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Helston Town Council

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Newsletter *Lyther Nowodhow*



Message from the Mayor Messach dyworth an Mer

My first few months as Mayor have been extremely busy with my consort Jonathan and I attending many events already, in and out of the town. Civic Sunday was a splendid day and a most fitting way to welcome our friends from our twinned town of Plougasnou – a huge thank you for those that contributed to make that such a delightful service. I was also lucky enough to accompany the judges on their visit to Helston for the South West in Bloom competition. The hard work that the Helston in Bloom volunteers have put in has certainly paid off – Helston is certainly blooming! As I write the Public Realm project around the bowling club and Monument is well under way and I look forward to seeing the end results at the end of October. I hope that you all have had a wonderful summer and I look forward to a happy Autumn ahead!

Mayor's Civic Service

This year's Civic Service took place on Sunday 10th July at Helston Methodist Church. Representatives from local organisations and dignitaries from surrounding Town and Parish Councils, including this year a civic party from Helston's twinned town of Plougasnou, turned out on what was a beautiful sunny day to support the Mayor. Helston Town Band, followed by Helston Air Cadets led the Mayor's parade to the Church where there was an upbeat service of celebration. The theme of the service was 'Love thy Neighbour', led by the Mayor's Chaplain, Reverend Danny Reed and included performances from

the members of ACT1 and Helston Theatre Company. The Town Band also played during the service; even giving the congregation a rendition of

the Flora Dance on the way out! A strawberry cream tea at The Guildhall was a fitting way to end what was a very pleasant afternoon.



INDOOR MARKET

The Guildhall every Saturday from 9am to 4 pm

A variety of goods are available at the market including plants, cards, jewellery, cakes, memorabilia and bric-a-brac. Refreshments are also available.

Stalls available at £6.00 per table. (Tables supplied)

New traders are always welcome.

For further details please telephone 01326 572063 or
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A birthday tea fit for a queen! – Helston celebrates the Queen's 90th birthday.

Royal fever took over Helston on Saturday 11th June when the Town Council hosted a tea party at the boating lake to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. The weather was glorious; there were garden fete style stalls, a 'hurdy gurdy' and a beer tent, with Helston Town Band entertaining the crowd during the afternoon. Guests of honour were the town's residents who were turning 90

themselves this year; the Mayor presented them with special coins to mark and remember the occasion and they were also given the task of choosing this year's Harvest Fair King and Queen; which went to Joshua Morley and Madison Nicholas. At 3pm everyone gathered to sing 'happy birthday' to her Majesty; a lovely afternoon was had by all!



Humphrey Grylls remembered!



To mark the recent restoration of the monument and to celebrate the life of Humphry Millet Grylls, Helston Town Council organised a celebratory pageant on Saturday 16th July. The pageant took place around the bowling green and featured activities from the 1830s, including volunteer actors portraying the Grylls story and food from the cookbook of Mrs Grylls, played by Martine Knight. There was

also music from Helston Town Band, the Reverend Danny Reed and the Methodist church choir, Canon David Miller and St Michaels Choir, and the Cadgwith Singers. The sun shone all day and the pageant was deemed a great success; with credit going to Amanda Boxer, the Town Council's Community Education Officer for organising the event.



“Bells, Bravura & Blimps”!

Helston's WW1 Heritage Project group recently unveiled a WW1 Memorial Bench, Talking Post & Interpretation Board in the WW1 Mini-Arboretum Area at the bottom of Trengrouse Way.

Funded in partnership with Heritage Lottery, Cornwall Council, Helston Museum and the Town Council, they have been purchased to remember those that fought and died in the Great War. The unveiling was performed by Mr. Wisdom James, great nephew of two of Helston's WW1 fallen and the recording on the talking post is a reading of a letter that was written home by one of his uncle's.



Contact your MP

Derek Thomas

Derek holds regular surgeries across West Cornwall on Fridays 4:00pm - 6:30pm and Saturday mornings.

Please contact Derek for an appointment.

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Helston Town Council welcomes the town's primary school children



Helston Town Council hosted another Youth Engagement event with Helston's primary schools on Thursday 24th June. These events were initiated by the Town Council in order 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 both Parc Eglos and St Michaels School's taking part in different activities, concluding with a 'Council Meeting' chaired by The Mayor. This time the children were asked to come up with their own school's item for discussion relating to Helston; to then debate and vote at the conclusion. Parc Eglos School's topic was 'Helston needs more facilities for young people' and St Michael's School chose 'The litter in Helston is harmful to wildlife'.

The debate was close however the topic that got the most votes was 'litter in Helston'. The schools have been asked to design a poster that the Council then hopes to use in future litter campaigns.

Helston Harvest Fair 2016

A variety of events were held in Helston on the weekend of the 3rd/4th September, including the Carnival, the Horticultural Show and Family Pet Show. Unfortunately the weather on Saturday meant that the carnival parade was cancelled, but the floats and entries were still judged on the Sunday morning, so all the hard work which went into decorating and dressing up did not go to waste. The winners included Helston Railway for the best large float and Sainsbury's for the best

small float. Sunday's show benefitted from better weather and, as you can see from the photograph, there were a great number of colourful entries.

Congratulations to our Mayor who managed to scoop the prize for the best decorated shop window.

Harvest Fair is organised by a dedicated team of volunteers; their website is: <http://www.helstonhf.co.uk/>



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Town Clerk's office open

Monday to Friday
9.00am to 4.00pm

Meeting Dates

September

Planning	1 st & 15 th at 6.15pm
P, F & R*	6 th at 7.00pm
Full Council	15 th at 7.15pm
Amenities	22 nd at 7.00pm

October

Planning	6 th & 20 th at 6.15pm
P, F & R*	4 th at 7.00pm
Full Council	20 th at 7.15pm

November

Planning	3 rd & 17 th at 6.15pm
P, F & R*	8 th at 7.00pm
Full Council	17 th at 7.15pm
Amenities	24 th at 7.00pm

*Policy, Finance & Resources

NEWS UPDATES

The Grylls Monument and Bowling Green public realm project is now under way. Cormac began the 12 week programme of works on the 8th August; this should be completed at the end of October, in time for Remembrance Sunday and the Christmas lights switch-on evening.

Whilst works are under way the nearest public toilets will be at The Guildhall. Disabled access toilets available for the public to use are located within the One Stop Shop at Isaac House during normal opening hours.

We look forward to seeing the area around the newly restored Grylls Monument transformed in time for Christmas!

The Town Council has recently said goodbye to two members of staff. Amanda Boxer has been with the Town Council since 2013, as Town Centre Management Project Assistant and more recently Community Education Officer for the Grylls Project. Her contract has expired but she remains a part of the Council as Macebearer.

Shelly Price has worked for the Council as Mayor's Secretary for the past 7 years and leaves us to take up a full time post at Helston Community College; we wish them both well for the future.

Julia Chambers takes up the role of Mayor's Secretary and we welcome Rachel Cook to the team!



Forthcoming events in Helston

- Sep 21st** - RNAS Culdrose Freedom Parade – **Trengrouse Way extension carpark, 11am**
- Oct 8th** - Night of Neon, fun run in aid of Cornwall Hospice Care – **Flambards, Helston**
- Oct 29th** - Halloween Masked Ball – **Flambards, Helston 6pm to 6am**
- Nov 13th** - Remembrance Sunday Parade/Service – **St Michael's Church, 3pm**
- Nov 25th** - Christmas Lights switch-on evening – **Helston Town Centre, 5pm – 9pm**
- Dec 9th** - Christmas Fayre and Lantern Parade – **Helston Town Centre, 5pm – 9pm**
- Dec 16th** - Reindeer Visit – **Helston Town Centre, 5pm – 7pm**
- Dec 17th** - Santa Fun Run – **Helston Town Centre, 1pm**

If you take photographs of any of our civic engagements please consider forwarding them via email for possible publication in the next newsletter and please visit our Facebook page where you can find out about Council news and Town events.