

St Blaise Town Council Newsletter

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

I was pleased to attend the launch of the twinning of the UK's very first Cornish pasty heritage centre situated inside Cornucopia, the Cornish food and drink visitor attraction at Cornish Market World with its counterpart in Real de Monte, Mexico on Saturday 4th February.

The new pasty heritage centre will tell the story of the pasty's development and how the Cornish copper and tin miners introduced pasties to far-flung corners of the globe as they sought work in overseas mines. This influence is perfectly illustrated in Mexico, where the world's first Cornish pasty museum was established in

Real del Monte, a mining town north east of Mexico City – an area nicknamed 'Mexico's Little Cornwall' due to the heavy ties with the county. This link can be traced back to the 1820s when some 130 men, women and children set sail on a gruelling journey from Cornwall to help the struggling silver mines in Mexico.

This is just the beginning of what we hope will be a lasting friendship and, moving forward, there will be an ongoing collaboration and sharing of our mutually-rich culture and heritage that will undoubtedly help forge stronger links between our respective countries.

During November and December our Warden Dave Pearce and Councillor Amos Putt were extremely busy replanting the flower beds and planters around the town. We have also installed a new planted boat at the top of Middleway which I hope you will have enjoyed seeing. I would like to thank the Town Team and Kittows Butchers who gave us generous donations towards the cost of the plants.

We held our Annual Carol Concert at St Blazey Church on Sunday 4th December at 4.00 pm followed by a reception at St Blazey Football Club where Mulled Wine, Hog Roast & Mince Pies were enjoyed. This year's turnout was a little disappointing and so the Council have decided that the Carol Service will continue however we will not be holding a reception afterwards.

As you will all be aware the Town Council have purchased the building that was St Blazey Police Station. We are calling the building St Blazey Community Rooms and had an official opening on Saturday 25th February 2017.

In January we co-opted a new Town Councillor Tony Nerthercott, he is already involved with St Blazey Town and District Team, PL24 Community association and Fourways Youth Club so I welcome him to St Blaise Town Council.

On May 4th 2017, there will elections for Town Councillors, please see below some of this Council achievements since the election 4 years ago.

Restored St Blazey Fountain

Moved the Bell Tower to the Town Car Park from Fourways.

Resurfaced the rear of the Town Car Park.

Facilitated St Blazey Flood Group

Taken over and refurbished Station Road Public Toilets

Installed and planted a boat on the A390 and another at the top of Middleway.

Facilitated Grow St Blazey

Repaired the solar lighting in Piggy Alley.

Instituted a Town Mayor.

Planted poppies in Town Car Park as a World War 1 commemoration.

Organised a Commemoration event with Par and Tywardreath PC.

Replaced a memorial plaque in Station Road Chapel.

Purchased the old Police Station, renovated the premises and re-opened the building as St Blazey Community Rooms.

Provided space at the Community Rooms for the Police to work from.

Renovated the footpath that runs behind Biscovey School.

Erected a Bus Shelter at the top of Middleway.

Instigated an Annual Community Award.

Worked with Groundwork to produce St Blazey Greenspace Audit.

We have an ongoing work programme that includes:-

Holding an Annual Carol Concert.

Employ a Community Warden who keeps the town looking neat and tidy.

Provide Christmas Trees.

Lay a remembrance wreath on behalf of the Town each year.

Act as consultees for the planning system.

We are currently in the process of taking over King Edward Gardens from Cornwall Council and supporting the Neighbourhood Plan Process.

We will be holding an open evening in St Blazey Community Rooms on Thursday 23rd March 2017 between 6.00 pm and 9.00 pm. We would like to see new members introduced to the Town Council. Come and have your questions answered and find out more about being a Councillor.

WHAT DOES ST BLAISE TOWN COUNCIL DO?

WHAT MATTERS TO YOU?

WHAT DO COUNCILLORS DO?

HOW DO I BECOME A COUNCILLOR?

MEET THE COUNCIL

FINALLY - Do you need new recycling bags? You will be able to collect these at the open evening for new Councillors. You can also collect these from the Town Council office. If your blue bag has holes, your red bag has disintegrated, your orange bag has come away at the seams or your black bag has cracked or you just need extras – Come and see us.

ST Blaise Neighbourhood Plan

As we hope you are aware, we have been working on the Neighbourhood Plan for some time. We have been at a stalemate for a while, waiting for the adoption of Cornwall Council's Local Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan must work beside the Local Plan.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a legal document that sets out the aims and vision for land use and development in a local area, and also for protection for things we consider important locally, such as areas of outstanding beauty, sports facilities local historic sites etc.

Planners and inspectors must consider it whenever development decisions are made. It can't be used to stop development but it can shape and influence proposals to take views of local people into account.

We have a working party made up of Councillors and volunteers from the local community. The working party gathers and puts together what should be considered to be included in the plan.

We have a web-site www.stblaisenp.co.uk and a Facebook page where you can see the emerging policies, comments from workshops that have been held and the policy formation documents. Have your say.

As part of the consultation process, a questionnaire is to be sent to every house in St Blaise shortly but we would love to hear from you before then. You can contact Councillor Jenny Moore or the Town Clerk.

Par and St Blazey Flood Group

Charles Richards has stood down from the flood group, we would like to pass on thanks to him for all his hard work over the years. The work is now being taken on by a group of Councillors from Par and Tywardreath PC and St Blaise TC. The Plan is to be extended to be used as an Emergency Plan also to take into account other types of disaster that we could be affected by.

If you are interested in becoming a warden, the group and members of the public needs you, please contact the Clerk whose details are on the final page of this Newsletter.

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 George Miller	3 Kilhallon Woodlands, PAR PL24 2RJ 815179
Councillor Jenny Moore	1 Meadow drive, St Blazey PL24 2HL 816849
Councillor Tony Nethercott	30 Station Road, St Blazey PL24 2ND 814282
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 at St Blazey Community Rooms at 7.30pm on the last Thursday of every month bar December.

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