

Mayor's Column July 2015

As I write this I am looking forward to a relaxed and enjoyable weekend for the first Fowey River Big Gig and BBQ on the Town Quay, organised by the Port of Fowey Chamber of Commerce.

The Town Council has been working hard with our solicitors to get **Caffa Mill toilets** handed over from Cornwall Council ownership to Fowey Town Council. The toilet refurbishment at Caffa Mill was completed in November 2014 and we, like you, expected their opening to happen swiftly after this. To date our Town Clerk, Sally Vincent, and our solicitors have been in regular contact with Cornwall Council legal team. So, it is with great relief that I have signed documents of transfer on Caffa Mill toilets and expect their opening within the next couple of weeks.

Fowey Community hospital closure of minor injuries unit: I contacted the Matron to find out the reason for the closure and she explained that she had taken the decision to close the minor injuries unit for three months; this was due to a lack of trained staff. Training takes some time to complete and getting staff was another problem.

The Parade: I would like to explain the Town Council's involvement; the Parade is owned by Cornwall Council and Fowey Town Council is given a small grant to cut the grass verges once a year. In January this year, agricultural vehicles moving between the two adjoining fields caused deep, muddy ruts on the Parade and on the main road. Cllr. Hughes contacted a Countryside Ranger who had discussions with the farmer and was referred to Cornwall Council's legal department. Wire mesh fencing was put up by Cornwall Council in March as a safety measure; unfortunately, these were simply moved by the contractor. The legality of the access across the Parade is currently being dealt with by Cornwall Council's legal department. I hope to have news about this matter.

On a more pleasant note, there will be entertainment on Town Quay provided by Tywardreath Morris Men on the 15th July, Isambard's Gasket Rats 8th August and Trigg Morris Men 13th August.

Our annual **Fowey Fête** this year is on August 1st 12.00 – 4.30pm at Fowey Primary School organised by the Fowey River Lions and will be opened by Tamsin Thomas of Cornwall Hospice Care. Amongst the stalls there will be a fun produce and craft competition as well as vegetable and flower classes. It is free admission and all proceeds will go to Fowey Hospital and Cornwall Hospice Care.

And finally, it is with sadness that I inform you that one of our longstanding Councillors, Sherlee Gudmunsen, has decided to retire from the Town Council after serving fifteen years. Sherlee was Deputy Mayor in 2003; also Chairman of the Town Hall Committee and a member of the Planning Committee. Sherlee has spent many years closely associated with the Chamber of Commerce and was involved with the many businesses in the Town, acting as a link between

the Council and the Chamber. Sherlee came to Fowey almost fifty years ago and ran a small hotel while raising her family. Sherlee has written her own column in the Fowey News and has never been afraid to write up her strongly felt opinions.

Following Sherlee's retirement from the Town Council, we now have a vacancy to join as a co-opted member, all enquiries to the Town Clerk, address below.

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

The July Council meeting in the Town Hall is on July 15th starting at 7.00pm.

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