

St Blaise Town Council Newsletter



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Introduction by the Mayor of St Blaise Town Council. Councillor June Anderson.

Summer is generally a quiet time for all levels of government, as people (even local councillors!) take a break. So this will be a shorter piece than my usual ones.

I was delighted to have been invited over the border into Par, to attend Par St Mary's Methodist Church's celebratory service marking their 150th anniversary. It just goes to prove how, even though we live in a time of breath taking change, some of our roots are firmly established where they have always been.

I hope that everyone is agreed that the bell tower from the boys' school (that used to be where Fourways now is) and the

original gatepost from the entrance to the Treffry estate, which now sit on either side of the town car park entrance are an improvement to the Town. It is an important way of marking elements of our town's history. There is an added bonus that they make the whole car park look much better, too!

You may also have seen our planting Flanders poppy seeds in the flowerbed at the entrance to the car park. This is one of the ways which we marked the centenary of the beginning of World War One. There is no place for celebrating this event, but it is right that it should be commemorated. Other events included the joint memorial service at Par running track which was a great success and the placing of WW1 plaque at the Chapel of Rest in Station Road.

Perhaps you missed out on the 6 July consultations over how we might make more of King Edward Gardens, that many feel are currently rather dark and gloomy. If so, or if you went but have now had further thoughts, please do let us know: you can send messages via our Town Clerk.

The Burrow Centre has been going through a change of management of late. It is now seeking to become much more central to the life of our community – and in particular to the Manor View/ Trenovissick Road areas. If you would like to make use of the facility, please do contact Gaynor Mamo, who will be able to assist you. As time goes on, we will be looking at what additional facilities we might be able to offer there.

There will be many things that I have overlooked in this report but I hope that you have enjoyed some fine summer weather.

A Report from Cornwall Councillor Doug Scrafton

Cornwall Council has began work on its budget strategy for the coming three to four years. It is in very early stages but signs are not very encouraging. Even with a great deal of creativity it will not be possible to maintain the current levels of services in all areas. I hope that those living in the Par and St Blazey Gate division will take the time to let me know their own priorities for council spending and where they think savings can be made. I can then be more confident that I am acting with the best understanding of your views and needs.

I was delighted to be among those invited to attend the special service to celebrate Par St Mary's Methodist Church 15th Anniversary. It was a wonderful occasion. Among others present was our local MP Stephen Gilbert.

I attended Par Carnival and am pleased to say what a wonderful event it was. It deserves to be the resounding success it was due to the incredible amount of effort that was put in by a group of dedicated volunteers.

Some of you may be aware of the planning application submitted by Wainhomes for 44 new homes to built on land behind Mount crescent along with the demolition of one of the existing homes in the crescent. Wainhomes of course have the opportunity to appeal.

This was a difficult decision for the Planning Committee as they are aware of the need for new affordable housing for young people but I believe it to be the right decision.

May I remind you that I hold surgeries on the first Saturday of each month at 9.00am in the Big Ideas Shop and at 10.00am at Par Liabrary.

Boat on A390.

You will probably all have seen the boat that has been placed on the A390 at St Blazey Gate. The project was helped to fruition with the assistance from the staff and students of Doubletrees School. Dave, the Community Warden will be responsible for its maintenance and Councillor Putt has been busy enlisting sponsors to ensure it carries on looking as good as it can do. The boat hasn't yet been named so if any of you think of an appropriate name, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Flood Alleviation Work

There has been or will be a lot of work in the area to ensure we do not suffer from the previous issues incurred. South West Water are to integrate modern drainage, all the low lining works are to be removed and a new gravity sewer is to be installed in Tredenham Close that will assist the residents of Brooks Corner. The new detached sewer, which will serve only a small amount of homes, will be in place before April 2015.

The surface water overload from St Blazey Road which currently enters the Tredenham stream is to be re-directed into the St Blazey Stream and an automated screen is to be fitted which will reduced all discharge size to less than 0.5mm.

SWW are working on an integrated urban drainage model which is expected to be completed by the end of September 2014 which will divert surface water and we will see the results by the end of 2015. The diverting flows will operate from the Burrows Centre across to Bobs Road and the surface water will be re-directed into the Mount resulting in water in Par Lane will be reduced. SWW are to continue to clean the sewers at Brooks Corners regularly.

The Environment Agency have been cleaning all the streams and leats throughout the town and are lowering the depth of St Blazey Stream. The pumping station at Tredenham Close does not have a backup system which is a current requirement.

Cornwall Council are to start working on a flood alleviation scheme which includes the installation of attenuation tanks.

Special thanks must go to Cornwall Councillors Taylor, Scrafton and Hughes for their assistance seeing these improvement to fruition and special thanks to Teresa Frost from Cornwall Council Highways department who has constantly been on hand with her assistance.

Skatepark Project

PBBL have awarded the Skatepark Project £40,000 on condition that certain criteria is met, this is fantastic news for the fundraisers as they can now look to seek match funding. When funding is sought it is always the 1st contribution that is the most difficult to achieve. Many congratulations to Gill Butler and her team.

Trailblazer Park

Trailblazer Park has now been painted and is looking so much better. It continues to be a well visited park enjoyed by many.

Cornwall Council Cuts

Most people are aware and many concerned about the cuts being made by Cornwall Council. We are fortunate that we have a Warden who has undertaken a lot of the grass cutting, strimming and hedge reduction work which Cornwall Council has not been able to do. Dave is to be trained in pesticide use in October and so we should then see a lot of the weeds that currently grow on the pavements dealt with.

We took over the public toilets last year and so have been able to keep them open and have asked for other Cornwall Council parks and grasslands to be devolved to us. We hope that you will not see too much in any of the services which we are able to assist with.

Police Report

There has been a decrease in crime figures over the last year but the local police are still keen that residents report any incidents of anti-social behaviour. The police need to know about the incidents to be able to deal with them and with their budget cuts they are also having to spread themselves thinly. While 999 is the telephone number to use in an emergency please ensure you use the 101 number for a non emergency.

The police continue to attend the St Blazey Community Watch meetings, the next one being November 20th at 7.00pm at Alexander Hall and urge you to use the opportunity to voice your concerns as they are joined by representatives from St Blazey Town Council, Cornwall Council and other agencies.

A PCSO can always be found in the Big Ideas shop on a Wednesday morning between 10.00 and 12.00 so please visit them if you have anything you would like to discuss.

Town to Tide

St Blazey Reclaimed organised an event in September 2012 which collected old photos and recordings from the town and have now produced a book with these recollections.

The book along with a CD can be purchased from the Big Ideas shop at a cost of £5.00. If you would like to show the DVD to a group, please contact St Blazey Reclaimed co-ordinator Sonia Clyne on 01726 813720.

Community Centres

We have two Community Centres which can be hired by groups or individuals. They can be hired for regular bookings or one off events such as Children's birthday parties.

Burrows Centre
Under new management
Competitive Rates

Alexander Hall
Large Hall
Competitive Rates

Ring for details 01726 816595

LIST OF SITTING COUNCILLORS

Councillor George Allen	6 Bay View, The Mount, St Blazey PL24 2BY 815707
Councillor June Anderson	37 Rose Hill, St Blazey, Cornwall PL24 2LQ 813995
Councillor Rob Blackie	3 Ash Grove, Biscovey, Cornwall PL24 2HE 814658
Councillor Richard Heyward	'Little Acorns' New Road, St Blazey, Par PL24 2SB 813060
Councillor George Miller	3 Kilhallon Woodlands, PAR PL24 2RJ 815179
Councillor Amos Putt	55 Polgrean Place, St Blazey PL24 2LH 815444
Councillor Douglas Scrafton	Reynards Rest, The Mount, Par, Cornwall, PL24 2BZ 815770
Councillor Adrian Seel	145 Landreath Place, St Blazey, PAR PL24 2LA 815829
Councillor Roy Taylor	Palm Garden House, Tywardreath Highway, Par PL24 2RW 816112
Councillor Stuart Wheeler	No 9 Vernon Villas, St Blazey Gate PL24 2LF 815370

Council meets in Alexander Hall at 7.30pm on the last Thursday of every month bar December.

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