

St Blaise Town Council Newsletter



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

You may think that I have delusions of grandeur calling myself Mayor rather than Council Chairman but when St Blaise became a Town rather than a Parish, it meant we were entitled to a Mayor. The Town Councillors, at that time, felt that it was unnecessary to have a Mayor, after all what difference does it make? Recently, the question has been asked why we don't have a Mayor. Are we subordinate to other Town Councils? Are we not proud of our Community? It was argued that we have every right to see ourselves as being equal to other towns in our area and therefore the creation of a Mayor is consistent with this. Be assured that the only change is my title and that of future Chairman/Mayors as all the Town Councillors will ensure

During the summer, we have been working on the Neighbourhood plan and have taken up residence in the shop at unit 2, by the Co-op which we are sharing with Par Bay Big Local. There is lots to see and the displays will change frequently. The purpose of the shop is for you to tell us what you think about what we have been doing and what you would like us to do. Make the most of the opportunity to help design St Blaise of the future, don't wait for those further up to impose their vision on us.

Par Bay Big Local will be holding an opening event in the New Year 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 new 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.

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 Carole Concert.

St Blazey Warden

St Blaise Town Council welcomed David Pearce as the new Community Warden at the end of August. Dave has lived in St Blazey all his life except for four years which he spent in Spain and so is well known by many of you.

The post of Community Warden was introduced by Ocean Housing and proved to reduce the fear of crime in St Blazey. When Ocean Housing became unable to continue the scheme due to funding cuts, the Town Council continued the scheme adding many maintenance duties to the job.

Dave is 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.

Chicks Coastal Retreat

Chicks Coastal Retreat a charity based in Tywardreath that gives breaks to under privileged children will be holding their annual Christmas Present Wrapping event from 10am to 5pm at the Coastal Retreat, Barn Park Farm, Well Street on Thursday 5th December. Please let them know if you would like to join them for this extremely enjoyable day when they send presents to all 1,200 children who have had breaks there this year (and you all get to sing Christmas carols and eat pasties between wrapping presents!). 01726 817913 or e-mail mick@chicks.org.uk

The Happy Phoenix Club

The Happy Phoenix Club invite you to join them every Friday from 10.00am until 2.00pm at the Burrows Centre, Lamellyn

Road. The group meet, greet and socialise and enjoy Arts and Crafts, Knitting, Entertainment, board games, Raffles and Outings. Lunch is served from 12.00pm and a typical menu consists of roasts, stews, cottage pie, salads and other tasty dishes at a cost of £4.50 plus desserts at a £1. If you would be interested in Joining them, please ring Maureen on 01726 812388 or Sylvia on 07815554529.

Par Community Association

You are invited to attend the third Annual General Meeting of Par Community Association on Monday 2nd December 2013 at 7.30pm at St Mary's Methodist Church, Chapel Road, Par.

Copies of the Agenda will be available at the meeting and light refreshments will be available also. For further information contact Sonia Clyne on 01726 813720 or e-mail sonclyne@gmail.com

St Blazey AFC

St Blazey AFC are endeavouring to open a Multi-Sport Hall and Communities Activities Centre on land adjacent to the football club. They are pleased to say that they are progressing well towards planning permission. We have growing support and we are confident that this will continue as the project becomes more of a reality. To achieve funding, we need to demonstrate that we have the communities support.

We ask you that you register your support, to do this you can visit the football club where you can enjoy many activities such as Mother and Toddler groups, bingo, social functions and celebrations and can be used for family functions.

Contact Fred Jackson on 07734151245 for more information.

Leaf Litter Project

A leaf litter project, funded from Defra via Cornwall Community Flood Forum Pathfinder and run by Luci Isaacson is working with the probation service to train offenders to work, as part of their community pay back, to clear leaf litter & keep drains clear to prevent flood hazards. Similar projects have proved to alleviate flood problems elsewhere. The waste is collected and converted into leaf mould which can be used for fertilization. The project began on 3rd November 2013 and will run for 22 weeks.

Par Bay Skatepark Project

The skatepark group held a skate/scoot event on Sunday 1st September and was a great success. The event was visited by two BMX champions whose achievements were well known by the youths demonstrated their skills to the amazement of those in attendance. The youngest competition participant aged 3 proceeded to show us how he was practising standing on the saddle of his little bike. His sister, aged 13 months knew exactly what to do with a skateboard! Two stars of the future!!

Managing director of 1Skateparks, a design and build company, came and donated 2 brand new scooters as prizes and also gave away loads of freebies. Every participant went away with something. He also canvassed the skaters on what should be included in the design.

1Skateparks will now be represented at future meetings as the project accelerates. Funding applications for the project are now in progress and we have collection boxes in many local outlets so please keep the contributions coming. Keep abreast of us by visiting the web-site www.parbayskatepark.org and on Facebook and carry on wheeling.

St Blaise Annual Carol Concert

The Carol concert will be at St Blazey Church on 8th 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.

After the Carol Service, there will be a reception at St Blazey Football Club where a Hog Roast, mulled wine and mince pies can be enjoyed along with the sounds of Biscovey Academy Choir. We know how much this will be enjoyed and appreciated from the many comments made after previous year's events.

Christmas Closure

The Council office will close at 1.00pm on Monday 23rd December and re-open on Friday 3rd 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 and the office phone number is 01726 816595. Any messages received will be responded to after the Christmas break.

St Blazey Feast

The Feast Parade will be on Monday February 3rd, starting at Landreath Place Triangle at 5.30pm culminating at St Blazey Church when the Boy Bishop will be invested. Celebrations will continue after the service at St Blazey Football Club where soup and Saffron Buns will be enjoyed. Everybody Welcome.

Christmas and New Year Recycling and Rubbish Collections

Date	Rubbish/Clinical	Recycling/Garden
Tuesday 24 December (Christmas Eve)	Normal Collection	Normal Collection
Wednesday 25 December (Christmas Day)	No Collection (Collection on 1 January)	No Collection (Collection on Saturday 28 December)
Thursday 26 December (Boxing Day)	No Collection. (Collection on 2 January)	No Collection (Collection on Saturday 28 December)
Friday 27 December	Normal Collection	Normal Collection
Saturday 28 December	No Collection	Collection for 25 & 26 December
Monday 30 December	Normal Collection	Normal Collection
Tuesday 31 December (New Year's Eve)	Normal Collection	Normal Collection
Wednesday 1 January (New Year's Day)	Normal Collection including 25 December	Normal Collection
Thursday 2 January	Normal Collection including 26 December	Normal Collection

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
Councillor Stuart Wheeler	No 9 Vernon Villas, St Blazey Gate 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