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HELSTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETS WITH PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCILS

Monday 20th October saw the latest Youth Engagement event with Helston's three primary schools. The event, which was initiated by Helston Town Council's Play & Young People Committee, was created to engage with the school Councils and give the young people an opportunity to find out more about the role and function of their Town Council, Staff and Councillors.

The evening involved pupils from Nansloe Academy, Parc Eglos and St Michaels Schools taking part in different activities, concluding with a 'Council Meeting' chaired by The Mayor. The topic for discussion this time was *'There are not enough sporting opportunities in Helston'*. School Councillors prepared a presentation 'for' the suggestion and a presentation 'against'. The presentations were followed by a 10 minute discussion where the other school Councillors present gave their views in support or against the suggestions. The event was a success and a date will be set for another to be held in the summer.



'DOG POO CREW'



Members of Helston Town Council's Amenities Committee recently got together to tackle the issue of dog fouling in various areas in the Town.

A six-strong poop patrol, made up of Deputy Mayor Mark Upton, Cornwall Councillor Judith Haycock and town councillors Justine Hornsby, Martine Knight, John Martin and Aidan Harrison, went out and about talking with dog owners and ensuring all pooch 'piles' were picked up. They went out manned with dog 'poo' bags to give out to dog owners and Keep Britain Tidy stickers were also placed on bins, informing people that all litter bins, not just dedicated dog poo bins, can be used for throwing away bagged dog mess.

The Chair of Amenities, Cllr Knight reported that the 'Dog Poo Crew' had proved successful and the exercise had highlighted areas that were *not* a particular problem as first believed. Much public interest had been generated with assistance from the local Press.

MAYOR'S WELFARE FUND

A second charity dance was held in The Godolphin Club on Friday 18th July by the Mayor & Mayoress, Cllr Mike and Mrs Briegre Thomas. It was another success with £265 being raised for The League of Friends of Helston Community Hospital and Helston's enterprising & deserving young people.



The Mayor's Charity Ball was held by the Mayor & Mayoress on Saturday 1st November at The Old Cattle Market, Helston. The evening was a huge success and the support given by local businesses and many individuals was tremendous, helping to raise approximately £2200. The money will be divided between the League of Friends of Helston Community Hospital and supporting Helston's deserving and enterprising young people. Assistance will be given, through the Mayor's Welfare Fund, to young people who have aspirations to achieve success in a chosen direction but have limited financial support.

If you are aware of a young person aged 10 – 21, though this can be flexible, and who might qualify - please consider putting their name forward. A brief letter setting out their situation is all that is required, please address the letter to The Mayor, and send to The Guildhall, Helston. TR13 8ST.



HELSTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Christmas season began in earnest in Helston on Friday 28th November when the town saw its festive lights display switched on. The months of hard work by the Helston Lights Committee paid off with the evening being another great success. Father Christmas took up residence in his Winter Wonderland Grotto – complete with real reindeer – situated in the basement of Bowden's Home Hardware. The evening also included various street entertainment with bands, buskers and drummers Samba Celtica. The Culdrose Military Wives Choir sang on stage in Coinagehall Street, followed by carols from Helston Town Band in the run up to the 7.30pm lights switch on.



Once again Helston was lucky with the weather, staying dry with the earlier winds dying down, and the town centre was packed solid with people turning out to count down to the big moment when the town became a blaze of colour as the lights were switched on and a magnificent fireworks display, sponsored by Borlase & Co Solicitors, rounded off the big celebration.

A Christmas Fayre is planned to take place on 12th December with a visit from Father Christmas and Harry Kazzam – magician and children's entertainer.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Helston Town Council has powers under the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) to award small grants provided that it is satisfied that the expenditure will directly benefit all or some of the town's residents. Grants meetings are held twice annually in February and September and at the last meeting grants were awarded to the following organisations:

C.A.S.T.
Cornwall Air Ambulance Trust
Epworth Hall
Helston Chamber Choir

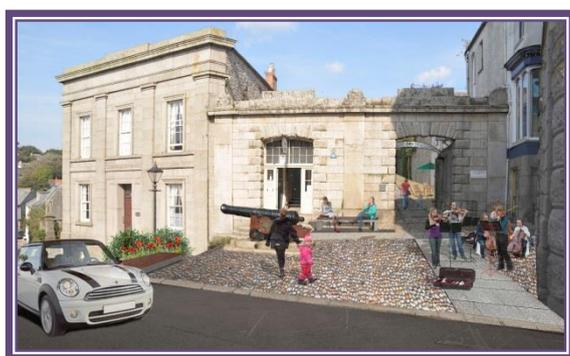
Helston Cricket Club
Helston Flora Day Association
Helston Friendship Club
Helston & District Town Twinning Assoc.

PUBLIC REALM FRAMEWORK CONSULTATIONS

The latest stage in public realm consultations has recently taken place. Designs for the future of Helston town centre went on display for the first time in Oliver's Furnishers so that people in the town were able to get a glimpse of what work could take place to make Helston a better place to visit and offer more for those living there.

The three designs were produced by architects MeiLoci and are areas which were already flagged up during public meetings and a town questionnaire.

These are the Trengrouse Way main car park, extension car park, and Horse and Jockey Lane - ideas were to improve the appearance and circulation of the car parks, perhaps making a public area or "civic space" in the main car park, and improve the main pedestrian link from them into town.



The area near the Guildhall and Helston Museum known as Market Place - it was thought the public area already existing at Market Place could be improved with a simpler layout and better surfacing.



And the third, the Grylls Monument and Monument Walk - it was thought there should be a better setting for the Monument, with the possibility of opening up views across the Cober Valley. It was thought there should be a public area near the bowling green and improvements made to surfacing, lighting, furniture and artwork.

There was a lot of positive discussion with design team members, Council staff and Public Realm Project Board members. Ballot papers were made available so that people could indicate which of the project options they preferred. The plans will now go on display in the Drill Hall at The Museum between 15th and 23rd December, this will be an unmanned display providing further opportunities for the public to view the initial designs and make comments over a longer period. The display will also be advertised in the local papers. Results from the ballot and data from the consultation are currently being collated. It is hoped that those results, along with costings for the projects will be presented to Helston Town Council at its February Full Council meeting.

FREE PARKING FOR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Helston Business Improvement Partnership has had plans approved by Helston Town Council to use previously agreed project funding to provide FREE car parking on the four crucial trading Saturdays leading up to Christmas.

Free parking will be available all day on Saturday 29th November, Saturday 6th December, Saturday 13th December and Saturday 20th December 2014 in the following Cornwall Council car parks; Trengrouse Way, Trengrouse Way extension and Tyacke Road.



FORTHCOMING TOWN EVENTS

Dec 6 th	Farmers Market	The Old Cattle Market 9am to 1pm
Dec 11 th	Helston Community College Christmas Concert	North Site Hall 7.00pm to 9.30pm
Dec 12 th	Father Christmas comes to Helston, late night shopping	Helston Town Centre 5pm
Dec 13 th	Helly's Christmas Craft Fair	The Old Cattle Market 11am to 4pm
Dec 18 th	Helston Community College Carol Concert	St. Michaels Church 7pm
Dec 18 th – 20 th	ACT1 'Imagination 2' Showcase	Epworth Hall 7.30pm
Dec 31 st	Epworth Hall New Year Party	Epworth Hall 8pm to 12.30am
Feb 4 th – 7 th	Helston Theatre Company presents "Mother Goose"	Epworth Hall 7.30pm and Matinee at 2pm on 7 th

CORNWALL COUNCIL'S CHRISTMAS RECYCLING AND REFUSE DATES

This year your rubbish and recycling/garden waste will be unaffected by the Christmas bank holidays and will be collected on the normal days.



Real Christmas trees will be collected on the garden waste collection day in weeks beginning the 12th and 19th January 2015. Put your tree out beside your rubbish and it will be collected separately and composted.



The Mayor and Members of Helston Town Council would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a



**Merry Christmas
And a
Prosperous New Year**



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