



## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

### Councillor Miles Kenchington

By the time you read this Flora Day will have been a happy memory for so many of us, yet another uplifting day for the town. This year I had the honour of being between the first band and lead dancers for all four of the dances and I can honestly say I take my hat off to all of our band members who do the same walk and play a musical instrument!

My wife, the Mayoress, and I have attended and supported a variety of civic events such as Mayor Choosing at other towns and visiting local community groups. We enjoyed an evening of music with Helston Chamber Choir and were delighted by Helston Theatre Company's version of 'Made in Dagenham'. We were also honoured to be invited by Helston Bowling Club to bowl the first woods of the season.

Additionally, we had the pleasure of attending Helston Football Club for their presentation as this season's champions of the Toolstation Western League. Well done to all the players and club for a fantastic result.

An excellent Town Meeting was held at the end of March, and this was so positive with 21 clubs and organisations who benefitted from HTC funding it was so uplifting to hear just how much they have been able to do develop and enhance activities within our community.

Many of you will have seen the immediate impact to the external aspect of the 'Budgens' building (the allocated funding is making). Quite a number were able to attend the recent open event where we, as members of our community, were able to give our views and opinions on the use of the ground floor community area – it looked like skating was a popular choice too.



# MAYOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED...

Finally, a moment to remember. This year's St Piran's Day Lantern Parade was held at the Coronation Park with entries from a large number of groups and schools supporting the children and your people of the town. The parade commenced just as the sun was setting and seeing the extensive line of illuminated lanterns of assorted sizes and styles making their way round the boating lake was such a magical sight and something I will remember wistfully for many years to come.

And finally on a very personal note my wife and I were able to welcome our second grandchild and first granddaughter, Florence Daisy Olive, into this world on 13 April – maybe a future leading four at the children's dance like her mother?

Thank you and have a great summer.

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Annual Town Meeting took place on 11th April in the Central Methodist Church to celebrate local activities and debate current issues. Local organisations and groups who were successful in securing Town Council grants came along and gave presentations on their work. Some of the successful grant recipients who attended were The Fishermans Mission, CAST & Helston Bowling Club.

## MAYOR CHOOSING 2024

The 2024 Mayor Choosing took place on Tuesday 14th May in the Council Chamber at the Guildhall. At 12 o'clock, as our new town bell 'Flora' rang out, Councillors, representatives from local organisations, local school children, family and friends were in attendance to watch Mayor Kenchington bang the gavel to signify the end of his first term. Councillor Miles Kenchington was honoured to be unanimously voted in for a second term.



The Mayor then addressed those in attendance and spoke of his experiences over the past year and his hopes for his upcoming tenure. Councillor Mrs Boase was then unanimously voted in to continue a second year as Deputy Town Mayor.

## MAYOR'S CIVIC SUNDAY

The Mayors Civic Sunday service & parade will take place at on Sunday 14th July, commencing at 2:30pm at the Central Methodist Church. The civic party will parade from The Guildhall to the Church, led by Helston Town Band.



## COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

Do you or anyone you know have a passion for Helston, its residents and helping to ensure the best for our Town? If so, you could be perfect as our next Town Councillor. We currently hold vacancies in both the North & South wards. This rewarding & interesting role is perfect for anyone who has a little free time to give and a love for Helston. If you would like to discuss this further contact the own Clerk on [townclerk@helston-tc.gov.uk](mailto:townclerk@helston-tc.gov.uk)

## HANGING BASKETS

The Maintenance Team will be seen throughout June hanging beautiful baskets around the town centre businesses. Keep an eye out for them when you're out and about in Helston!

A huge thank you to Kehelland Trust who cleaned, lined, filled and planted all of the baskets. Everyone involved did an amazing job!

All proceeds of these baskets have gone to the Mayor's Charity Fund.



## KEEP HELSTON TIDY

Please support our Town Tidy events this year - these are held on the last Tuesday of each month (March to September inclusive), the start times alternate between 10am and 2pm.

The next planned tidy is due to take place on 25th June 2024 T 2pm. Come along and join us at the Guildhall ready for the **2pm** start. All equipment will be provided.

There will be a further tidy scheduled for 30th July covering the area of St Johns Bridge to Mill Lane



## A NEW BELL FOR HELSTON!

In July 2023, the town bell which had been in situ since the 1800's sounded its last chimes and fell from its mounting canons. Inscribed with a date of 1839, the bell had suffered irreparable damage and was thus 'retired'. Bell foundries throughout the UK were approached to quote for casting and fitting a new bell for Helston. Due to the unique requirements of the project and limitations of travel, cost and time, the process was timely. Taylor Bells in Loughborough were successful and in March 2024 they cast a new bronze bell to the same size and specifications as our original bell.

Planning applications, road closures and licensing were all arranged to ensure that once cast and tuned, our new bell could be hoisted to its home atop the Guildhall. The bell was named 'Flora' during a naming service lead by Councillor Paul Andrew. Residents and Town Council staff gathered to watch as the old bell was lowered and the new bell took its place. The first chimes were heard throughout Helston on Thursday 2nd May after Cumbria Clocks fitted the repaired clock hammer. Relief was felt all round once the project was successfully completed in time for Flora Day.



## FLORA DAY 2024

Flora day this year was a great success which could not have happened without the Flora Day Association and people of Helston. Mayor Miles Kenchington took pride in leading the dances through the streets of Helston whilst the Town Band played the anthem of the day. The town was decorated with bluebells and gorse and the sun shone for Helston residents as they came out in force to celebrate and support.



## BEATING OF THE BOUNDARIES

On Wednesday 22nd May, Town Council employees, Councillors, residents and local school children participated in the ancient ritual of 'Beating the Bounds' which has been practiced in Helston since 1585!

In the days before maps, it was essential to regularly walk the exact boundary to guard against encroachments. This was done by taking local children on the route, and bumping them against trees, walls or posts, so that when they grew up some of them would remember the boundary and pass on their knowledge!



In days gone by the schoolchildren were armed with sticks. A sod of turf was cut, which was then beaten with the sticks, a sprig of May was stuck into the turf and three cheers were given. Then some of the children were turned upside down to have their heads bumped on the turfed stone

## PROJECTS OFFICER UPDATE

Having been in the role for a little over two months, Richard has been overwhelmed by the warm welcome at the Council and is enjoying meeting key members of the community to better understand their motivations. He has been eager to learn about the culture and customs of Helston and recently experienced his first Flora Day, which he loved. He even participated in the tradition of beating the boundaries, getting himself tipped upside down in the name of research.

Richard's background is in heritage, culture, museums, hospitality, and leisure. He will be bringing that experience and knowledge to bear on the Council's projects over the coming months. His current focus includes the restoration and reimagining of the Guildhall, creating a cultural quarter for Helston, and the community café project in Coronation Gardens. He is passionate about delivering tangible improvements to the town through these projects and providing residents with even more reasons to be proud of their community.



HELSTON TOWN COUNCIL

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TO THE FIRST EVER

# HELSTON PRIDE PICNIC

SAT 22ND JUNE  
11AM - 2PM

CORONATION PARK  
HELSTON, TR13 0RA

LIVE MUSIC, DJ'S, OPEN-MIC, AN ART  
EXHIBITION, LGBTQ+ MENTAL HEALTH  
SUPPORT GROUPS & LOTS OF RAINBOWS!

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For more information or to offer support,  
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Corn Exchange including kitchen  
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Council Chamber  
£18.00 p/h

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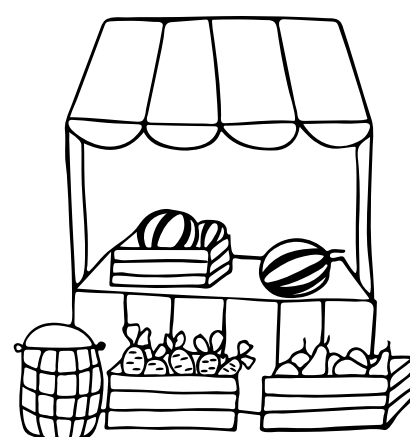
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*TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE HOURS  
MONDAY TO FRIDAY  
9.00AM TO 4.00PM*

# WHAT'S ON

Our monthly Saturday Markets take place on the second Saturday of every month, 10am to 2pm in the Corn Exchange at the Guildhall.

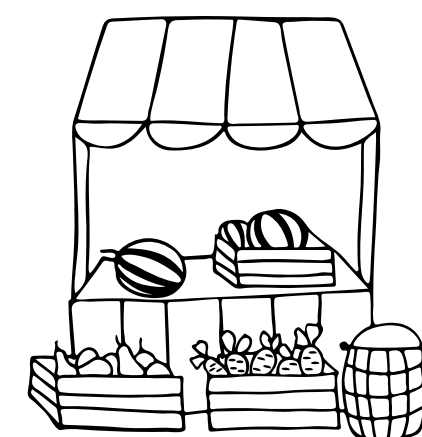
The next markets take place on:



13th July

10th August

14th September



If you're interested in trading at one of our markets, email [admin@helston-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@helston-tc.gov.uk) to book a table or call 01326 572063. A stall costs £12 and a 6ft table is provided.

## REDUCE - REUSE - RECYCLE



**PLEASE FOLLOW THE GUIDANCE WHEN VISITING THE HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND RECYCLING CENTRES. IF YOU REQUIRE NEW RECYCLING BAGS FOR DOORSTEP COLLECTIONS POP INTO THE GUILDHALL DURING OUR OPENING HOURS TO COLLECT.**

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 AND TOWN EVENTS.