

## Mayor's Report for Full Council 03.04.24

### Events attended

- 2.3.24 Presented the awards at the Teignmouth Arts Society Spring Exhibition at TAAG – a truly diverse and high standard of exhibits which is a credit to our community.
- 7.3.24 Attended a DALC seminar for Clerks and Chairs on issues faced by town/parish councils and how they might be addressed.
- 11.3.24 Marking Commonwealth Day, led the ceremony in the Triangle to read the Commonwealth Affirmation and raise the Commonwealth flag, kicking off a week of national celebrations and events.
- 14.3.24 Attended the licensing of the new vicar in the Haldon Mission Community at St Michael's Church and said words of welcome and good wishes in his coming ministry to our area on behalf of the Town Council. He is Reverend David Wilkie, Team Vicar, and he will be attached to the rural churches - Bishop, Ideford, etc, and his particular mission within the Haldon Mission Community which also includes in the Shaldon Parish, is to be the Children and Families Mission Enabler for work with families and children to develop better links with the church and the younger people and thus improve the congregation numbers from a younger age group.
- 16.3.24 Attended a craft fayre at St Michael's – a shopping fest for home-crafted jewellery, knitted/crochet and other crafted hats, T-shirts, quilts animals, creams and goodies with tea and cake to accompany it all.
- 21.2.24 Organised and put on, with the aid of the office team, the fantastic buffet reception at which Sylvia Russell was made the very first honorary Freeman of the Town of Teignmouth. She is the very first person to be awarded the Freedom of the Town and it was my great pleasure to remind people of some of the myriad things that she has been involved in her 43 years of continuous service to them my privilege and honour to present her with a framed scroll outlining and acknowledging the tremendous commitment she had made to the town. Then, a little tongue in cheek, to present her with a picture of the bench which the Town Council put in place in front of her house, when Teignbridge removed theirs, which had fallen into disrepair, for which we had secretly had made and affixed a plaque, again, stating that it was as a mark of acknowledgement of the 43 years continuous services as Mayor, Town, District or County Councillor she has given to Teignmouth. Duplicates of both the framed scroll and the bench picture, with plaque, will be hung in Bitton House, in due course, to commemorate her achievements and the historic award that is the highest honour that the Town Council can make. Pics are available on the website.
- 22.3.24 Attended CVS Coastal Connectors Training to find out what it is all about. This is only to do with Health and well-being services and will only really be for staff involved in that arena to signpost others who make contact with existing hubs.
- 26.3.24 Attended a One Teignbridge Community Leaders session trying to identify a planning strategy for TDC in the future.
- 27.3.24 Organised and put on with the aid of the office team another really successful buffet reception to make the Mayor's Community Recognition Awards to 26 people that had been nominated by their organisations or other members of the community. It was really humbling to read out the proposals from the nominators and see what these people achieve, usually as volunteers and with no public accolade, except now, through the Mayor's Awards, they have actually received public praise and recognition of the invaluable services that they provide. Pictures and further info. will appear on the website. Pics will appear on the website ASAP.
- 30.3.24 Went to the Pavilions to watch Goose -on stage a version of the goose story by Laura Wall for kids(or all ages) – an excellent and popular production for children which was well received.
- 1.4.24 Opened/started the 4<sup>th</sup> Teignmouth Scouts Rabbit Run which has returned after a break. An

extremely efficiently run event where we cheered them off in blazing sun and watch them squelch back in, families, fancy dressed, all ages I shook lots of hands and congratulated as many as possible. From the 277 runners, they raised nearly £1300 – a great result for the scouts. Pics will appear on the website ASAP.

2.4.24 Cut the ribbon to declare newly fitted defibrillator at the Spa Shop, in Higher Coomber Drive funds raised tirelessly by Shirley Brokenshaw of Teignmouth HeartBeat - (the Town Council donates a sum of money each year to help with the maintenance and upkeep of all the defibrillators in the town). Pictures will appear on the website ASAP.

3.4.24 Attended the monthly meeting with Inspector Sean Roper to look at stats and issues that might be occurring locally. I can give no details of this as it would breach purdah in place because of the election of a Police and Crime Commissioner on 2 May 2024

Future Mayor events:

First wood to be played at the Den Bowling Club on 13 April.

200<sup>th</sup> RNLI anniversary service, Triangles, 20<sup>th</sup> April at 11am

Reception for the Twinning Party from Perros Guirec at Bitton House – Cate organising, Mayor to attend.

Teign Choral Society concert at St Michael's 7.30pm

Annual Meeting of the Council and Mayor making Tuesday, 14 May.

### **Town Councillor's Report**

Successfully helped some residents object to an outline planning application which has subsequently been withdrawn.

Next week I shall be producing the draft for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly edition of Wavelength as I have indicated – any submission for content – you'll know the style if you've read it – I have been fed back that it's too wordy so I'll try to balance that with more pictures – not difficult with the receptions and activities of the Mayor recently.

Despite what has been said, I have not been included in any plans to replace the seafront lighting and would be grateful if people were more accurate in things that they state categorically. Please remember that there are 12 members of this Council.

### **District Councillor's Report**

New car park charges are now in place for the new year in TDC owned car parks. Mostly 20p increases on bands and £20 on lump sums. Details were published in the Teignmouth Post last week.

Teignbridge have announced that they are authorised to put our slightly revised Neighbourhood Plan out to referendum, following external, independent examination. This became clear when emails started to arrive asking what the NHPlan was (around 23.3.24) - since the information had been printed on the voting cards before they confirmed locally that this was actually going ahead. Please refer people to the documentation on the Teignbridge website <https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning/neighbourhood-plans-submitted-for-consultation-and-examination/teignmouth-neighbourhood-plan-referendum/> and refer queries to me, as chair of the NHPlan Steering Group. Please don't try to answer things that you don't know anything about as this causes huge problems and may compromise. As soon as I have time, I will put a factual statement on our website to explain what happens if there is a No result, etc, and where the documentation can be found and get our website up to date too.

Next week I am due to meet the Finance Officer in Teignbridge, Martin Flitcroft, locally, to look at issues.

Executive discussed Broadmeadow Sports Centre yesterday

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