## **Shanklin Town Council News**

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## **TOWN MAYOR'S ADDRESS**



## **Councillor Jon Gilbey**

I attended along with other Town Councillors an afternoon tea at the Age Concern (50 plus) Shanklin, this was a thank you from them to us for giving our support over the last year, but I feel we should be the ones thanking them for providing the much needed support and help to so many of our residents. So a BIG THANK YOU to all the volunteers that I know put so much time and commitment into making this venue the success it is.

I also attended the Remembrance —Tide Concert in aid of the Royal Marines Charity at St Saviours on the Cliff, this was a most enjoyable evening with a selection of music from Cantobelle, Jonathan Yates, Newchurch Male Voice Choir and the very young and talented Thea Grace Callaghan. Well done to Cate, David and whole team for putting the fantastic evening's entertainment together.

Hopefully everyone has now noticed the installation of the new decorative lights across the Town, Old village and Esplanade, this should be completed over the new few weeks well within time for the Christmas holidays. A big Thank you to Island Roads for sorting out the electrical installation of all 50 lights and the lighting company for the supply and manufacture of the led energy efficient units.

I attended the RBL Shanklin annual Festival of Remembrance and Drumhead service at Shanklin Theatre, this event is very popular and always has an excellent turnout. Well done to everyone that made the evening one to remember.

The Sunday Remembrance Day Service held at the Cenotaph in the Old Village was a well attended and supported event, it was heart-warming to see so many residents, children, and visitors paying their respects for the many that made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our nation.

Finally, on 6th November 2017, the 800th anniversary of the influential 1217 Charter of the Forest, the Woodland Trust launched the Charter for Trees, Woods, and People. Rooted in more than 60,000 'tree stories' gathered from people of all backgrounds across the UK, the new Tree Charter will recognise, celebrate and protect the right of the UK public to access trees and woods. This charter is available to sign online, and for every person that signs it they will plant a tree. Living on an Island with access to so much natural and unspoiled Countryside this is something I feel we should protect for future generations, so please feel free to go online and add your name to the evergrowing list.

A reminder to residents that if you have a medical condition you can get a free flu vaccination, alternatively if you feel you would benefit from one, the cost is £12.50 at your local pharmacy or contact your doctor for an appointment.

## **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

S. Janeway

Join us for our Town Council Christmas carol service on Monday December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 18.30 at the Crab Inn Old Village Shanklin.

Leave a message for a loved one on the Christmas tree, and join in with the Christmas carols, music by Shanklin Town brass band.

Donations will be collected for the Mountbatten Hospice.

Shanklin Town Council wishes all residents a Merry Christmas & peaceful 2018.