

St Blaise Town Council Newsletter



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

By the time you read this, spring will be here, as I write we are enjoying the first sign of spring. We have endured the wettest winter for many years but thanks to the various agencies, St Blaise has been largely unaffected. Yet again, we have every reason to be grateful to our flood group. These volunteers have done sterling service for us for a number of years, and are so effective that they are seen nationally as leading the way in community flood prevention work.

I do hope that you all enjoyed the holiday season. Our annual carol concert, and its associated social evening at the football club, was a resounding success. The Biscovey Academy

Choir and the Mount Charles Youth Band make the evening very special indeed.

The St Blaise Feast Parade held on February 3rd was another success despite the extremely wet weather. It was really great to see so many young people enjoying the occasion. It has become another important event on our local calendar. I know that this gives much pleasure to many. Like so many community events, however, it depends upon the willing and active support of local volunteers: do please consider giving up just a few hours of your time to help with these events – you will get as much out of it all as you put into it.

Our next major events will be the Big Lunch/WW1 commemorations and St Blazey Reclaimed are to hold a fun day on Saturday 5th July.

St Blazey and Par will be joining together to arrange WW1 commemorations, as you know, 2014 is the centenary of the outbreak of World War I. This is not something that anyone would wish to celebrate, but it is an anniversary that many will wish to commemorate. Planning is under way, which will include placing the plaque from the old Chapel at the Funeral Home in Station Road, planting of poppies and an open air service at Par Running Track. The Par Old Cornwall Society will be holding an exhibition at Gott Hall.

I cannot yet say precisely how the St Blazey Reclaimed event will be formulated but I can promise that it will be fun. Watch the notice boards – and look in the neighbourhood shop next to the Coop – for further information.

Mention of the neighbourhood shop prompts me to say how much I hope that many of you will have found an opportunity to visit it, and to see for yourselves what the Big Local is all about, and what the Neighbourhood Plan group have in mind on your behalf. Both groups are most anxious to hear your views about where we live – there are few occasions in life when you can be sure that what you have to say will be listened to, so please take the time and trouble to pop in. I know that the shop is not open all of the time (it depends on volunteers being available to open it up), but it is worth going in often, as what is there is changing constantly.

Par Bay Big Local will be holding an opening event on April 5th and once they join us, it is hoped that the shop will be manned 10 am to 6 pm, 6 days a week. The people manning the shop are all volunteers and so this will not always be possible.

Please visit often, give us your views and if you feel like you could give us some time, we are looking for volunteers.

We have a Community Warden and he is working hard making the Town look more attractive but if you have any opinions on areas that could be improved or ideas of how this could be achieved please let us know. Your comments would be greatly appreciated.

Neighbourhood Planning - Website Launch.

Residents of St Blazey are being given the opportunity to influence the future of their town with the launch of a new website.

www.stblaisenp.co.uk has been launched as part of the government funded Neighbourhood planning programme. St Blazey has been chosen as one of the front runners for the scheme which will see residents of the town have their say on future developments.

The Neighbourhood planning programme enables residents of the town, through the Town Council, to produce a plan. This will shape the planning process for the area and all future planning applications will then need to be in line with its aims.

Questionnaires will be regularly posted on the website for residents to complete with the first set of questions already available on the site. As the scheme progresses and the questionnaires are submitted the results will also be available on line. The results will be used to establish the needs of the community and these will be reflected in the plan.

Cornwall Councillor for St Blazey Roy Taylor Said: "A successful Neighbourhood Plan will put the decision making planning power back where it belongs in the hands of local residents. The website provides an easy to use 'one stop shop' for reference and two way communication".

The website has been funded by St Blaise Town Council and has been created in a bid to ensure that every resident has the opportunity to have their say on the plan.

Full details on the scheme so far and the background behind it can be found on the site www.stblaisenp.co.uk

Leaf Litter Project

The project which ran from 3rd November 2013 to the 2nd week of January 2014 collected a total of 9 tons of leaf litter. 50% of the final week's collection was silt which means that the remains cannot be used as compost. The Environment Agency deem the waste contaminated. It may contain hazardous materials which will likely be at low levels, like oils, grease, fuel residue, heavy metals that should not enter the food chain. So, this material is suitable as a mulch on flower beds but not for growing vegetables.

Luci who ran the project is writing a report for Defra which will provide a tool kit for use in the future. Luci is meeting with the EA to discuss this as part of her bid for funding and believes that in the future the scheme could be self-funding by selling the compost.

St.Blazey Reclaimed Summer Fete.

St. Blazey Reclaimed will be holding a Summer Fete on Saturday 5th July 2014 at be the land to the rear of the Co-operative Supermarket and will take place between 2pm and 4pm, we have made arrangements to transfer into Alexander Hall if the weather fails us.

We will be holding a Baking Competition using Cornish Recipes. There will be 6 recipes in total, which are: Heavy Cake: Lardy Cake: Saffron Buns: Tatti Cake {potato cake}: Traditional Pasties {2 recipes}: and Yeast Cake. The recipes for these can be obtained from Tony Nethercott e-mail: tcandsaffi@hotmail.co.uk or you can phone him on 07779 458449.

We will also be having "Fete Games" which include Ball in the bucket: Bowling: Magic Mitts: Spin a wheel: Bat the rat and skittles.

We would welcome small stallholders ie: Crafts, Bric-a-Brac etc. There will not be a charge for these stalls but any donations to St.Blazey Reclaimed Funds would be gratefully received to enable us to fund more community projects like our annual Feast and Procession.

St Blazey Reclaimed

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday 29th April 2014 in the PPBL / ST. BLAZEY NP shop at 7pm. ALL ARE WELCOME. Come along and see if there is anything you can do to help us, or give your ideas.

Par Bay Skatepark Project

We have a final decision now as to who will build our skatepark providing we can get the funding. MAVERICK will take it on and will now help us through the next stages. Maverick is a skater-run business specialising in the design and installation of spray in-situ concrete skate parks. They are involved in some high profile projects across the UK . Now all we have to do is raise the £150K !!! and get planning permission. Maverick's 1st design can be seen on the Par Skate Park Facebook page. We are not expecting this necessarily to be the final design, it can be 'tweaked' as necessary later. We are now looking for local businesses and individuals who can help us achieve our aim. Our wish list and other details are on our website www.parbayskatepark.org If you can help us please email us pl24skatepark@gmail.com. Gill Butler



St Blazey & District Town Team

This is a new group of dedicated local businesses across the spectrum that as a collective, aim to improve the opportunities for business and the community within the Town of St Blazey and surrounding areas that makes up its district. They are investing their free time into a project to ensure the future is bright for the area, with opportunities to access various funding streams that might not be available to individuals, but that will help us greatly to enhance the Town for all.

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

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