

MAYORS REPORT FEBRUARY 2016

ANNIVERSARIES

The town is marking several anniversaries this year and I am asking councillors for ideas on how to mark these. With the Lifeboat station being 150 years old, the Lions Club being 50 and the U3A being 25. All of these are an important part of the community and it would be good to do something as a council to thank them.

I have also attended two 60th wedding anniversaries recently

NEW MEMORY CAFE

I opened the new memory cafe at St Martins Hall last Friday which for me was a great honour. This new community based facility will meet monthly and will engage with those with dementia and their carers. We should thank St Martins Parish for providing this for the community as dementia is an increasing issue with the population getting older. My delight in opening this is that my mother suffered from dementia for a long time and this type of facility was at that time not available locally.

BATHING WATER QUALITY

At a recent Bathing Water Quality meeting the issues of the signage leading to the towns beaches was discussed. The joint letter from the Chairman of the Trust John Warne and myself had brought some positive outcome. It still allows us to put the daily predictions so that beach users know the current state of the water. A further letter is being writing from the group to our local MP asking further questions to the minister and we will let you know the outcome and response.

CONTINUING

The refurbishment of the Public Conveniences is now well underway with the Seafront nearly complete and the Hannafore gents started. There is a delay in the starting of the works on the Mariners Garden as Karol has been off sick, it is hoped for this to start soon. Stock is arriving in the Tourist Information Office and has already started to sell which is good news.