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Helston Town Council

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Message from the Mayor

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We all had a wonderful time for Flora Day. It's long gone now, but Helston still needs your support. Don't moan, do things to help the town. Did you realise that the hanging baskets are predominantly done by volunteers? Find some way, however small, to help Helston.

Collin Geer



Helston Hanging Baskets

Civic Sunday—A Celebration of Office

Sunday 2nd July 2017 was Helston Mayor's Civic Sunday - dignitaries and friends met in the Guildhall for refreshments before parading down Coinagehall Street to the Methodist Church for a Service to celebrate the Mayor's term of office. The theme of the service was "Love" and the congregation was treated to musical interludes from ACT1 and Helston Theatre group. The Mayor's Chaplain, Rev Cllr Danny Reed gave the sermon in which he challenged the congregation to perform 'Acts of Random Kindness' (ARK). The Mayor is very grateful to all who made the day such a success including her consort, Jonathan Geer, members of the Central Methodist Church, ACT1, Helston Theatre Group and Helston Town Band.



Helston Town Band lead the parade through the town

Members of Helston Town Awarded

At our Civic Sunday Service, the Mayor honoured three Helston residents who deserve recognition for their hard work for the people of our town. Young Citizen of the Year, Francesca Legge is a member of Helston Air Training Corps (ATC). Her list of achievements is stunning, but the overwhelming theme has been of hard work, dedication and also of helping others - she helps train other cadets and has been responsible for a surge in recruitment. She also organises fund raising events for outside charities like Help for Heroes. This is on top of her own

schoolwork and considerable sporting success! She is an inspirational youngster and our Mayor was delighted to acknowledge her with this award. Jenny Harvey was awarded Citizen of the Year - many of you know Jenny as she organises the poppy appeal in Helston. She has raised the profile of the poppy appeal and has increased the amount of funds raised considerably by organising the appeal and additional events. She works tirelessly all year for the fund and the Mayor wanted her to know how proud the town is of her achievements. The last award was to Ruth

McGurk, who had the honour of receiving a town plaque. These are not handed out often and it is a testament to Ruth's work for the needy of Helston that she was given this award. She organises the Helston Foodbank, but gives far more hours to the job than she is paid for - and has extended her role to help people to escape poverty by getting them long-term help and advice on where else to turn. The Mayor has long admired Ruth's work and the award recognises this. The plaque is engraved with "For dedication and compassion to the people of Helston".

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Helston Beats its Boundaries

The ancient ritual of Beating the Bounds is one that has been in existence since the Second Charter of Queen Elizabeth in 1585. In the days before maps it was essential to regularly walk the exact boundary to guard against encroachments. This tradition of 'Beating the Bounds' is celebrated in Helston each year, usually on Ascension Eve unless that falls on Flora Day. The Town's Mayor invites children from each of the four schools to accompany her, fellow town councillors and other walkers to walk a circular route around the boundary stones for part of the town.

This year Beating the Boundaries fell on May 24th which turned out to be a beautiful and sunny day for the approximately 40 walkers that turned out to remember this ancient tradition. The stones beaten were between Lowertown, Newham Old Hill, Squire's Lane to Porthleven Hill, finishing at Penventon Farm where a wonderful spread of tea and cakes refreshed and revitalised all of our hot and weary boundary beaters kindly provided by our hosts Mr & Mrs L Wallis.

Photos (right): Councillor R J L Boase and his Granddaughter (top) and school children from Nansloe Academy (bottom) take part in this year's Beating of the Boundaries tradition.



RNAS Culdrose personnel exercise their right to march through Helston Town.

Fantastic Flora Day

It was a damp Flora Day again this year but it still did not deter the people of Helston and visitors to the Town from enjoying what was yet another fabulous Flora Day. Falling on Saturday 6th May this year meant that despite the rain, the streets were crowded with people, smiling and revelling in the buzz of Helston's best and busiest day of the year!

The day started with the usual anticipation of that first beat of the drum at 7 o'clock as the early morning dancers started the day off with beaming smiles and beautiful summer dresses.

At 8.30am dancers dressed in costume to represent the characters in the Hal-an-Tow stopped at various places around the town blowing whistles, beating sticks and waving branches of sycamore to chase out the devil and welcome in Spring.

Freedom Parade

In a speech to the assembled representatives of HMS Seahawk on the 15th June 2017, the Mayor expressed her pride and gratitude to them and their work.

She informed everyone present about the history of how RNAS Culdrose came to be at its current location and the then effect this had on Helston and today how Helston is extremely proud to have them as our neighbours. The sailors then exercised their right to march through the town, which they did with due pomp and ceremony.

A Royal Navy helicopter flew over as the Mayor and Captain of Culdrose took the salute. The Mayor's party were then invited back to RNAS Culdrose for a drink and a pasty.

As always all the children did their respective school's proud, the girls all wore a head dress made with flowers to represent their school and each child dressed in white wore lily of the valley and danced through the town. This year the children's dance was led by Helston Community College.

Upon the stroke of 12 noon, the Midday dance was lead out of the Guildhall by Robert Eddy and Paula Butler followed by Ben Blaber and Sarah Sneddon. This year the dancers decided to share the honour of lead couple. Robert and Paula led the dance to Lismore Gardens whilst Ben and Sarah took over and led from Lismore Gardens back to the Guildhall. The whole dance looked magnificent with the ladies in vibrant colours and the men in their top hats and tails.

Another great Flora Day was had by all....roll on next year!

INDOOR MARKET

The Guildhall every
Saturday
from 9am to 4 pm

A variety of goods are available at the market including plants, cards, jewellery, cakes, memorabilia and bric-a-brac. Refreshments are also available.

Stalls available at £6.00 per table.
(Tables supplied)

New traders are always welcome.

For further details please telephone
01326 572063 or
Email: enquiries@helston-tc.gov.uk





Helston Town Band lead the way for the Children's Dance on Flora Day 2017

Results from the Cornwall Council and Helston Town Council Elections

After a narrow victory against former Cornwall Councillor P Martin in the recent Cornwall Council elections, Independent Councillor M H Thomas now represents Helston North Ward on Cornwall Council. He is also joined by fellow Helston Town Councillor and Deputy Mayor J Martin for Helston South Ward. Liberal Democrat Councillor J Martin replaces former Cornwall Councillor Mrs J Haycock who decided to not stand for public office again after 18 years in local politics. Helston Town Council gives their sincere thanks to Cllr Mrs J Haycock and Cllr P Martin for all of their efforts and hard work representing Helston whilst in office.

Cornwall Councillor A Wallis retained his Porthleven and Helston West Ward seat with 52% of the vote.

Helston Town Council is delighted to announce two new Councillors. Councillor R F Edgcumbe, a new candidate in the recent town council elections, who represents Helston South Ward. As a result of the elections a vacancy became available on Helston Town Council in the North Ward. This has now been filled by co-option and we are delighted to announce that Councillor M J Kenchington has been appointed. Councillors and staff look forward to working with them in the future.



Clockwise: Cllr MH Thomas, Cllr J Martin (Deputy Mayor), Cllr MJ Kenchington and Cllr RF Edgcumbe

Helston welcomes Hellys International Guitar Festival

Hellys International Guitar Festival is a brand new, exciting Festival that will take place at The Old Cattle Market in Helston from Wednesday 23rd August until Saturday 26th August 2017.

There's absolutely loads of FREE stuff too which includes lessons for everyone with top international performers!

Full information can be found by visiting the event website:

<http://www.hellysfestival.co.uk/>

Spread across four days this family-friendly musical extravaganza will be based mainly, though not exclusively, around classical guitar music. This festival features a host of international musicians giving concerts, plus there are lunchtime recitals, stalls, pro-am jam sessions, literary talks and poetry, a chill out tent, and plenty to entertain the children.



23rd - 26th August 2017
@ The Old Cattle Market, Helston.

BUY TICKETS NOW!!!



Castle Hill Steps Improvement

Part of the Public Realm Improvement Scheme works are currently underway on the Castle Hill Steps. Works are expected to be completed by August. The aim of this project is to encourage and increase footfall in to Helston Town Centre.



Castle Hill Steps refurbishment

Grylls Monument Runner Up

The Civic Voice is a national charity for the Civic Movement in England. They promote civic pride, endeavour to make places more attractive, enjoyable and distinctive. The Civic Voice Design Awards are a major part of this promotion. They are annual national awards nominated by local community organisations, civic societies, residents' groups and town and parish councils rather than industry professionals. Earlier this year, Helston Town Council announced that we had been shortlisted in the Public Realm category in the Civic Voice Design Award 2016 for The Grylls Monument Walk project. We are now delighted to announce that we were awarded runner up.



Grylls Monument awarded runner up in the public realm category of the Civic Voice Design Awards 2016

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Town Clerk's office open

**Monday to Friday
9.00am to 4.00pm**

Meeting Dates

July

Planning 6th & 20th at 6.15pm
P, F & R* 11th at 7.00pm
Full Council 20th at 7.15pm
Amenities 27th at 7.00pm

August

Planning 3rd at 6.15pm

September

Planning 7th & 21st at 6.15pm
P, F & R* 12th at 7.00pm
Full Council 21st at 7.15pm
Amenities 28th at 7.00pm

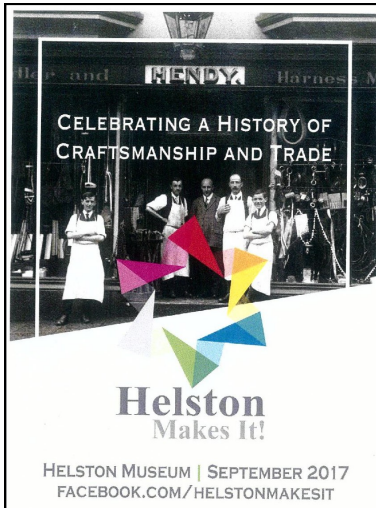
October

Planning 5th & 19th at 6.15pm
P, F & R* 10th at 7.00pm
Full Council 19th at 7.15pm

*Policy, Finance & Resources

Forthcoming Events in Helston

- July 29th** - Hellys Craft Fair 11.00am—4.00pm
Coronation Park, Helston
- July 29th
Until August
26th** - Tinker Laboratory Workshops 10.00am—12.30pm
Helston Museum
- August 5th** - Helston Farmer's Market 9.30am—1.00pm
The Old Cattle Market, Helston
- August 23rd
until 26th** - Hellys International Guitar Festival
The Old Cattle Market, Helston
- Throughout
September** - Helston Makes It—a series of workshops & demonstrations
**Various Locations, Helston
or visit facebook.com/helstonmakesit**
- Sept 2nd** - Helston Farmer's Market 9.30am—1.00pm
The Old Cattle Market, Helston
- Sept 5th** - The Creation of Millet Grylls Monument Talk 1pm—2pm
Helston Museum, Helston



Seagull Proof Sacks

Information for residents for your household rubbish

Seagull proof sacks

- Will help protect your rubbish from seagulls and other vermin
- Will help reduce the amount of litter on your street
 - Are easy to store between collections
- Have been very effective in other seaside towns and cities

What do I do?

- Bag your household rubbish as usual
- Place your bagged rubbish in the seagull proof sack and secure the velcro fastening
- The sack has a tie so you can attach it to something to prevent it blowing away
- The sack will hold the equivalent of **3 black bags** of rubbish
 - Loose rubbish in the sack **will not** be collected
- Place the sack out by **7am on the day of collection**

What to expect

The collection crew will empty the sack and return it to you.
You may wish to put your property name/number on the bag to help identify it after collections.

What can I put in my bag?

Bagged household rubbish only

Seagull proof reusable sacks are now available to purchase from Cornwall Council's local One Stop Shops at a cost of **£3.50 per sack.**

Please ensure that...

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.