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New Portreeve Challenges Residents to Get Involved



The ceremony to elect the new Portreeve and Mayor was as usual, well attended by the public. It came as no surprise that last years Deputy Portreeve, Richard Lumley, was elected to the position for this forthcoming year.

He indicated that he was honoured to hold this historic position and hoped to be able to commit the enthusiasm and effort that his predecessor Denise Winfindale had shown.

He felt the next twelve months would be challenging, especially with all the changes that the new unitary authority

would bring. It was vital that the Town Council champions Callington's right to services and fair representation.

He said he would like to start by challenging the inhabitants of Callington to get involved. For a town of nearly 6000 people there were very few residents that actually got involved in the running of the town. He said he had always felt that it was no good just complaining, this was easy to do. What was harder was to come up with positive ideas and help with implementing them.

He suggested people join the Town Forum which

was instrumental in new initiatives and raising money for the town. He would also like to see more people attend Town Council meetings and put forward their views.

Although change in Callington was inevitable it was up to all residents to try to make that change positive and to the benefit of the community. As well as embracing change there was a need to preserve what was good about the town, to retain its community spirit, preserve its heritage and keep the employment opportunities and facilities we have, as well as trying to enhance them.

What is PACT?

PACT stands for Partners and Communities Together. It is an initiative aimed at giving you a say in how your local neighbourhood is managed. It is an opportunity for you to meet your Neighbourhood Beat Manager, Police Community Support Officer and other partner agencies in the community on a planned and regular basis to tell them what your priorities are in terms of local community issues. It will commence as a police initiative but will evolve into a combined partnership approach involving police and key stakeholders in the community.

The first PACT meeting was held at Callington Town Hall in February 2008. The evening was very successful with a

substantial number of people attending the event.

The following priorities were identified by the community;

Priority 1 Anti-social behaviour Callington

Complaints of individuals acting in an anti-social manner in areas of Callington.

Priority 2 Community Provision Callington

Provide facility for social gathering & increase activities for youths within Callington

Priority 3 Traffic related issues Callington

« Illegal parking in Town Centre

« Footpath used as vehicle access between Dingle Court & Newport Close

« Deficient timings on

automatic traffic signals at cross roads in Town Centre

« Speeding

Callington Police & partner agencies, would like to welcome the community to the second PACT meeting to be held at Callington Town Hall on Wednesday 4th June 2008 at 1900 hours. The meeting will entail further discussion concerning the identified priorities including any work that the Police & partner agencies have undertaken. It is also hoped that a PACT panel will be formed at this meeting comprising of members of the community. This will make the Police & partner agencies more accountable for progressing the identified priorities.

The copy deadline for editorial for the July issue is 13th June.

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NEWS FROM CLUBS & GROUPS

A Blooming Town?

The Town Council are very grateful to the following businesses/groups that have agreed to assist with flowers around the town.

- Rising Sun Nursery
- St Johns Ambulance
- Kivells
- Callington W.I.
- Royal British Legion
- Mr Mike Green
- Mrs Jane Black
- Callington Rotary

At the Annual Meeting of the Town Forum, the outgoing Chairman, Mr David Edson confirmed that the Town Forum would pay for plants and materials [to a limit] for anyone who wanted to help make the town colourful. The Prim-Raf have taken up this offer with the beds in Biscombes Lane, Geraldine Sharp is doing one of the planters opposite the car park and a corner bed by the Town Hall would also be planted by the Chairman himself. Callington Heritage Centre would pay for and plant flowers in front of the chapel.

There are still troughs and beds that need planting. Can anyone spare the time to plant up a trough and then just weed and water it? At present we have just two troughs out of eight being planted, they will look rather lonely on their own.

Town Band

Callington Town Band's Spring concert got off to a rousing start on Saturday, April 26th, with the band and Callington Singers entertaining a near-capacity audience at Callington Methodist Church with a great selection of music.

Trombonist Tony Evans was soloist for the evening. The Training Band also took the stage .

During the evening the Band's annual Awards Ceremony took place. Lauren Rossiter, Zak Stephens, Pam Hussyin, Gregory Graves, Shirley Morse and Evie Lightbody all received awards from Callington Portreeve, Denise Winfindale.

Wireless at the Heritage Centre

Callington Amateur Radio Society are participating in an amateur radio special event where as many radio stations, at as many museums as possible, throughout the world link up. The Museums taking part over the years have included ships, castles, forts, pumping stations and many others. Callington will obviously be transmitting from the centre of a cemetery, or as someone disrespectfully put it, the 'dead centre' of the town.

During the first 'international Museums Event 2002' over 80 museums from all over the world took part. The museums varied from tiny local village museums manned by a lone operator, to some of the worlds most prestigious ones. This year there are already museums registered from as far afield as Queensland in Australia.

Callington Amateur Radio Society will setting up at the Heritage Centre on the weekend of 21st and 22nd June between 10.00 - 16.00hrs each day and will be making contact with as many other museums throughout the world as they can.

So, if you want to see what Amateur Radio is about and maybe learn a little about other museums, come along on the 21st or 22nd June.

Sponsorship for a good cause

A young resident of the town is looking for sponsorship as she is competing in the Great London 10 kilometre run on the 6th July to raise funds for the national eating disorders charity B-EAT. Louisa Edwards hopes to complete the run in just over one hour and she would be very grateful for sponsorship. If you would like to make a donation please ring Louisa on 07791794145.

Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir

It is difficult to believe that the Tamar Valley Male Voice Choir is already two years old and looking forward to its second Grand Gala Concert to celebrate the event. Last year their first Gala Concert was held in Callington Town Hall, this year, reflecting the choir's keen interest to embrace both sides of the Tamar Valley, it will be held in St Eustachius' Church, Tavistock on 31st May. The concert commences at 7.30pm with admission costing just £5 (tickets are available from 'Book Stop' in Tavistock, any choir member, on the door or from 01822 612140). The choir's guests this year will be a wind ensemble from the Tavistock area, Flute Cocktail, and the guest compere will be Jo Cole from Westcountry TV. The choir have been refurbishing their repertoire ready for the event and promise an evening with something for everyone.

Having outgrown its rehearsal premises in Kelly Bray, TVMVC now rehearses on a Tuesday evening in Callington Methodist Church. We normally start at about 7.30pm; do

How Do We Make Callington Greener?

As you will have seen on the front page Callington Town Forum are discussing ways of making Callington a better place to live in - from cleaner streets and flower displays to the elimination of plastic bags. There are obviously a lot of people out there with good ideas [see item by Kitty Bos on page 3], so why not come along to the next informal meeting of the Town Forum. It is on Monday 9th June at 19.00hrs in the Committee Room at the Town Hall [entrance via the Pannier Market], anyone, of whatever age, is welcome.

Lets Go Plastic-Bag-Free

I am replying to the question about 'a plastic bag free town' brought forward in the *Callington News*.

Plastic bags nowadays are biodegradable. However, oxygen is required for breaking down the plastic and carbon dioxide is released (contributing to global warming). Unfortunately, waste in landfill sites is so tightly packed that oxygen cannot reach the plastic, and studies have found that it can take more than a human lifetime to decompose. So, biodegradable plastic bags are not really an answer to our landfill problems. An additional problem with plastic is that it is made from oil, requiring energy, and one wonders whether we should be using this increasingly costly non-renewable fossil fuel to make products for a one-time use of wrapping. In the UK, the average use time of a supermarket plastic bag is 12 minutes! Surely, both issues can be solved by taking our own long-lasting shopping bags to town, and I have done so for the last 10 years.

Some people argue that they re-use their bags as liners in their kitchen bins, instead of buying small plastic bin liners. In my view, both options are ecological wrong. A small kitchen bin can easily be filled with waste without a liner, and after emptying the small bin in the outside dustbin, the small bin can be cleaned with a bit of water.

Plastic bags are also routinely supplied for fruit and vegetables in most supermarkets. I have already pointed out to the local Co-op that paper bags would be a much better idea. The farm shops in St. Cleer and Pensilva supply brown paper bags for this purpose. Paper bags can be recycled or composted in our own compost bins.

To reduce the usage of plastic bags even further, it would be lovely if we could come up with another solution for the plastic bags used for the recycling scheme. Can we not have different coloured crates for our recycling, which can be emptied into the recycling van, then left at the roadside for the owners to pick

them up? In Australia, this is a tried and tested successful scheme.

Thus, I believe we are long overdue in going plastic-bag-free. Several UK towns are now Plastic Bag Free (PBF; Modbury being the first with many towns following suit) and whole countries, including France, Germany, Denmark, Italy, China, Bangladesh, South Africa, Botswana, Israel and Australia have already taken action. Surely, if in a country like China (population: 1.3 billion) all supermarkets, department stores and shops can be prohibited from giving out free plastic bags (from 1 June on), a town like Callington (population: 5 thousand) should manage the same.

I really hope Callington can be successful with becoming a plastic-shopping-bag free town as soon as possible, and perhaps support other innovative ways of reducing our adverse impacts on our environment.

Kitty Bos

Health Centre Thriving

We have been asked to publish a correction to the front page article in last months *Callington News*. The Health Centre is rising to the challenge and the lists at the Practice remain open at both Callington and Gunnislake and it is their policy to continue to expand. This is precisely because expansion will increase the opportunity for the surgeries to improve facilities and serve all patients better.

Dog Owners

We regret that there are still a few irresponsible people allowing their dogs to foul public places.

Please note that the Dog Warden has been asked to patrol at 'unsocial' hours and if caught you can face a on-the-spot fine.



A New Nursery for Callington

Cornwall County Council have announced that they have been awarded government funding to provide a workplace nursery close to Ginsters. There will be a purpose built nursery which will be of tremendous benefit to many parents wishing to undertake work in and around the area. Employers will also benefit as staff will have greater flexibility to juggle work and childcare knowing that their children are safe and well cared for.

It is hoped that work will start on site later this year with the nursery opening later this year.

Launceston Road Park

If you want to enjoy the facilities at this park, please walk there if at all possible. If you have to drive please do not park on the main A388 as this causes a hazard and is a dangerous place to let children out of a car. Vehicles can park on South Hill Road as there is a pathway from the bottom to the top of the field and it is downhill on the way back!



Callington Needs You



Are you fed up of seeing your neighbourhood deteriorating?

Have you had enough of putting up with the bad behaviour of young people in your area?

Do you wish that someone would do something about the problems in your area?

Would you be willing to play a part in turning your area into a safe and crime free area?

Answer "Yes" to any of the questions below then you need to speak to Neighbourhood Watch.

What is Neighbourhood Watch?

Neighbourhood Watch is an independent organisation set up to enable people like you and I to play a part in protecting their own homes and families and the homes and families of our neighbours.

Although the police support us in the work we do, we are not a part of the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary. Neighbourhood Watch is an independent organisation that works in partnership with the police in order to ensure that the streets we live in are safe and crime free. We do liase with the police in order to ensure that our streets and homes remain safe and crime free. This allows the police to act in a proactive rather than reactive way. Often problems can be addressed before they become a major problem. We all want the same things:

- « a safe environment in which to bring up our children
- « a safe environment in which to grow old
- « to live without the fear of crime or the effects of crime.

By being part of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme you can play a vital part in helping to protect not only yourself, your family and your home, you will also be helping to protect your whole street, all the people who live there and the environment you all live in. How many time have you said, "*things*

have got to change", "*when is someone going to do something about this*" or "*things get worse not better*"? Well, **NOW** is the time to make those changes and **YOU** are the person who is going to do something".

How Neighbourhood Watch Works.

Setting up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in your area couldn't be simpler. Just follow these 4 steps:

1. Complete the simple form at the bottom of this page. This information will enable the Caradon Neighbourhood Watch Forum to contact you and to offer you any help you may need.
2. Cut out the form you have just completed and take it to Callington Town Hall on any weekday between 9am and 2pm. When you hand in the completed form, you will be given a free starter pack to help you get going. The free starter pack will contain useful tips and advice. It will also provide you with slips for you to put through the doors of all residences on your street introducing yourself as their Neighbourhood Watch Street Coordinator and asking them to contact you if they are interested in becoming a coordinator.
3. When you receive your easy starter pack, deliver the introduction slips to all homes on your street. This will let them know who you are and how to contact you. You should soon

start to receive applications to join the scheme as a coordinator.

4. Inform Callington Police of your new Neighbourhood Watch Scheme so that they can keep you informed about what is Role of the Coordinator

As a coordinator you will receive information from the residents in your street. You will have to decide on what course of action to take, but don't worry, your mentor will guide you through the process. You can also phone the Caradon Neighbourhood Watch office located in Torpoint Police Station for advice. Experienced volunteers staff the office on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. They are always happy to help. You will find their contact details in the easy start up kit. In some cases it will be clear that your first course of action should be to call the police, especially if it relates to a crime or the welfare of others. In other instances you may decide that the best course of action is to liase with other organisations such as housing associations or the town council.

From time to time, you will receive information from the police regarding any crime in your area or regarding something that you may want to make the residents of your street aware of. If you have reported any incident or passed on any information to the police, they will always get back to you to update you on the outcome. You

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can then pass this on to the residents in your street.

The Caradon Neighbourhood Watch Forum will also contact you from time to time. This could be to invite you to attend one of their meetings or to pass on information they have received etc.

You will never feel that you are out there on your own; you can always get help and advice from your local mentor, from the Caradon Neighbourhood Watch Forum and from Callington Police.

We all live very busy lives and feel that we would not be able to give the amount of time required to be a Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator. Caradon Neighbourhood Watch has worked hard to reduce and streamline the work of its coordinators. This has resulted in a very user friendly and easy to follow process. You will be required to arrange or attend a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme meeting in your street no more than three times a year. The purpose of this meeting is to bring

all of the coordinators in your street up to date with things and to give you all a chance to meet and exchange ideas. This could be viewed as a team building opportunity for your scheme. Apart from that, you will only be required to deal with information passed to you by residents or the police. In total, you should not be required to spend much more than one hour per week on Neighbourhood Watch related issues.

A Message from Sgt. Brett Phillips

It is undoubtedly a fact that in areas where there is an active Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, incidences of crime fall. The following is a quote from Sergeant 4535 Brett Phillips, the Neighbourhood Team Leader for Callington:

"If you are a member of a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme you are much less likely to become a victim of crime.

The introduction of a scheme can create an active local community more committed to looking out for each other, supporting vulnerable neighbours and caring for the immediate environment".

"These schemes act as a vital source of information. By the community acting as our eyes and ears we are able to police proactively. It also allows us to intervene at an earlier stage, before a situation escalates. It also creates

an enhanced sense of community cohesion, something that sadly we see less of in our modern day society".

"Watch schemes receive crime information from us via an automated telephone system in addition to crime prevention advice to help improve home security. The scheme can be as broad or as simple as you like. Some have developed their activities to fund-raising for community facilities, providing volunteers to assist in police searches and conducting informal neighbourhood patrols".
"Schemes have had a positive effect in challenging bogus callers, reducing crime, the fear of crime and making communities safer".

Some Examples of Good Practice

An estate in Callington had suffered at the hands of youths with marker pens. Their work could be seen on many houses, garages and cars on

the estate. The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme delivered an "alert notice" to each home asking them to be vigilant. Within one hour of delivering the "alert notice", coordinators had been informed of the names of those responsible. The police were immediately informed and the graffiti stopped.

Someone was turning off the water supply to homes, again an "alert notice" was issued and again the problem stopped immediately.

Both of the above are positive examples of how communities working together can make a difference. Take action now to make your street a safe and crime free area in which to live. Complete the short form, take it to Callington Town Hall and collect your free e starter pack.



If you are interested in starting a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for your street, please complete this slip and hand it in at the Town Hall between 9am and 2pm Monday to Friday. You will be given a free starter pack to get you started.

My Name:.....

My Address:.....

My Telephone Number:

My Email Address:

Diary for June

Mon 2nd U3A, Town Hall 10.00hrs
 Tues. 3rd Charity Evening **Belly Dancing**, proceeds to Carnival Fund, Callington Town Hall 19.30hrs,
 further details from Sheila (01822 834577
 Wed. 4th PACT [Partner and Communities Together] Meeting in Council Chamber 19.00hrs .
 Fri. 6th Tea Dance, Callington Town Hall 14.30hrs.
 Mon. 9th Callington Town Forum open meeting, Town Hall Committee Room [entrance via Pannier Market]
 19.00hrs
 Wed. 11th Celliwic Evergreens at the Town Hall 14.00hrs.
 Fri. 13th Town Hall Market, Town Hall 09.00hrs 13.00hrs.
 Fri . 20th Tea Dance, Callington Town Hall 14.30hrs.
 Tues. 24th Town Council meeting with public session at start, Council Chamber, Town Hall, 19.00hrs.
 Fri. 27th Town Hall Market, Town Hall 09.00hrs 13.00hrs.
 Fri. 27th Diabetes Support Group, general meeting at Callington Cricket Club 14.00hrs.
 Sat. 28th District Councillor Long, Surgery, Committee Room, Town Hall 10.00-12.00hrs.

Weekly events in the Town Hall;-Weightwatchers, Activity Club, Fit 4 Life, Short Mat Bowling, Child care and Parent Support sessions, Baby Signing, Salsa dancing, Belly Dancing etc. Please contact the Town Hall [384039] if you want details of any of these activities.



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County/Grammar School Centenary Celebrations

Over 150 former students and staff gathered in the Town Hall on 2 May to celebrate the centenary of the opening of Callington County/Grammar School. They came from as far away as Wales and Norfolk and school-days ranged from the 1920's to the early 1960's. Throughout the day former classmates were somehow recognised and old friendships renewed. After all expenses were met, the sum of £525 was contributed by those attending to provide a memorial feature in the proposed Centenary Garden at the Primary School

A delicious buffet lunch was provided by Women Supporting Charity, some of whom are members of Callington W.I.; the profit from this of £540 went to their chosen charity, Cornwall Hospice Care.

During the morning most people eagerly accepted the Primary School's kind invitation to visit their classrooms and many also enjoyed their excellent Historical Show and purchased their Book of Memories.

A special display at Callington Heritage Centre also received many visitors and their well-illustrated Commemorative Booklet sold well for their funds.

Will current students of the Community College be meeting in the town for reunions in fifty years time?



Callington Grammar School Reunion 2nd May 2008. Group from the 1947 intake



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