

Mayor's Column November 2015

It is lovely to see the refurbishment of the Whitehouse Shelter at last taking place. I am pleased to say the shelter has been repainted as have the seats; the damaged concrete is also in the process of being repaired. The Health and Safety wire fence, blocking access to the beach, is still in place but this should be taken down as soon as possible. It's a pleasure to see this historic reminder of the part Fowey played in the D Day landings as well as the role of the U.S. Naval Amphibious Base during 1943-44, looking so much better.

Fowey In Bloom celebrated the success of many local gardeners and businesses at their annual prize giving, attended by Trish Hunt of Hidden Valley Gardens. Fowey In Bloom look after many tubs and other displays throughout the Town and also support local businesses to get involved with hanging baskets, "blooming boats" and window boxes. The summer judging in July also takes into account beach cleaning, the Grammar School garden, the allotments, commercial premises, pubs and hotels. If you do have any time to spare this active group could do with some support.

Still on the gardening theme, we have two trained horticultural volunteers who will be working in the upper part of the Old Grammar School Garden. They are ex-students of Heaven Scent, which is an Outreach of the Cornwall College group. The volunteers, who will be working two days per week, will be gaining "work experience" while working in the garden and will be supervised by Lois Locke who is a volunteer trainer at Heaven Scent. The two volunteers will be pruning the overgrown shrubs, weeding and will also be naming the shrubs on display so we can begin to provide information on the plant species in the garden.

I have spoken to the Countryside Team at Cornwall Council about the work on The Parade which has had a "surface inspection" by CORMAC. This has involved clearing of the undergrowth and weeds back to the hedge line. This clearing is long overdue; however, this has caused concern for some people and relief for others. The clearing is part of the general inspection of the state of the tarmac by CC. Whatever your thoughts on this clearing of The Parade it is a special walkway for the people of Fowey, not for cycles or for horse riding. I have asked Cornwall Council to let me know what their intentions are for the surface of this walkway and whether signs could be placed at either end of The Parade clearly saying no cycling or horse riding. If you are unhappy with The Parade please email countryside@cornacltd.co.uk.

The Fowey Parish Neighbourhood Plan celebrated the launch of its Big Questionnaire with an Exhibition at Fowey Primary School. In May I went into Fowey Primary to work with the Year 6 students on "Why is Fowey Special?" This was followed up with local artist Heather Hunt helping the children to create a tile of their ideas. The work was framed and the students, now in Year 7 at Fowey River Academy, came back to help present their work to Fowey Primary School.

Local artists and photographers also exhibited their work at the exhibition on the same theme.

We had a very good turnout from the public who came along to see the artwork and find out more about what the Neighbourhood Plan means to them. Just a reminder we need as many completed questionnaires returned by NOVEMBER 26th.

And finally, I am looking forward to the Christmas Market and the Lantern Parade on the 4th December. The Lantern Parade, organised by Sían Hill, is opening the Parade of Lanterns out to all, providing you have a lantern! There will be a free lantern making workshop on the 28th November.

You can contact the Town Council through our Clerk Sally Vincent, or myself as Mayor. Where we have Councillors who are at work, in Town, please respect their business priorities.

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 September Council meeting in the Town Hall is on September 15th starting at 7.00pm

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