



Newsletter

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CAREY PARC PLAY AREA IS GIVEN A MAKEOVER!

Children in the Carey Parc area of Helston have been given some fantastic new play equipment to play on after years of their playground lying empty. The project, led by Helston Town Council's Play and Young People Committee was funded by SITA Cornwall Trust, Cornwall Council, Cory Environmental Trust, Helston Town Council and Helston Lions Club, and was officially opened on Saturday 29th March by the Mayor, Councillor Jonathan Radford-Gaby. As well as new equipment and safety surfacing, the existing paved area was cleaned up and re-pointed in time for the opening. The Council has also installed a new notice board and waste bin and will be providing two picnic tables.



TOWN COUNCIL SAYS FAREWELL TO CARETAKER

Helston Town Council recently said farewell to their Caretaker Mrs Jean Johns who retired in March after working for the Council for 26 years. Mrs Johns was presented with garden centre vouchers by the Mayor as a token of the Council's appreciation for her years of loyal service.

NEW COUNCILLOR

The Council welcomed a new Councillor, Mr Aidan Harrison, earlier this year following the resignation of Councillor Mr Lloyd Harris.



Councillor Aidan Harrison

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 meeting in February 2014 grants were awarded to the following organisations:

Cornwall Carers

One and All Judo Club

Sithney Cornish Wrestling Club

Swallows of Helston Gymnastics Club



The Mayor presenting Mr Fred Angove and Mr Keith Stringer with their Town Plaques

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

This year's Annual Town Meeting took place on Thursday 12th April at 7.00pm in the Methodist Church Hall in Coinagehall Street. The meeting was attended by town residents and included the traditional Annual Report by the Mayor plus short presentations by the local organisations that received grants from the Town Council and brief reports on the Downsland Trust and Trevenen Exhibition charity.

During the meeting the Mayor also presented two Town Plaques. A Town Plaque is one of the highest honours the Town's Mayor can give and these were presented to two men who have served Helston unwaveringly over the last three decades. Mr Fred Angove for his 25 years' service to the Town Council as Macebearer and Mr Keith Stringer for his years of service to the Town as a fire officer and for his work with the Phoenix Project.



The Young Citizen of the Year Award 2014 was also presented. This year's award went to a thoroughly deserving Ailsa Maitland, a 16 year old former student of Helston Community College. Ailsa was selected by the Mayor in recognition of her work with the Helston guiding unit, where she is both a member and volunteer.

The Mayor presenting Ailsa Maitland with the 2014 Young Citizen of the Year Award

The Mayor also presented his nominated charities, the South Kerrier Heritage Trust and the Epworth Hall, with a donation of £1200 each which was monies raised by holding a Mayor's Ball.

Cllr Mrs Haycock, Chairman of South Kerrier Heritage Trust, and Emma Wooderson from Epworth Hall, being presented with cheques from the Mayor





FLORA DAY

Thursday 8th May was the date for Helston's annual Flora Day celebration. Despite everyone hoping that the forecast may have been wrong, sadly it was not to be. However the forecasted heavy rain stayed away leaving us with drizzle. This did nothing to dampen the spirits of the dancers and crowds alike though because, as the Mayor said on the day, "Flora Day is bigger than the weather"! The rain meant that the Children's dance had a reduced route, not entering into Lismore Gardens and finishing early, allowing the band members an unexpected but welcome break before the Mid-day dance. The Mid-day dancers left the Guildhall with smiles and were turned out in their usual finery with many beautiful dresses being worn, this year led by Hannah Oliver, Maxim Cardrew, Sara Rogers and Adam Collier.

Picture: Awaiting the first beat of the day

Flora Day also made its international debut this year, as the annual celebrations were streamed live on the internet for the first time. Wendy Radford-Gaby, managing director of software development company Negys and a member of Helston Business Improvement Partnership, set-up cameras in Coinagehall Street to allow people all over the world to enjoy the day.



Picture: Mayor, Cllr Radford-Gaby, leading the Morning dancers



MAYOR CHOOSING

Helston Town Council held its Mayor Choosing Ceremony on Tuesday 13th May, at which Councillor Mike Thomas was elected Mayor of Helston for the 2014/15 Civic Year, with Councillor Mark Upton appointed as Deputy Mayor.

Picture: Cllr Thomas being congratulated by immediate past Mayor, Cllr Radford-Gaby

MAYOR'S CHARITY DANCE

A charity dance was held in The Godolphin Club on Friday 16th May, the first fundraising event held by the new Mayor & Mayoress, Cllr Mike and Mrs Briege Thomas. It was a great success with over £500 being raised for their nominated charities, the League of Friends of Helston Community Hospital and Helston's Enterprising & Deserving Youth Fund. A date for the next dance has been provisionally set for Friday 18th July – keep an eye out for more details on our Facebook page!

HELSTON TOWN WARDEN WINS ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD

Town Warden, Craig Bowcutt was presented with the John Mackay Award by Lizard Peninsula Friends of the Earth's in April in recognition of his work in ensuring Helston remains a clean and attractive town by his regular litter picking and helping to deter anti-social behaviour.

The award was created in 2003 to celebrate the achievement of local individuals or groups towards improving the environment.

Craig Bowcutt receiving the John Mackay Award. Picture by Helston Packet



FORTHCOMING TOWN EVENTS

Beating the Boundaries	28 th May	RNAS Culdrose Day Air Day	31 st July
Mayor's Civic Sunday Service	8 th June	Harvest Fair Carnival	6 th September
Freedom of Helston Parade	11 th June	Harvest Fair Pet & Dog Show	7 th September
WW1 Commemorative Service	20 th July	Harvest Fair Horticultural Show	8 th September

FORTHCOMING TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

Details of forthcoming Town Council meetings and events can be found on the Helston Town Council Website www.helstontc.com

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