

Mayor's Column April 2016

Squires Field will be transferred to Fowey Town Council on March 23rd. So, by the time you read this, the people of Fowey will have this well-loved area finally back to our ownership. I know this will be welcome news to Heather Hunt and the committee of Squire's Field Community Centre who have been tirelessly fund raising for many months. The hard work will now begin for the committee to get the building ready to receive all those groups who are wanting to use this community facility. This is a very exciting time for local people to have finally got a Community Centre which can host so many of our local clubs, societies and events.

Squire's Field comprises of the old Bowling Club and lawn, the football pitch, sports pavilion, children's playground, car park and recycling area. This important "asset" for the town needs to be managed effectively as it will come with costs, if you would like to discuss the future development of Squire's Field please come along to our Annual Parish Meeting in the Town Hall, 13th April at 7.00pm where, among other topics like the Neighbourhood Plan, we welcome your views about the future use of Squire's Field.

Fowey Community Hospital has been in the news recently about its future. This nervousness is due to the fact that the health group running Cottage and Community hospitals, the Peninsula Community Health have handed over services to a new NHS Consortium. Helen Luther, Chair of The Fowey Hospital League of Friends, attended a meeting with a representative from the NHS to ask about her concerns of "closure by stealth" of the ten remaining beds in the hospital. It appears, however, that there will be no changes for the next two years while the new NHS Consortium reassess provision in Cornwall.

Fowey Festival of Arts and Literature released their new 2016 brochure last month. The programme, which has a lovely painting by Trisha Thomson, of a sunny Town Quay is gorgeous and the programme looks even better than last year with some big names coming to Town! Well done to Paul Staniland and Melissa Hartwell, joint Chairs of the Festival Committee and the Festival Director Brenda Daly, for all your hard work in maintaining this very important cultural event in Fowey.

PCSO Lloyd Paynter has now set up his monthly surgeries held in the Town Hall on the second Wednesday of the month. The Town Council are keen to support a Police presence in the Town and Parish and, by having a base in Town, it seems a sensible solution. Lloyd, a local man himself, has a good knowledge of the Town and PC Barnicoat worked very hard during February and March to deal with a spate of crimes which the damage to the Fowey Lifeboat outraged many people. **The next Fowey Police Surgery will be 13th April at 2.30pm – 4.30pm in the Town Hall meeting room.**

Last month, PCSO Lloyd Paynter and I met the proprietor of MW Meats to discuss access through Windmill and the Industrial Estate by HGV's. There has been damage to parked cars in this area which has a primary and secondary school as well as elderly accommodation. We discussed the concerns of residents who have been in touch with the Town Council and the Police, with MW Meats. One of the suppliers to MW Meats is a Belgium based haulage company and the Police will be dealing with the damage to the parked cars as an RTA and names and addresses, registration numbers have been passed to the relevant people.

MW Meats have contacted all their suppliers to warn them of the area they are delivering to and that HGV's should be parking in the lay-by next to Lambs Barn which was built for this reason. However, this has been a long standing problem with large vans and HGV's making deliveries to Windmill as well as

heavy vehicles delivering to the building site of the new houses that it's little wonder there damage to parked cars, pavements and kerbs.

The bus shelter by Lambs Barn has been redecorated bringing a smile to all who pass I'm sure, which makes up for the mindless graffiti and damage we have recently experienced.

Finally, just another reminder about our **two meetings in April**, our usual Council meeting and our **Annual Parish Meeting on the 13th April at 7.00pm in the Town Hall.**

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 April Council meeting in the Town Hall is on April 20th starting at 7.00pm.

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