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BUS SHELTERS OPENED IN COINAGEHALL STREET

Wednesday 4th February saw the long awaited opening of two bus shelters in Helston. The shelters located in Coinagehall Street, were officially opened by local worthy and bus shelter campaigner, Mr Ivan Perry. Appropriately, "The Wheels on the Bus" was played during the ribbon cutting ceremony by a member of Helston Town Band.

The opening of the shelters is the culmination of many hours of committee work by numerous Helston Town Councillors and Town Council officers over many years.

The Town Council hopes that the shelters will provide protection from the weather for visitors and residents of Helston for many years to come.

Mr Perry cutting the ribbon – Picture supplied by Packet Newspapers.



MACEBEARER STANDS DOWN AFTER ALMOST TWO DECADES



Paul Cooke being presented with a Town Plaque by The Mayor.

Mr Paul Cooke, retired as Macebearer recently after serving the Town Council for 18 years.

Paul took up his position as Macebearer in May 1996 and since then has worked alongside fellow Macebearer, Fred Angove, at each civic event some of which include Flora Day, Civic Sunday and Freedom Parade. His last engagement for the Town Council was Remembrance Sunday.

In honour of his time served to the Council the Mayor presented him with a Town Plaque.

Mr Nigel King has been appointed as his replacement and his first engagement will be on Flora Day.



Serving the Council at Freedom Parade 2013.

GUY GIBSON PORTRAIT RETURNS HOME

The portrait of Porthleven war hero Guy Gibson has recently been returned to Porthleven Town Council after hanging in the Mayor's Parlour at The Guildhall for more than 40 years.

Councillor Thomas presented the portrait, in its original damaged form and a replacement copy, to Porthleven's Deputy Mayor, along with memorabilia including a shield from Wing Commander Gibson's 617 Squadron and a photo of the German dam they attacked during the Second World War in the infamous Dam Busters raid.



Helston's Mayor, Cllr Thomas, presenting Porthleven's Deputy Mayor, Cllr Barbara Powell with Guy Gibson memorabilia – Picture supplied by Packet Newspapers.

jobcentreplus

HELSTON & THE LIZARD WORKS MEET ITS TARGET!



Helston Town Council has been working with the Job Centreplus, Inclusion Cornwall and Cornwall College on a project aimed at getting unemployed people from Helston and the Lizard Peninsula back into work. The project, named 'Helston & the Lizard Works', has so far been a success and has met its target of getting 200 people registered in the scheme. Anyone interested in finding out more about the scheme should contact the Town Council or the Job Centreplus.



HELSTON TOWN TIDY WEEK



Volunteers are needed to join the Town Tidy Team for a week of community effort to give Helston a good once over before Flora Day. This year's Town Tidy Week will take place during the week of 18th to 24th April. Anyone interested in joining the Town Tidy for some true community feel-good factor should contact the Town Tidy Team on helstontowntidy@outlook.com.

MAYOR'S WELFARE FUND

The Mayor & Mayoress held a Valentine's charity disco in The Godolphin Club on Saturday 14th February. All monies raised will go towards The League of Friends of Helston Community Hospital and Helston's enterprising & deserving young people.

The Mayor pictured with guests. – Picture supplied by Packet Newspapers.



PUBLIC REALM FUNDING TO BE SPENT AT GRYLLS MONUMENT



After a long period of discussion, planning and consultation it has been decided that the area of the Town to be rejuvenated using the Section 106 Public Realm funding given by Tesco and Sainsburys supermarkets will be the area around the Grylls Monument at the bottom of Coinagehall Street.

Helston Town Council unanimously decided to back the project at its February Full Council meeting following the recommendation put to them by the Public Realm Project Board. The Public Realm Project Board is made up of members from businesses, the town council, residents and other organisations.

Although details are now being finalised, the proposal is to create a pedestrian area in front of the monument by paving into part of the wide junction with Almhouse Hill. A walkway around the bowling green to the steps that lead down to Castle Green would also be created, promoting the link between the Town Centre and Coronation Park and the Old Cattle Market. It is also hoped to open up the view across the valley, to give the bottom of the town an impressive backdrop.

TOWN COUNCIL HOSTS YOUTH ENGAGEMENT EVENT WITH HELSTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENT COUNCILLORS

Wednesday 4th March saw the second Youth Engagement Event held at the Guildhall with students from Helston Community College. Their school Council was represented by members of year groups 7 to 11.

The evening involved a quiz, a group discussion about Council's roles and responsibilities within the town, ice cream sundaes and then culminated in a debate around the Council table, chaired by The Mayor, where the topics for discussion were focused on voting at elections.



The school Councillors had prepared presentations 'for' the suggestions and presentations '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 evening was a great success, with certificates being given to the "best speaker" during the debate and prizes for the winners of the quiz.

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.

Helston & District Town Twinning Association

Swallows of Helston

Helston Bellringers

Helston Bowling Club

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The **Annual Town Meeting** will take place on Thursday 9th April at 7.00pm in the Methodist Chapel Hall in Coinagehall Street. There will be the traditional Annual Report by the Mayor plus short presentations by organisations that have received grants from the Council during the past year and a brief report on the Downsland Trust, as well as the Trevenen Exhibition and HBIP. The Mayor will also present the Citizen of the Year and the Young Citizen of the Year Awards. The meeting is open to all who wish to attend.

Helston Town Tidy Week organised by HBIP takes place the week of 18th-24th April.

Flora Day takes place this year on Friday 8th May.

Mayor Choosing is to be held at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council on Tuesday 19th May.

Beating the Boundaries takes place on Ascension Eve which this year falls on Wednesday 13th May. This year the section of the Boundary to be beaten will be from Pemboa – Boundary Stone No. 11 at Lower Junction on the Redruth Road to Boundary Stone No. 18 at RNAS Culdrose.

Mayor's Civic Sunday will take place this year on Sunday 7th June. The parade leaves The Guildhall at 2.45pm for a service at St Michaels Church at 3pm.

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