

St Blaise Town Council Newsletter



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

As is usual, summer is generally a quiet time for all levels of government, as people (even local councillors!) take a break.

In May, I had the pleasure of attending the Mayor Making of Fowey, which apart from the ceremonials is a chance to meet with other Councillors. Also on May 22nd, I opened our new retail outlet The Range, a welcome addition to St. Blazey.

On 7th June, I was happy to be part of The Big Lunch, which as you know, was also a Guinness Record attempt for the largest cream tea party. We wait to see if this was successful.

Being a judge at Par Carnival was a delight to see how much effort had been put into all the costumes. It was a great fun day.

In August Cornwall Councillor Doug Scrafton unveiled the explanatory plaque for the Armillary Sphere at Par Running Track and I was happy to be invited to attend. A special thank you must go to Brian Sheen for instigating the procurement of the Sphere.

At the beginning of September, St. Austell welcomed the Bards of the Gorsedh and I was privileged to attend, to celebrate all Cornish traditions and language, especially important now that Cornish has been recognized as a national minority.

Two of St Blazey Councillors have completed 20 years' service to the Town, I would like to thank and congratulate both Councillors Adrian Seel and Amos Putt for their hard work during this time and I know that they will both continue to work their hardest for us all.

I and my fellow Councillors were sorry to hear that the Police Station will be closing. The Police are looking for a base for the PCSO's to be based in the Town to avoid us losing policing hours while they travel to and from St Austell. We are looking into ways that this could be accomplished.

I would like to express my gratitude to both our Warden, Dave Pearce and the unpaid work unit for the work that has been carried out on the footpath that runs behind Biscovey School.

The work is continuing and we hope that it will not become unusable this winter due to excessive rain.

As Cornwall Council no longer carry out road side weed control, the Warden has been trained to carry out this work. Unfortunately due to the wet summer we have endured, he has been unable to complete this task as well as he would have liked.

The Burrow Centre has been providing some computer for beginner's classes and these will continue, if you would like to attend one of these 2 hour, 5 week courses please contact the Town Clerk.

I am sure that there are items that I should have mentioned however I hope that you have enjoyed some fine summer weather.

St Blazey & District Town Team

St Blazey and District Town Team, a not for profit business led initiative, have come together to showcase businesses in the area and show visitors projects that are happening.

They have begun a Monthly Networking opportunity with a difference. This was launched on August 13th and the next sessions will take place on September 10th and October 8th with future dates being lined up.

Sessions to be held at St Blazey Football club will run from 6pm to 8pm and are free. Feel free to drop in at any point

during these times, if you wish to hear the speaker this will take place at 6pm for around 30 minutes.

Last Year the Town Team launched a Christmas Card Competition with the local schools, pre-schools and nurseries. The competition was broken down into three categories under 4's, 4-7's and 7-11's. Winning entries were printed and sold with money raised split between Children's Charity CHICKS and local projects. They have again launched this competition and would be grateful for any donations for prizes (must be child friendly) and for sponsorship. Sponsors will be listed on the rear of the Christmas Cards.

NEWSLETTER: The Town Team have launched a Newsletter that will be available on a Bi-Monthly Basis. If you wish to advertise in the newsletter please contact tamsin@cornishmaidmarketing.co.uk

WORKING GROUPS: The Town Team has several working groups, Marketing, Roadshow, Job Club, Regeneration and Tidy Up campaign. All groups are looking for new members, if you'd like to be involved please let us know.

WEBSITE: The Town Team have launched a website which will grow over time this can be found at www.stblazeyanddistricttownnteam.org.uk

Par Bay Bike Hire

Can you donate an unwanted Bike?

A new social enterprise venture has been set up to benefit the local community. They are offering second hand bike sales this year and in spring 2016, they will have new bikes for hire.

If you have an unused or broken bike that you could donate to the project, please take it to the drop off point at Newhouse Farm, Priory Lane, Tywardreath.

Second hand bikes will be able to be purchased from October. Every bike sold will help fund entrepreneurial activities and employment for local people.

St Blazey Warden

The clearing of the footpath and boarding has been completed on the path that runs by Biscovey School.

The flower beds are being fed and watered on a regular basis however some of the plants from the planters at the end of Station Road and the boat on the A390 have been removed. The flowers around the town have been well looked after this summer and so it least the wet summer has had a useful purpose.

Councillor Putt received donations from St Blazey Service Station, Walter Bailey and Holmbush Windows

for plants for the planters. The Town Council would like to thank them all for their contributions.

Police Crime Figures

1st May 2015 to 31st July 2015

	7/15	7/14	Difference
Violence with Injury	9	7	28.6%
Violence without Injury	12	4	200%
Other Sexual Offences	3	1	200%
Burglar Dwelling	5	5	0%
Burglary Non Dwelling	3	3	0%
Shoplifting	2	1	100%
Other Theft	7	16	-56.3%
Criminal Damage	15	15	0%
Public Order Offences	6	8	-25%
Possession of Drugs	0	2	-100%
Other Offences	2	1	100%
TOTAL:	68	67	-1.5%

The figures are similar to the same period last year

There was a speed monitoring device put in place on Par Lane recently. It was noted that the device did not detect many vehicles speeding, therefore there is little more that can be done.

Police will continue to carry out such checks in the local area. PC Barnicoat is to speak to the police department

that operates the speed cameras to see if they will carry out checks in other areas around the town.

The police continue to get complaints regarding anti-social behaviour. The neighbourhood team carry out regular patrols in the relevant areas.

The World's Largest Cream Tea

Gill Butler and along with other members of Par Community association attempted to stage a cream tea for 650 people to beat the current world record of 536 people. Nearly 1200 attended and they broke the record as they were able to record 672 sitting enjoying their teas at the same time.

The afternoon raised £1400 for children in need and a local charity – Beth's Inspiration.

A good time was had by all and the required evidence has been submitted to Guinness World of Records and Gill is waiting for clarification of entry into register.

Well Done to Gill and all those involved.

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 George Miller	3 Kilhallon Woodlands, PAR PL24 2RJ 815179
Councillor Jenny Taylor	40 Chyandor Close, St Blazey PL24 2LP 816867
Councillor Amos Putt	55 Polgrean Place, St Blazey PL24 2LH 815444
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	56 Moorland Road, Par PL24 2PB 815370

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

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