



# Town Mayor's Address

Councillor Steve Knight  
Shanklin Town Mayor (2018-2019)

**I would like to thank all of my fellow councillors for having the faith in my ability to become Town Mayor for 2018 - I will do my very best!**

We have started on a busy note presenting the cups and prizes at Shanklin and Sandown Rowing Regatta.

It was a super day with wall-to-wall sunshine and very calm sea, there were no reports of any sinking or men overboard. All in all, it was a most enjoyable day. Congratulations to all the members for all their hard work.

On Friday, June 8th, we had the honour of opening the new Mountbatten hospice shop in Regent Street, where they have moved further up the road.

The shop is a larger premises and has a better display window and an area for a cup of tea and a chat for those in need. The hospice turns over one million pounds a year from ten shops.

On Sunday, June 10th, the Friends of Shanklin Theatre held a garden party at The Clifton Hotel to raise funds and thank all the volunteers who work so hard.

Unfortunately, my wife Esther decided to fall over a pot plant and, having had a hip replacement operation, we spent the rest of the day at St Mary's where an x-ray showed no lasting damage.

I owe gratitude to our Deputy Mayor Denyse for taking over for me and attending the garden party, which she said was fabulous.

On Tuesday, June 26, I attended the AGM of Shanklin 1st Scouts at Scout HQ, in Batts Road, Shanklin.

It was inspiring to see the enthusiasm of the scout leaders and cubs/beavers/scouts as they discussed their past year's achievements and agenda for

**On Sunday, June 24, we had the pleasure of opening the Fairy Extravaganza at the Old Thatch Teashop in the Old Village.**

This was in aid of the KissyPuppy, the Sophie Rolf Trust, set up to support children with life shortening illnesses.

It is hoped these children will be able to stay on the IW to have treatment and therapy at the hospice. Also, they have just acquired a vehicle to take the children out. I would like to thank Cllr Sarah James for our invitation; the event was very well attended.



the forthcoming year, to see what can be achieved in organised groups.

On the Island, there are 1,300 young people belonging to the scouting movement, so congratulations to the leaders for such hard work over the years. Thanks to Carol and Steve for the invitation.

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