

### Message from the Mayor Messach dyworth an Mer

As I write my welcome to the September issue of our newsletter I am sitting at my relative's dining table in Spokane, Washington State USA. The past few months have been exciting in Helston with the key event the granting of the Freedom of the Town to Ivan, Margaret and Robert, while earlier in the month I took pleasure in welcoming Italian students from Sasso Marconi to the Parlour with their mentor, a former resident of our town. Being away from Helston has also allowed me to reflect on how fortunate we are to live in such a vibrant and happy community. I have also been able to meet the Mayor of this city and we shared stories about the issues facing our separate communities. On my return I am off to Plougashnou and I hope to share pictures of my involvement with the civic twinning ceremonies in our next edition. As they say around here; "Happy Fall"!

*Mike Thomas*

### Honorary Freeman Ceremony



Helston Town Council held a Special Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> July to confer the honorary freedom of the town on Mrs Margaret Fitter, Mr Robert Williams and Mr Ivan Perry. It is the first time since 2004 that such a ceremony has taken place. Robert has been made a Freeman in recognition of his involvement with local voluntary groups, most notably his dedication to organising the

Helston Christmas lights for over twenty years; Ivan was chosen in recognition of his outstanding long service to local and national voluntary organisations and Margaret in recognition of her exceptional fund-raising to benefit cancer patients and their families in Helston and throughout Cornwall. The Councillors were unanimous in voting in the new Freeman and for each one there followed a ceremony which included the signing of the freedom book, and presentation of a beautifully illuminated scroll and their Freeman badge. Pictured above is the Mayor with the new Freeman proudly holding their scrolls.

### Councillor Miss Justine Hornsby Resigns

Councillor Miss Justine Hornsby, has recently resigned her post as Town Councillor to pursue new challenges. In a press release the Mayor said 'I am very grateful to former councillor Justine Hornsby for her five years as a member of the Council. She made an excellent contribution to the life of this town'. A casual vacancy now exists in the West Ward of Helston Town Council and following the required requests from ten residents of the Ward, an election will be taking place on.

Should you be interested in representing your community, why not stand for election and become a Town Councillor? To be eligible you must be 18 or over on the day of nomination and have lived or worked in Helston or within three miles of the parish boundary throughout the whole of the preceding twelve months. Nomination papers are available from: **The Deputy Returning Officer, Cornwall Council, Council Offices, Dolcoath Avenue, Camborne. TR14 8SX.**

### Harvest Fair 2015



A variety of events were held in Helston on the weekend of the 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> September, including the Carnival (above) and the Horticultural Show. Pictured below is the Mayoress presenting prizes at the Horticultural Show held in the Old Cattle Market.



## Town Councillors

### North Ward

J Boase	01326 573200
J Radford-Gaby	01326 560210
M Thomas	01326 562947
A Harrison	07983441177
Mrs N Roberts	07889191514

### South Ward

R Williams	01326 572179
J Martin	07456545959
M Upton	01326 561636
Mrs G Geer	07974817520
M Knight	01326 564710

### West Ward

Mrs N Boase	01326 573200
Vacancy	

### Town Clerk

Chris Dawson	01326 572063
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### Deputy Town Clerk

Pamela Lavelle	01326 572063
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### Mayor's Secretary

Shelly Price	01326 572063
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### Administrative Assistant

Julia Chambers	01326 572063
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### Town Warden

Craig Bowcutt	01326 572063
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### Regeneration Officer

Martin Searle	01326 558881
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### Regeneration Office Project Assistant

Amanda Boxer	01326 558881
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### Town Clerk's office open Monday to Friday 9.00am to 4.00pm

### Meeting Dates

#### September

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

#### October

Planning	1 <sup>st</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> at 6.15pm
Special P, F & R*	6 <sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm
Full Council	15 <sup>th</sup> at 7.15pm

#### November

Planning	5 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> at 6.15pm
P, F & R*	10 <sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm
Full Council	19 <sup>th</sup> at 7.15pm
Amenities	26 <sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm

#### December

Planning	3 <sup>rd</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> at 6.15pm
Full Council	17 <sup>th</sup> at 7.15pm

\*Policy, Finance & Resources

## Town Council promotes the use of Seagull proof bags!



As part of a campaign to promote the use of seagull proof sacks, the Town councillors dressed up as black bags and covered themselves with rubbish on the morning of Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August, while Councillor John Boase donned a seagull outfit. Although it all seemed like a bit of fun, the event was organised to highlight the problems of people leaving out their rubbish too early on a Wednesday morning in the Town Centre, and not covering them, which tempts in the gulls and results in litter being strewn around the streets before the bags can be collected and disposed of. The event was a success, with the sacks being sold on the day; each sack will hold the equivalent of 3 black bags of rubbish and has a tie so you can attach it to something to prevent it blowing away. They can be purchased from The Guildhall, or the Cornwall Council's One Stop Shop at £3.50 each.

## Events Coming up in Helston

- Sept 30<sup>th</sup>** – Derek Thomas MP open surgery Methodist Chapel, Helston
- Oct 10<sup>th</sup>** – 'Night of Neon' 5K charity run Flambards
- Oct 31<sup>st</sup>** – Halloween Masked Ball Flambards
- Nov 14<sup>th</sup>** – Mayor's Charity Ball The Old Cattle Market
- Nov 27<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Lights switch-on evening Helston Town Centre
- Nov 28<sup>th</sup>** – Charity Santa Run Helston
- Dec 4<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Reindeer and Grotto visit – Helston Town Centre
- Dec 11<sup>th</sup>** – Father Christmas visit and Family evening – Helston Town Centre

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, Town events and when the next Mayoress's crossword is available!

## NEWS UPDATE

### Update on the Trengrouse Way Public Toilet

Works have now been completed on the retaining wall behind the Trengrouse Way public toilet and this is now open again.

### Mayor's Fund

The Mayoress's latest crossword was won by Meg Trevaskis from Helston. The connection was - **they are all palindromes**. £48 was raised in total, which means that the Helston Friendship Club receives £28 towards their Christmas fund.

Well done to all who took part and keep an eye on our Facebook page and the Mayor's noticeboard for the next edition!

### 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  
Email:  
enquiries@helston-tc.gov.uk

