



Peel Town Commissioners *COMMISSIONERS' NEWS*

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Welcome to the November Newsletter.

AROUND PEEL

TOWN HALL: Due to asbestos being discovered in the roof space at the Town Hall, the Commissioners are obliged to remove it to comply with Health and Safety legislation.

The work will take place during the first three weeks of January and this will necessitate the closure of the Town Hall. Arrangements have been made to relocate on a temporary basis to the Campsite Building, next door to the Swimming Pool on Derby Road.

The Commissioners regret any inconvenience this will cause to the residents of Peel.

Telescopes: Thanks to the sustained efforts of Mr. David Lace, the Commissioners have been able to purchase two second-hand telescopes.

Once refurbished, one will be sited on the headlands near to the Millennium Stone and one on the Promenade. We hope these will enable everyone to enjoy the spectacular views from Peel and the wildlife in and around the Bay.

Public Conveniences: Over the last two years, the Commissioners have undertaken a refurbishment programme in respect of its Public toilets. The Factory Lane and Promenade toilets have been improved and, during the latter part of this Winter, the toilets on Market Place will be upgraded.

Bowling Green: The Commissioners' outdoor staff have recently completed improvements to the Bowling Green, with the

canopy above the seating being replaced. Plans also include upgrading to make the toilet more disabled friendly.

Creg Malin: Residents may be aware of the landslip that occurred some time ago in the embankment behind the Creg Malin. A scheme is now in place to bolster and reinforce the area.

Street Lighting: You will be aware that street lights are being turned off at 2.30 am in order to save money on electricity costs. After the 'turning back' of clocks, it was decided to switch lights on an hour earlier during the dark Winter months – i.e. at 6 am. We are pleased to advise that some savings are being achieved but it is early days yet.

Notice Boards: Three new notice boards have been purchased and will be positioned at the Town Hall, Weatherglass Corner and opposite The Highwayman at Ballawattleworth Estate.

Chiropody: The Commissioners have received complaints regarding the removal of Chiropody facilities from Peel to Douglas. In many cases, this is causing difficulties in accessing the service. The reason given for moving this service to Douglas was that too few people in Peel used it. We do not have any numbers. Did you use this service and is it now a problem? Let us know.

Dog Fouling: We are still having problems with dog fouling. This is totally unacceptable and irresponsible owners will be fined.

LEECE MUSEUM: The Museum has recently received some excellent donations, including a model fishing boat PL48 the Manx Rose. This vessel was one of nine built before and after WW2.

Mrs. Woods has kindly donated a model boat made by a ships carpenter who worked at Henry Grave's Shipyard – now part of the Mariner's Wharf apartments.

An exciting donation is a collection of paintings, sketches, poems and photography from an Italian gentleman – Mr. Hector Emmanuelli – who was held in Peel for two years during WW2.

Michael Street: We would like comments from Traders and the Public regarding the trial Saturday hours of closure to vehicles between 10.00 am and 4.30 pm. Should this trial be extended or is this having a negative effect? **We need your input.**

Skateboard Park: We are looking for a youth

representative to join the skateboard park committee. Are you interested ? If so, please ring the Town Hall.

Peel Achievers: The Commissioners are seeking nominations for people who have achieved something special during the past year – possibly in the field of sport. Do you know anyone – or a group of people who deserve recognition ? Awards will be presented at a date to be advised.

REGENERATION

Following widespread attention to the Regeneration proposals, a number of people expressed interest in being part of an Action Group. The Group have been involved in the Big Tidy Up and at Castle Street Gardens, where over 1000 bulbs were planted recently.

The Action Group is looking at further projects, which include: The Headlands, a Business and Community Directory, Michael Street painting and gutter cleaning, WiFi hot spots, Heritage Trail, the area at the end of Marine Parade, Food trade marketing and creating a Peel Welcome for the Marina.

If you would like to be involved in any of these projects or have other ideas and would like to join the Action Group, please contact the Town Hall or the Chairman rav.harmer@peelonline.net.

CHRISTMAS: Christmas lights will be switched on at 4.30 pm on Saturday, December 4th.

The IOM Children's Centre is planning a Christmas Fayre also on the 4th December. This will have a Medieval theme and will be linked into the Commissioners/House of Manannan lantern competition.

REFUSE COLLECTION: Bin collections will operate as normal over the Christmas and New Year period. There will be no change to collection days for residents or for commercial premises.

The Town Hall office will be closed on Friday, 24th December until Monday, 3rd January, 2011, relocated temporarily at the Peel Campsite Building.

WHAT'S ON

4th December:

Morning: The Crosby and District Silver Band will play Christmas music and carols in Michael Street.

12 – 3.30 pm Medieval Christmas Fayre held at the Philip Christian Centre and in the Town Hall car park.

4.00 pm. Judging of Lantern Competition at the House of Manannan and parade to Michael Street.

4.30 pm Christmas lights switched on. Father Christmas will be in attendance. Look out for the hot chestnut man !

11th & 18th December:

Mornings: Christmas music and carols in Michael Street by Crosby and District Silver Band.

18th December:

A Christmas Market will be held from 10 am until 6 pm at the old Peel Bus Station.

The Leece Museum is hosting exhibitions of work from the Western Photographic Society until December 23rd. The theme is photographs from travels. From the 4th January, the Southern Photographic Society will be showing a mixed selection of their work.