

St Blaise Town Council Newsletter

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

Firstly I must congratulate our Community Warden Dave Pearce, Amos Putt and Diane Greene on the magnificent flower displays around the town. They really brighten up the town, Dave has worked extremely hard during the hot spell we had, watering the plants every day! I would also like to thank Archie Taylor and John Gronwalt for their help watering them.

Dave Pearce continues to work in Trail Blayser Park and King Edward Gardens. These places are great assets to the Town and I am proud that now the Town Council are looking after them they are improving every time I visit them all thanks to Dave.

I had the great pleasure, together with Gaynor the town clerk, in welcoming Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cornwall to Eden for the 10th anniversary of The Big Lunch. It was a very special day for us and she was charming, speaking to many of the Eden visitors.

It was my pleasure to be a judge at Par Carnival, a very hard job. I wanted to give all of the entrants a prize.

I have attended the Mayor Making at Lostwithiel and at St. Columb Major. Both of which were very enjoyable. You get to meet other Mayors who you may not have seen for perhaps twelve months and catch up on the news from their part of Cornwall.

The Neighbourhood Plan is in the last stages of completion and I thank Councillor Jenny Moore for all the hard work she has put into this project. This should give the people of St. Blazey a greater say on how we wish the town to develop.

The Starr Project continues to make progress, with planning applications being submitted to Cornwall Council. This project will be a great boost to St. Blazey, and hopefully will see the end to flooding in our area. It is a very grand plan and I believe it is the first of its kind to be implemented in the whole of the Country.

The building of the extension at The Burrows Centre is nearing completion. It has been the Town Council's project for a good number of years, but due to obtaining no funding it has taken this long to finally see completion. I fully expect it to be a great asset to the local residents.

Ocean Housing continue to deal with the problems in Lesnewth and have done their very best to make it easier for the residents who have had to be moved into other properties. This is an on-going situation, with Ocean awaiting the final mining report from the specialists. Ocean are keeping the residents informed as to what progress is being made. On a positive side, I along with a lot of you have seen the development plans for Polgrean which are impressive and look forwarding to seeing the results.

I hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer and hope we have another mild Autumn / Winter.

Trail Blayser Park

There has been a great deal of work carried out in the park, the surfacing under the zip wire has been replaced, the Tyre Swing, Baby Swings and Junior swing seats have all been replaced. The safety surfacing has been repaired and the grass is now being cut regularly.

All the equipment was beginning to show its age and is now in a much better state. During the winter months all the seats will be painted and the bushes around the park will be cut back.

Please encourage the children of the Town to use the park.

St Blaise Neighbourhood Plan

Councillor Moore – Chairman of the St Blaise Neighbourhood Plan group sent all the Councillors a copy of the draft Neighbourhood Plan in May. The Councillors were asked if this could be agreed to enable scrutiny which they did. Screening took place in June and the feedback is currently being worked with.

It has been extremely difficult producing a document which not only reflects the wishes of the community, but complies with the requirements of Cornwall Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

The wishes of the community had to be fitted into planning policy, but this Plan runs until 2030, so we have had to plan ahead. Remember that the plan can be revised, and if Cornwall Local Plan or the National Planning Policy Framework are revised, then it will be necessary for this Plan to be rewritten, to align with the revisions.

The Current Timetable is as follows:

Plan Finalised – October 19

Pre submission consultation – November 19

Pre submission consultation responses – December 19

Submission – January / February 20.

Holiday Lunch Club

A holiday lunch club was run over the Summer for vulnerable children at Hands Together community Centre on Mondays and Tuesdays and at St Blaise church on Wednesday and Thursdays. The club was run by a team of volunteers who worked hard preparing a hot cooked meal and a desert at every session. Weekly donations of food were provided by Richards.

Attendance varied between 2 and 10 children who were referred by Tywardreath and Biscovey Schools and during the sessions activities such as sewing, pizza making, T Shirt printing and ceramics. Outside activities were also organised which included rock pooling, nature activities at St Andrews Nature reserve and a dance and movement session. Electronic devices were not permitted.

It is hoped that the scheme will run again so for any information please contact the Clerk who will pass your details onto the relevant volunteers.

St Blazey Over 60's Friendship Club

Betty Hicks had an idea about 18 months ago to start a friendship club for people over 60. Betty knew there were a lot of people in this age group that didn't get out much and some were limited due to health conditions. With the support of St Blazey Football club, Betty started a new club for the over 60's to meet at the Football Club each Thursday afternoon where they could enjoy an activity and have some refreshments.

The word spread and the first session was well attended and the entertainment was provided by Peter Goodman. Before long feet were tapping and some joined in to sing along. Ever since the club has gone from strength to strength, membership has increased with a wide range of entertainment. Betty and her band of faithful helpers now even arrange trips out.

In April, Cornwall Council were looking to reward good citizens aged over 60. Betty was nominated and received an award. Betty has been recognised for bringing residents together and providing social space for those who felt lonely and isolated.

A friend to all, Betty has worked tirelessly to improve the health and wellbeing of those that attend so deserves all our thanks and congratulations.

StARR Project

The designs that were shown at the exhibition at St Blazey Football Club remain valid.

These designs are now subject to review following ground investigations, other surveys and discussions with landowners that have taken place over the last year. Those designs are being updated and when ready, there will be further public information.

Planning permission will then be submitted from November this year onwards. As there are many different parts to the Project, there will be a number of different Planning submissions that will be staggered throughout the next year. Similarly, construction will also be staggered, throughout 2020 through to 2021 – the detail of this is yet to be determined.

There will be disruption to landowners, and their distress is entirely understandable. However there is substantial compensation available to landowners should they be adversely impacted.

It is up to the communities of Par and St Blazey to decide if they want the scheme or not. It's quite an opportunity that £32million of funding has become available to help manage the flooding in the town.

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Council meets in St Blazey Community Rooms at 7.30pm on the last Thursday of every month bar December.

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