

St Blaise Town Council

Newsletter

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Introduction

St Blaise Town Councillors would like to begin by wishing all residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

St Blaise Annual Carol Concert

We know that many of you enjoyed the Carol Concert at St Blazey Church on 11th December where performances by De Ja Vue barbershop quartet, Mount Charles Youth Band and the boy's choir from Biscovey School entertained with their solo spots and would therefore like to convey our gratitude to them. We would also like to thank Anne Weaver from Par Churches Together, Martin Eddy our Community Network Manager and Charles Richards for reading.

After the Carol Service at the St Blazey Football Club, a Hog Roast, mulled wine and mince pies were consumed along with the sounds of Eastern Male Voice Choir and the singing from the boys of Biscovey School. We know how much this was also appreciated from the many comments made during the evening.

Christmas Closure

The Council office will close at 1.00pm on Friday 23rd December and re-open on Wednesday 4th January; all the

contact details of our Councillors are on our web-site and town notice boards and they can still be contacted. We are allowing the Clerk some time off and so she will not be available during these dates. Our web-site address is www.stblaisetowncouncil.co.uk and the office phone number is 01726 816595. Any messages received will be responded to after the Christmas break.

Flooding

All residents affected by the floods in November 2010 who are entitled to the funded flood alleviation work can look forward to this beginning in the New Year. Cornwall Council and the Environment Agency have done enormous amounts of work in the area in the hope of minimising the effects of future floods if they should re-occur.

The heavy rainfall experienced on Monday 24th October was a reminder of the events of last year when some properties came very close to flooding. Flood alerts were issued by the environment agency, parts of St Andrews Road had surface water flooding and Brooks Corner had surface water flooding with manhole covers lifting and waste and sewage water washing into the street. Water ran down the A390 at Church Street and entered the hallways of Polgrean Flats.

St Blazey Community Flood Plan

St Blazey Community Flood Group launched the flood plan on 17th November which was adopted by St Blaise Town Council on 24th November. Charles Richards, chairman of the flood group, informs us that the wardens' training manual is also near completion. The second Community Flood Recovery Group Newsletter was issued in November and the Council would like to thank Charles for all the work he has put into the group, the newsletter and all the other work undertaken but not seen.

St Blazey Community Watch

St Blazey Community Watch held its quarterly meeting on November 17th; it was a useful meeting as problems were shared between the PCSO's, Councillors, the community warden and members of the public. It is an open meeting and is your chance to speak about your concerns informally and has often brought problems to the attention of those able to help in the past. It is held at 7.00pm on the third Thursday in February, May, August and November each year at Alexander Hall.

St Blazey War Dead

Councillor Miller's publication "A brief biography of the war dead of St Blazey" is selling well but can still be purchased from various outlets around the town at a price of £3.00 with all profits going to Help the Heroes. If you wish to purchase or just view a copy, please contact the Clerk.

Par Community Association

Par Community Association have released their 4th Newsletter with the 5th to be published in the New Year. They have held their first AGM and we would encourage you all to pick up a copy as it is an informative read. The Newsletters can be picked up from St Blazey Service Station, Biscovey Garage, St Blazey Stores, The convenience store in Lamellyn Road, Par Library, St Blazey Post Office and Stores, Par Post Office and Par Library.

St Blazey Reclaimed

St Blazey Reclaimed is a recently constituted group which aims to organise the St Blaise Feast week each February. The group plan to build on the success of the two previous lantern parades in St Blazey by extending its activities to incorporate other events to celebrate the area.

St Blazey reclaimed is also engaged with the Town to Tide project, a promenade theatre event which will take place in September 2012.

St Blazey Lantern Parade will be on 3rd February starting at Landreath Garden at 5.30pm with the service starting at St Blazey Church at 6.00pm. Refreshments will be available at St Blazey Football Club afterwards.

Queens Diamond Jubilee

It has been agreed that there will be a children's party to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee on Wednesday 6th June. The event is to be organised by St Blaise Town Council, Ocean Housing, St Blazey Football Club, Fourways Youth Club and St Blazey Brownies. The party will begin at Penarwyn and then a bus will transfer everybody to the Football Club.

At the football it is hoped there will be a mini sports day for the younger children and a battle of the bands for those a bit older.

St Blazey Fountain

It is hoped that St Blazey Fountain will be repaired and fully functioning during 2012. It is unknown why the Fountain was disconnected but it is felt that it is appropriate to have it reconnect in Queen Elizabeth 2nd Diamond Jubilee year as it was originally installed to mark Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. It is a big undertaking as new electric supply will have to be installed.

Neighbourhood Plans

Neighbourhood planning is being introduced by Government, it will allow local people to come together through local councils or community groups and say where they think new

houses, business and shops should be built and how they should look. These neighbourhood development plans could be very simple or go into considerable detail. Local Communities would, by creating what is called a Neighbourhood Development order (NDO) also be able to grant full or outline planning permission in areas where they most want to see new development making it easier and quicker for development to go ahead.

St Blaise Town Council has applied to the Department for Communities and Local Government for a grant to be a Neighbourhood Planning Front runner. The grant if we are successful will help the local planning authority understand how the provisions for neighbourhood planning are likely to work in practice following the Localism Bill. This is a new process and we will be asking the people of St Blaise for their opinions.

Friends of Luxulyan Valley.

The 1km Carmears Tramway was constructed around 1840 as part of Treffry's ambitious plans to create a trans-peninsular tramway linking Par with Newquay. This section connects the Treffry Viaduct with 1:8 Carmears Incline from Pons Mill, via the Wheelpit. There are still original tramway rails in place, representing probably one of only a handful of sites in the country where this is still the case.

The Trustees of "The Friends of Luxulyan Valley" are hoping to make improvements to the valleys footpaths and are undertaking the responsibility to raise the funds to make the Tramway accessible to everyone again.

Big Lottery.

The Big Lottery 'Getting People Involved', phase 1, has now been completed. This has involved amongst other things a round of consultations with the residents of this Big Local

area. The 'Meet the Funders' and 'Big Ideas Bus' exercises produced a large number of ideas for spending the funds available, and a good number of individuals (including many young people) who would like to be involved in some way with the work now in hand.

The second phase of work, arrangements for administering the funds, described as a vision statement has started. This will set down the aspirations voiced by the residents of the area, as well as some guidelines on how individual applications for funding should be assessed. To meet the requirements of the Big Local Trust, this second round of work must be undertaken by a group different than the steering group that has hitherto been active. It has therefore established the Local Partnership which, in accordance with the Trust's requirements is comprised largely of individuals, and largely of residents of the area.

The steering group have also chosen to establish a Consultative Group to work with the Local Partnership. It will draw its membership from the organisations previously members of the steering group, other organisations that would be willing and able to assist with the work, and as many individuals who would care to participate. The aim will be for it to provide essential feedback and comment to the Local Partnership as its work develops. A secondary role will be to provide experience to individuals who may not previously have been involved in work of this nature, with a view to some of them transferring to the Local Partnership over time.

One Stop Shop.

Cornwall Council are continuing to run a service at Alexander Hall every Tuesday morning. It is your chance to speak with Cornwall Council about any Council issue affecting you without having to travel to St Austell

Alexander Hall.

Alexander Hall continues to be well used, below you will find a list of activities that take place and the times of each regular weekly event.

The hall can be hired at competitive rates for functions and any other events as well as regular bookings.

Monday 10.15 - 12.30

Rural Community Link Project – Welcome Group

The group promotes good mental health in the community, by introducing and sharing interests, hobbies, other activities and talks. It invites you to pop in and enjoy a coffee and a chat.

Tuesday 9.30 - 12.00 – Cornwall One Stop Shop.

Tuesday

Val Chapman
50 Station Road
St Blazey
PL24 2LZ

Rainbows 5 – 7 year olds
Brownies 7 – 10 year olds

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chapma-va@tiscali.co.uk www.girlguidingcornwall.co.uk

Wednesday – Slimming World

Sessions 9.30am, 11.30am, 5pm & 7.0pm

Friday – Car Boot

8.00am – 12.30pm

Friday – Friday St Blazey Tea Dance

2.30 - 4.30pm

Saturday – Car Boot

8.00am – 1.30pm

LIST OF SITTING COUNCILLORS

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Councillor Richard Heyward	'Little Acorns' New Road, St Blazey, Par PL24 2SB 813060
Councillor Dave Hooper	Hillpark, Kilhallon, PAR PL24 2RL 815692
Councillor George Miller	3 Kilhallon Woodlands, PAR PL24 2RJ 815179
Councillor Alexia Muskett –Geake	Trewillowen, 113 Landreath Place, St Blazey, PL24 2LA 813670
Councillor Amos Putt	55 Polgrean Place, St Blazey PL24 2LH 815444
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