A couple of highlights from the judges were the public toilets at both Totland and Colwell and the Parish Office washing line window display which is full of up to date information and events.

**Remembrance Sunday:** This year the Royal British Legion West Wight Branch Annual Service of Remembrance will be held at the Freshwater War Memorial on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November. The parade will muster outside the Red Lion, Church Place, in the road outside All Saints Churchyard at 10.45am. The Last Post will be sounded at 11.00am followed by a two minutes silence and Reveille. The wreath laying ceremony will then take place and on completion, there will be a Remembrance Sunday service at St James Church, Yarmouth. All are welcome to attend. In addition, Totland Parish Council will be laying a wreath at its own War Memorial on The Broadway.

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**FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019– 2pm to 6.30pm**

**Totland Christmas Market and Christmas Tree light switch on.**

Due to the success of this wonderful event Councillors agreed to continue running this event again.

There will be many stalls with Christmas Gifts, Arts & Craft, Jewellery and several refreshments stalls in and around the big Marquee on Colwell Common. Music and entertainment throughout the day and carol singing around the firepit organised by Churches Together. This year we also have the Horse Box Theatre who will be showing the 'Bagwitch's Revolting Christmas Dinner' for children. Further information is available from the Parish Office.

Come along and enjoy all the fun.

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**Men in Sheds** we have two sites for the Men in Sheds, West Wight are on the Recreation Ground and are there Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10.00am – 3.00pm. We also have Totland Men in Sheds who meet at Turf Walk on a Thursday between 2pm and 4pm. If you are interested in being involved with this project, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office or just drop into either or both sessions.

Totland Men in Sheds are looking after the benches and carrying out some maintenance works. If you would like to help, please go along on a Thursday as above. West Wight Men in Sheds have started to paint the outside of the Parish Office, again if you would like to help drop into one of their open sessions and let them know.

**Meet & Eat** – Can you believe that this has now been holding a monthly meet for 1 year and this will continue on the first Friday of each month and the next meet will be Friday 1<sup>st</sup>

November and then Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December will be the last one for 2019. They meet at St Saviours Holy Family Centre which is on the FYTBus route B round. All are welcome.

**Memorial Hall** – Older Persons Lunch will be on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets are available from the Memorial Hall reception only.

### **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.

**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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or follow the Clerk on Twitter [@TotlandClerk](https://twitter.com/TotlandClerk). The parish council also have a Facebook page which is regularly updated.

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

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