

St Blaise Town Council Newsletter

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

I would like to confirm that St Blaise Town Council became the owners of the former St Blazey Police Station on Friday 12th August 2016. The Town Council made the decision to purchase the building to ensure we had police coverage in the Town as the police will be based in it for the foreseeable future. As the Town Council will be responsible for all costs of the building this unfortunately means that there will be an increase in the precept.

The building is to be renamed St Blazey Community Rooms. There is a fair amount of work needed in the building to make it workable as community rooms and to remain of use to the

police but once this work has been completed, it is hoped that it will be available for community use.

PC Andrew Barnicoat, the PCSOs for Par, Tywardreath and St Blazey Rebecca Harris and Jamie Ward and the PCSO's for Lostwithiel, Fowey, and Luxulyan will also be based in the building.

In May, I had the pleasure of attending both the Mayor Making of Fowey and St Austell, which apart from the ceremonials is a chance to meet with other Councillors.

On 12th June, I was happy to take part in The Big Lunch, which was held as a joint celebration for the Queens 90th Birthday. Unfortunately this was not as successful as we would have liked but the weather was not good.

I was honoured to be invited to be a judge at Par Carnival on 16th July where a great time was had by all. This was just one of the many events organised by the carnival committee and I would like to give my congratulations to everybody involved in the organisation.

I would like to give a very special thank you to Archie Taylor from the Bridal Suite. He has been very busy painting the street furniture around the Town. I am sure that most of you will have noticed the brightly coloured seats and bus shelters. In addition to this, he has given a generous donation for the flowers that you will have seen in the flower beds and planters.

I would also like to thank our Warden Dave Pearce, he has been busy planting and watering the flower beds and planters and thank Holmbush Windows, Walter Bailey and a resident of Station Road for their contribution to the purchase of plants.

We have yet to see the effect of the result of the BREXIT vote but know that many of projects awaiting funding could be affected. The STARR project which would see many flood alleviation measures introduced locally may be one of these. You can learn more about this by visiting <https://vimeo.com/170793891>. The Eden geothermal project is another.

I was saddened by the decision by CEG to suspend work on the development of Carlyon Bay as a result of the EU Referendum. The uncertainty of the investment has left them with little choice and I hope this will only be temporary.

I would like to pass my congratulations on to the team working on the proposal to Cornwall Council to keep Par Running Track into community ownership and ensure the facility remains accessible to the entire community. Cornwall Council have accepted their proposal in principle and is not the final decision but I wish them luck with their future work.

Hands Together Community association will be 10 years old in September and they are to hold a Street Party on 10th September between 4 pm and 6 pm to celebrate. There will be stalls, entertainment, something for all ages and will be an opportunity to see what is happening in the Community Gardens. Their invitation is to everyone.

The Burrows Centre has been providing some computer for beginner's classes and these will continue. The next course will begin Thursday 20th October 2016 between 10 am and 12 noon. 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 are enjoying some fine summer weather.

Police Crime Figures

| | Recorded Crime 5/16-7/16 | Recorded Crime 5/15-7/15 | Recorded Crime % Difference |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Homicide | 1 | 0 | - |
| Violence with injury | 7 | 10 | -30% |
| Violence w/o injury | 12 | 11 | 9.1% |
| Rape | 1 | 0 | - |
| Other sexual offences | 2 | 3 | -33.3% |
| Burglary Dwelling | 2 | 4 | -50% |
| Burglary Non-Dwell | 4 | 4 | 0% |
| Vehicle Offences | 3 | 4 | -25% |
| Shoplifting | 0 | 2 | -100% |
| Other Theft | 8 | 7 | 14.3 |
| Criminal Damage | 16 | 15 | 6.7% |
| Public order offences | 7 | 5 | 40% |
| Possession of Weapons | 2 | 0 | - |
| Trafficking of Drugs | 3 | 0 | - |

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| Possession of Drugs | 2 | 0 | - |
| Other Offences | 1 | 2 | -50% |
| Total | 71 | 67 | 6% |

Crime figures for the last 3 months are similar to figures recorded for the same period the previous year.

Trafficking and possession of drugs have gone from 0 to 5, which although increasing crime figures, is positive as these will be detected crimes. Calls/logs to the police have increased compared to last year, although anti-social behaviour calls have decreased which is positive.

The three priorities remain as speeding traffic, anti-social behaviour and parking issues at Biscovey/Lesnewth.

Grow St Blazey

It seemed like a never ending stream of people came to the fete at King Edward Gardens on 30 May. The fete was organised by Grow St Blazey to raise money for the St Blaise Feast, and over £200 was raised. In addition, a further survey was conducted to find out what people wanted to see happen to King Edward Gardens.

The Gardens are due to be devolved to the Town Council later this year, and once this has happened, it is hoped to make the Gardens more attractive for everyone, and to encourage use of them. However, this is not a case of someone deciding what should happen, but finding out from you, the community what

you want to see there. Obviously, some things are not possible, but it is really important to hear your views.

Many people said they were pleased to see the Gardens being used (for the fete) and wanted to see more happening in them. If you couldn't make the fete and have views on what should happen in the Gardens, please contact me (jenny.moore@btinternet.com or 01726 816849) for a survey form. The more information we have from you, the community, there is more chance we will be able to make a case to get what you want.

The fete was supported by Friends of Par Beach, PL24 Community Association, Par Carnival, St Blazey Reclaimed and Par Bay Sustainable Fish. The Luxulyan Valley Project, St Blaise Neighbourhood Plan and Community Led Local Development were there and also able to conduct surveys. Locally-based Louella Jade Eke provided the music, games were played and a BBQ was provided by Sonia Clyne.

Grow St Blazey sold plants to swell the coffers of St Blaise Feast. So many people turned up with plants for sale, in addition to the ones provided by Grow St Blazey (that had not been eaten by slugs) so many thanks to you all for your generosity. Also huge thanks to Gaynor Mamo, the Town Clerk and Dave Pearce the Community Warden who were so helpful in the setting up on this event.

Finally, a major thank you to Par Wyevale Garden Centre, who very kindly provided many of the raffle prizes and who have been so supportive of Grow St Blazey. They continue

with this support. There are plans for the future, some of which revolve around PL24 Pollinators Project.

PL24 BEES (POLLINATORS PROJECT)

“Bee populations are under threat and dwindling worldwide at an alarming rate through a combination of pesticide use, habitat loss and disease.” Without bees and other pollinators many of our basic foodstuffs would either disappear completely or require billions of pounds of artificial pollination. Local communities can help to protect these vital creatures by setting aside areas specifically designated as pollinator friendly, planting flowers, and protecting habitats.

A group has been set up covering the wider PL24 area to identify sites for possible “bee gardens” and to raise community awareness. If you would like to get involved in this group please contact Stuart Wheeler at StuartDWheeler@aol.com”

COMMUNITY WARDEN

Dave Pearce has been busy watering the plants around the Town and roadside weed killing and I hope we all agree that the town looks a lot better for it. He has also cleaned out the fountain with the help of Councillor Putt and this also looks really lovely. Dave has cleaned the bus shelters and together with the painting these are all also looking their best.

If you see any areas that you think Dave could improve, please let the Clerk know.

LIST OF SITTING COUNCILLORS

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| 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 Moore | 1 Meadow drive, St Blazey PL24 2HL 816849 |
| 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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