

St Blaise Town Council Newsletter

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

I want to begin by giving you an update of progress at Carlyon Bay. The company developing at Carlyon Bay have bought Granite Gates, the old Motor Museum, to be used as a marshalling yard and overspill car park whilst building takes place which is to be estimated at seven years.

The utilities are to be brought in over winter. Unfortunately there is some concern about the right of way onto the promenade but there are various options being investigated that will resolve this. Ecology work continues on Polgaver Beach and Sea defence works will be carried out from spring 2016 on Shorthorn. There are pop-up shops being planned that will be seen in and around the area from April onwards and there will be bigger and better events during next summer on Crinnis

Beach. The Beach web-site has been updated and can be viewed at www.carlyonbeach.com.

You will have all no doubt seen the boat and planters have been re-planted with wall flowers for the winter. I would like to thank the Bridal Sweet and Little Plaice fish and chip shop for their financial contributions. I would also like to thank our Community Warden for carrying out the planting with help from Councillor Putt.

We will be holding our Annual Carol Concert at St Blazey Church on Sunday 13th December at 6.00 pm followed by a reception at St Blazey Football Club where you can enjoy Mulled Wine, Hog Roast & Mince Pies.

I was sorry to receive the resignation of Councillor Douglas Scrafton who has been a member of St Blaise Town Council since 2009. Councillor Scrafton remains a Cornwall Councillor for Par and St Blazey Gate. I would like to thank him for his service to the Town Council. I am very pleased to welcome our new Councillor, Jenny Moore who is already an active member of the Community. Jenny is already Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee and is a member of St Blazey Reclaimed and Par Community association.

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 been busy this year especially working on the footpath that runs behind Biscovey School as well as his usual duties. He has spent a lot of time on roadside weed treatment but unfortunately due to the wet summer and not being able to spread the chemicals, a lot of areas have not been covered. He is currently busy clearing the pavements of leaves.

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.

Bridal Sweet.

The Town Council would like to express their gratitude to Archie Taylor, the proprietor of the Bridal Sweet. Archie has been tending the flowers around the welcome stone at the bottom of Tywardreath Highway, the five planters at the corner of Station Road and Fore Street as well as starting a small garden next to the laundrette in Fore Street. Unfortunately due to ill health Archie has been unable to carry on with this service recently however he has given the Town Council a generous

donation towards the plants for this year's winter planting of all the plant pots around the Town.

We know from comments received that this is appreciated by many of you as it is by the Town Council.

GrowStBlazey

GrowStBlazey is a community growing initiative, set up by our new Councillor Jenny Moore, aimed at getting people from St Blazey and the surrounding area to grow more of their own food. With the lovely green spaces we have in St Blazey, this seems a great opportunity to get cultivating, produce food and even have fun.

The launch, of what will be initially a Community Gardening Club, was on 10th October at Wyevale Garden Centre and was a great success. If you would like to learn more about growing join the group who are starting with a gardening club and are aiming to develop Community gardens, Community orchards, Garden share scheme, Allotments, use of open spaces to provide growing areas, Community farm and more.

The group are currently working with Hands Together on their community garden, and also exploring the option of events with Wyevale Garden Centre. They hope to have a Facebook page and website set up very soon.

If you are interested, contact Jenny Moore whose details are on the back page.

Par and St Blazey Community Flood Group

At this time of the year our thoughts turn to getting prepared for the wet months that lie ahead. However, this year the summer was not particularly dry. Our local rain gauge recorded 175.0mm of rainfall in August alone making it the second wettest month in the past year and only narrowly missing out to January as the wettest with 175.4mm.

Cornwall Council, the Environment Agency and South West Water have been working on a significant project to help manage flood risk within Par and St Blazey. Through the project Cornwall Council has submitted a bid for European funding. The Environment Agency has provided the following summary of the project and bid:

“As Par and St Blazey are at risk from several sources of flooding, an Integrated Urban Drainage (IUD) investigation has been undertaken through a partnership between all risk management authorities including the Environment Agency (main rivers and the sea), Cornwall Council (surface water, ordinary watercourses and groundwater) and South West Water (sewage). This confirms that managing all the different sources of flooding through a partnership with all flood risk management authorities is essential to reduce the overall flood risk in this vulnerable low-lying area.

“Due to the complex nature of flood risk at this location, the IUD study identified a cost of £1.8m to significantly reduce flood risk from all sources of flooding. As this cannot be funded through the existing budgets available to partner organisations, Cornwall Council and the Environment Agency worked to identify other sources of funding that could make a future flood risk management scheme, to include Par and St Blazey, viable.

“In August 2015, a £10m allocation of European Structural Investment Funding (ESIF) for projects to promote climate change adaptation, risk prevention and management was confirmed for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. Cornwall Council has submitted an outline application for an £8.4m share of this funding to support a transformational regeneration scheme, St Austell Resilient Regeneration (StARR). This is structured around partnership working between all flood risk management authorities and community engagement to remove flood risk as a barrier to regeneration and promote sustained investment in Par, St Blazey, St Austell and Holmbush. The Environment Agency and South West Water have confirmed their support as delivery partners to StARR that could provide the opportunity to include the recommendations from the Par and St Blazey IUD, and bridge the current funding gap.

“After the review of the initial application, we hope that StARR will be invited to proceed to the full application which is expected to have a deadline in early 2016.

Now is a good time for all of us to start thinking about winter and taking steps to becoming better prepared for the risk of flooding. We are planning to make some changes to the Par and St Blazey Community Flood Group. In particular we are looking for new volunteer flood wardens and welcome your involvement. You don't need to be at risk of flooding to be a flood warden, in fact, there is a lot you can do to help those who are at risk. Also, you don't need to have previous experience as there is a role for everyone and training is available through the Cornwall Community Flood Forum. If you are interested in becoming a flood warden and supporting your community please email: parandstblazeyfloodgroup@yahoo.co.uk

As winter approaches, now is a good time to start getting better prepared for the risk of flooding. Whether you live or work in a property at risk or simply commute through an area prone to flooding, the following 4 steps are a guide to getting started:

1. Check your flood risk - To find out if your property is considered at risk of flooding there are many sources of information you can use. A good place to start is: "www.gov.uk/check-if-youre-at-risk-of-flooding". Click on "flood risk to your property" and you will be directed to Environment Agency resources. Once there, you can enter your postcode and check for different sources of flooding including: rivers or the sea, surface water and reservoirs. Also through the "www.gov.uk/check-if-youre-at-risk-of-flooding" website you can find out how to get the flooding history of the land around a property. This is a free service for private residential properties. You can also find out how to order a Land Registry 'flood risk indicator' for a property.

2. Receive flood warnings - To receive flood warnings direct from the Environment Agency you can sign up to their Floodline service. Call 0345 988 1188 to register. Check with your phone provider beforehand as charges may apply. Once you have registered the warning service is FREE and you can choose to get warnings by phone, email or text message.

3. Improve your property's flood protection - If you feel your property is at risk of flooding and you wish to take steps to reduce the impact if it happens you will find some useful information at: "www.gov.uk/prepare-for-a-flood/improve-your-property-flood-protection". Through the website you will find a link to the Environment Agency's guide "Prepare your property for flooding". It also includes links to the National Flood Forum's directory of flood protection products called the "Blue Pages". Remember, if you are purchasing flood protection products always look for the Kitemark.

4. Who to call - The following telephone numbers could be useful when reporting a problem or during an emergency. Keep these numbers safe or add them to your phone's contacts so they are available when you need them: **Police, Fire and Ambulance (During an emergency): 999 Police (Non-emergency): 101 Environment Agency (Incident hotline): 0800 80 70 60**

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 George Miller	3 Kilhallon Woodlands, PAR PL24 2RJ 815179
Councillor Jenny Moore	1 Meadow Drive, St Blazey PL24 2HL 816849
Councillor Amos Putt	55 Polgrean Place, St Blazey PL24 2LH 815444
Councillor Adrian Seel	145 Landreath Place, St Blazey, PL24 2LA 815829
Councillor Jenny Taylor	40 Chyandor Close, St Blazey PL24 2LP 816867
Councillor Roy Taylor	Palm Garden House, Tywardreath Highway, Par PL24 2RW 816112
Councillor Stuart Wheeler	56 Moorland Road, PAR PL24 2LF 815370

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