

Mayor's Column June 2015

It is with great pleasure that I am writing this as the new Mayor of Fowey. I would like to congratulate John Berryman for five successful years leading the Council in his calm and thoughtful manner, at times in very frustrating circumstances when dealing with the transfer of Town assets from Cornwall Council.

I am also very lucky to be working with a group of councillors who, voluntarily, give of their free time to take part in meetings, following up queries, talking to and asking people about their opinions. This communication is very important to the Town Council so we can respond to your concerns. Please go to our revamped website, which has had a complete makeover, led by Cllr. Carol Eardley www.foweytowncouncil.gov.uk. Many thanks to the Camera Club for use of their wonderful photographs. Talking about communications, Cllr. David Willmore runs our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Fowey-Town-Council/408736029293341> with regular updates.

We have a success story, the Toilets on Town Quay are open! The Town Council decided to take over the refurbishment of the Town Quay toilets themselves in March and appointed a builder to complete the project. The Town Council are grateful that Cllr. Tony Delves, who "project managed" this and brought the project in on time and budget.

Fowey Festival – As I write this, the Festival has just finished. There was a full house at the Poldark Talk on Saturday 10th May in the Church, with some people in Poldark costume! The bright sunshine, for most of the week, brought many visitors to the Festival and to the second year of the Fowey Arts Trail.

Friends of the Old Grammar School Garden - never heard of it? Well, I am hoping to gather a few people to help during the growing season to do a little "weeding and dead-heading" in the Old Grammar School Garden. A little TLC by the people, who appreciate this special space, will be able to keep it looking good. Interested? Please get in touch with me, details below. Phase 2 of the Lower Garden, which has also begun, will see wooden sleepers to create new flower beds.

Fowey in Bloom – This small group of volunteers try very hard to keep the Town looking good from spring through the autumn. The annual Cornwall in Bloom holds its judging day in July. Last year there were 72 entries and the Town Centre was especially commended. Well done to Barbara Orchard and her team.

Fowey Parish Neighbourhood Plan – I hope you enjoy the glorious photographs by Jonathan Barker on our Flyer, (enclosed), to keep you updated on the progress of this group. There was a very lively discussion about the possibility of a Community Centre in Fowey at the Annual Parish Meeting in April. If you are interested in finding out more please use the contact details below.

A huge "Well Done" to the Jogle Team, Jimmy Hoddinott, Kerry "Spud" Paul, Gary Clements and Wendron Sharman on their John O'Groats to Lands' End sponsored ride for the RNLI, supported throughout the ride by Christian "Branch" Philp. I saw them arrive on a cool, misty early evening at Lands' End, on Saturday 10th May, after their eight long days in the saddle. A huge achievement, well done.

Finally, the Town Council supports and wishes The Fowey River Big Gig & BBQ, 19th to 21st June, best of luck with this new venture.

The Council welcomes comments from residents and you are always welcome to come to the Council meetings and raise any concerns you may have during "Public Questions".

The June Council Meeting in the Town Hall is on June 17th starting at 7.00pm.

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