

# St Blaise Town Council Newsletter



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

I attended the Open Day at Chicks Coastal Retreat which is a facility that provides holidays to under privileged children country wide as well as those from Cornwall and some even within our boundaries. I was impressed with the facilities and urge you all to visit should you get the opportunity.

The new plans for Shorthorn beach, part of the Carlyon Bay development have been unveiled and you have all had the opportunity to view them. The development will provide hundreds of permanent jobs and transform the area. The area is to receive significant investment which will boost our areas profile. It will be a world-class resort and will allow access to the beach for local people. The planned development will be an all year round activity site.

You will have all noticed the amount of work that South West Water, the Environment Agency and Cornwall Council Highways Department have been doing in the area. The Integrated modern drainage system that has been installed at Tredenham Close will hopefully improves the lives of the residents of Brook's corner and any of you that have to walk or drive the area in severe wet conditions.

The Environment Agency have cleaned all the waterways throughout the Town and are lowering the depth of St Blazey Stream. Cornwall Council have installed attenuation tanks in the area.

You will have all no doubt seen the boat that has been placed and planted on the A390 at St Blazey Gate. The project was helped to its conclusion with the assistance of the students from Doubletrees School. The St Blazey Community Warden will be responsible for its regular maintenance.

We are fortunate to have a Community Centre in the middle of the Town, next to the Co-op supermarket, this centre can be used for private function as well as Community Groups. If you would like to use the facility please contact Gaynor Mamo who will be happy to accommodate you.

If I have overlooked anything that you would like information about or know anything about St Blaise Town Council, please contact the Town Clerk who will be happy to assist.

Finally I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and hope to see many of you at our Annual Carol Concert.

## **St Blazey Warden**

Dave Pearce has now been with the Town Council for over a year and we hope that you will agree that he is making a real impact on making the Town look better. He has been trained in weed treatment and so in the spring will take on the responsibility of clearing the pavements of weeds. He is always busy working improving the appearance of the Town and if you should see him, please feel free to pass your concerns onto him. If there is anything that you would like him to do, contact the Town Clerk who will arrange it to be done if it is within the Town Council's powers.

## **Cornwall Council News.**

You are most likely be aware of the significant budget challenges that Cornwall Council, along with most other Councils across the country, is trying to manage. By 2018/19 they will have to make savings totaling £196 million.

Cornwall Council is setting a 4 year budget which is a first. Since 2010 the Council has made savings of £170 million, partially through becoming a Unitary Authority - merging six councils into one. With such a huge challenge, they face the difficult task of having to decide where and how to reduce services.

Cornwall Council held public meetings during October in each of the community network areas where public views were invited.

Neither Cornwall Council or the Town Council are taking their budgeting responsibilities lightly. The Town Council may have to increase its precept to be able to take on additional duties as Cornwall Council will have to reduce theirs.

## **St Blaise Annual Carol Concert**

The Carol concert will be at St Blazey Church on 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm. There will be performances by Biscovey Academy Choir and Mount Charles Youth Band, each entertaining us with their solo spots and joining in with us all in singing traditional carols. Afterwards at the reception at the football Club where a Hog Roast, Mulled Wine and Mince Pies can be enjoyed.

We know this will be enjoyed and appreciated, along with the sounds of Biscovey Academy Choir, from the many comments made after previous year's events.

## **Christmas Closure**

The Council office will close at 1.00pm on Monday 22nd December and re-open on Friday 2nd January; all the contact details of our Councillors are on our web-site, town notice boards and at the back of this newsletter, 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](http://www.stblaisetowncouncil.co.uk) and the office phone number is 01726 816595. Any messages received will be responded to after the Christmas break.

## **Town Team Christmas Cards**

Christmas came early for some local school children last week when their Christmas card designs were announced as winners in the St Blazey & District Town Team “design a Christmas card” competition.

Children from Footsteps Nursery, Happy Days Nursery, St Blazey, Biscovey Academy and Tywardreath Pre School entered the competition to see whose design would be printed and sold to raise money for Children’s Charity CHICKS and St Blazey & District Town Team.

The children’s cards will be in the local shops for the children and their families to buy as well as anybody else who would like to buy them. This is a fantastic example of how the local community can work together to achieve great things. The interest created from this year’s competition demands that it takes place next year as well. There will be many more projects that the Town Team will be doing for the benefit of the whole community.”

Prizes and funding for the competition was supplied by local businesses allowing for all profits from the cards sold to be donated to CHICKS and St Blazey & District Town Team.

St Blazey and District Town Team is a voluntary business led initiative with a core team of local businesses, councillors and organisations.

The team has a list of aims and objectives that when implemented could improve the area including; a spruce up

and tidy the area campaign, better signage, business training, a job club and initiatives that are instrumental to increase tourism, regenerating the area and the creation of a new town centre. As a business led organisation the Town Team can access certain funding towards local and community projects but also needs to raise its own funds to maximise the benefits to the community.

The winning designs will be available to buy at local retailers from the end of November, anyone wishing to find out more about the Town Team or who would be willing to sell the cards are invited to call Fred Jackson on 07734151245 or email [fredjackson448@btinternet.com](mailto:fredjackson448@btinternet.com)

## **Neighbourhood Planning**

The Neighbourhood Planning Group are currently putting together a draft plan. From the comments previously received, a set of statements have been produced covering the main themes, Green spaces, Housing, Transport Links, Flood Protection, Economic Development and What Matters Most to us.

It is for the people of St Blazey to decide on its future and without your assistance we cannot put your views forward. Tell us what you think, the statement is in draft and can be changed and can be added to

These statements can be viewed in the Big Ideas Shop and we would really appreciate you adding your comments to help steer us in the direction you would like us to go.

## Christmas and New Year Recycling and Rubbish Collections

Date	Rubbish/Clinical	Recycling/Garden
Wednesday 24 December (Christmas Eve)	Normal Collection	Normal Collection
Thursday 25 December (Christmas Day)	No Collection (Collection on 1 January)	No Collection (Collection on Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> December)
Friday 26 December (Boxing Day)	No Collection. (Collection on 2 January)	No Collection (Collection on Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> December)
Monday 29 December	Normal Collection	Normal Collection
Tuesday 30 December	Normal Collection	Normal Collection
Wednesday 31 December (New Year's Eve)	Normal Collection	Normal Collection
Thursday 1 January	Normal Collection including 25 December	Normal Collection

There will be a garden waste collection on Saturday 27 December.

Real Christmas Trees will be collected on the garden waste collection day in weeks beginning 12 and 19 January. Put your tree out beside your rubbish on the alternate week to your recycling and it will be collected separately and composted.

## LIST OF SITTING COUNCILLORS

Councillor George Allen	6 Bay View, The Mount, St Blazey PL24 2BY <b>815707</b>
Councillor June Anderson	37 Rose Hill, St Blazey, Cornwall PL24 2LQ <b>813995</b>
Councillor Rob Blackie	3 Ash Grove, Biscovey, Cornwall PL24 2HE <b>814658</b>
Councillor Richard Heyward	'Little Acorns' New Road, St Blazey, Par PL24 2SB <b>813060</b>
Councillor George Miller	3 Kilhallon Woodlands, PAR PL24 2RJ <b>815179</b>
Councillor Amos Putt	55 Polgrean Place, St Blazey PL24 2LH <b>815444</b>
Councillor Douglas Scrafton	Reynards Rest, The Mount, Par, Cornwall, PL24 2BZ <b>815770</b>
Councillor Adrian Seel	145 Landreath Place, St Blazey, PAR PL24 2LA <b>815829</b>
Councillor Roy Taylor	Palm Garden House, Tywardreath Highway, Par PL24 2RW <b>816112</b>
Councillor Stuart Wheeler	No 9 Vernon Villas, St Blazey Gate PL24 2LF <b>815370</b>

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

The Clerk can be contacted at Alexander Hall, Middleway, St Blazey, PL24 2JH. Telephone 01726 816595. E-mail [townclerk.stblaise@virgin.net](mailto:townclerk.stblaise@virgin.net)