

# Redruth Record



**TOWN NEWSLETTER**

**January 2010**



## Foreword by the Town Mayor, Cllr Barbara Ellenbroek

**O**n behalf of the Members and Staff of Redruth Town Council I wish you all a Happy New Year.

Many congratulations to the Murdoch House Group who put together a very strong bid for the Peoples Millions. It was a shame that their bid was not successful; however they generated some positive publicity, and have plans for further bids in 2010. Thanks too to Cllr John Hayward for his vision of a Miners Day, the first of which was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009 and well attended despite the inclement weather. Congratulations too are due to the Christmas Events Group who worked really hard to organise the entertainment in and decoration of Redruth. As you will read later on in this newsletter, 2010 brings several exciting developments for our Community in Redruth.

At the end of 2009, after a lot of very hard work by some dedicated individuals and supported by CPR Regeneration, the Redruth Action Plan Project was launched. This is a real opportunity for all members of our community to get involved with not only shaping a vision for the future of Redruth, but also to get things moving as this Project comes with some funding opportunities. I would urge all of you to attend the Information Exchange in February not only have your say but to find out how you can get involved. Please read the article by Mel Martin, the Project Manager, for more information.

2010 also sees the proposed development of the Gweal-an-Top Adventure Playground by Cornwall Council. There is more information about this project in the newsletter, as well as contact details for Jo Howard who is leading the project.

We also look forward this year to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Redruth Town Council, and many congratulations to Cllr Stephen Barnes who has served the Council over the last 25 years.

## Redruth Town Council - Council Surgery Dates 2010

Surgeries held in The Chambers, Old Barclays Bank, Penryn Street, Redruth

Wednesday 10th February 7 pm to 9 pm

Wednesday 14th April 7 pm to 9 pm

Saturday 13th March 10 am till noon

Saturday 8th May 10 am till noon

## What's Going on in Town - See Details Inside

**Join the Christmas Events  
Committee!**



**HAVE A SAY IN WHAT HAPPENS IN  
YOUR TOWN : VISIT THE INFOR-  
MATION EXCHANGE, TUESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup>  
TO SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

Contact Redruth Town Council by phone on 01209 210038 or email to: [admin@redruth-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@redruth-tc.gov.uk)

## Possible Adventure Playground at Gweal-an-Top

Plans are coming together to create an Adventure Playground at the former Gweal-an-Top old school on School Lane, Redruth. The proposed playground, which is supported by Redruth Town Council, is a Cornwall Council project using Central Government funding from The Department of Children, Schools and Families and grant funding through Aiming High for Disabled Children. In 2009 Cornwall Council successfully bid for funding to improve play opportunities for children and young people across Cornwall, including the creation of the first ever Adventure Playground in Cornwall. The site at Gweal-an-Top offers great potential for the creation of an Adventure Playground and will include the renovation of the existing school building.



The proposed playground will be staffed at all times when open. Opening hours will include after school, weekends and school holidays. Children from beyond Redruth will be encouraged to visit the site and community groups and school groups will also be welcome via special booked visits during the day. The site will only be open to children when staff are on site and a new fence will secure the play areas at other times.

As the site will be supervised, children can be more adventurous doing things like den building, cooking on open fires, and even using traditional tools to make their own play structures with help from experienced playworkers. The children most likely to attend independently will be between the ages of 8-14 while younger children should be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Cornwall Council is hoping to submit a planning application for the project in February 2010 and aims to have the project open for use in the spring of 2011. If anyone is interested, or wishes to make comments about this proposal they should contact Jo Howard, Play Pathfinder Manager, Cornwall Council on 01736 336898.

### YOUR COUNCILLORS

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Cllr C. Bray - 07925 382279  
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Cllr M.S. Eddowes - 01209 215074  
2 Roseland gardens, TR15 1PU

Cllr Mrs J Enefer - 01209 204103  
2 Forth Noweth, TR15 1AR

Cllr M. Hall - 01209 219426  
23 West Trevingey, TR15 3DJ

Cllr K Old - 01209 219202  
1 Chapel Terrace, Carn Brea Village, TR15 3BG

Cllr I Thomas - 01209 213751  
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#### South Ward

Cllr Miss P. N. Aston - 01209 211648  
Rose Cottage, West Tolgus, Illogan, TR15 3TN

Cllr H. Biscoe - 01209 212991  
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Cllr J. Carroll - 01209 214402  
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Cllr Mrs J. Davidson - 01209 217179  
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Cllr Mrs B. R. Ellenbroek - 01209 314422  
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Cllr J. T. Hayward - 01209 213554  
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Cllr B. Turner - 01209 314481  
1 Trelawney Avenue, Treskerby, TR15 1RH

## Redruth Youth Centre

For those of you who don't know, Redruth has its own purpose-built Youth Centre, sited on the Redruth School Campus. Cornwall Council staffs the Centre with professionally qualified Youth Workers, trainees and some very committed and caring volunteers.

The Centre is like a mini community for all young people from 11–25 yrs, though the majority range from 13–19 yrs. There are groups that cater for all needs from Open Youth Club nights to structured activities such as learning music, initial assessments for post sixteens and specialist groups for disabled young people.

The young people using Redruth Youth Centre are all different; they are lively, vibrant, exciting and have so much to offer. Some, of course, have their problems, but who doesn't? If you are interested in seeing what goes on, want more information or are considering helping out, give us a ring on 01209 313322 or email us at [plouissmith@cornwall.org.uk](mailto:plouissmith@cornwall.org.uk).



### Redruth Christmas Events Group

This is a small group of volunteers who plan and put on the various decorations and events in Redruth during December. We started in 2008, building on some existing ad hoc work in previous years, and each winter strive to do the best that we can to make this a real community event. In 2009 we were badly hampered by atrocious weather, which meant that there were severe delays in getting all the flags and lights up by the first day of our celebration on Saturday November 28<sup>th</sup>, although they eventually looked great. The bad weather also caused several planned events to be cancelled, including the Children's Parade. I am aware of how much hard work went in to this and that cancelling it was a great disappointment, especially for the schools; I would like to thank those who worked so hard to prepare for the event. The Carol Concert in St Rumons Gardens on 12<sup>th</sup> December was a real success, and well done to the others such as Kekezza Dance Group, RedYouth Dance Group, and the Churches for their Nativity Play and Carol Singing. Thanks too to Daren who organised a Special Christmas Film Screening which raised both the spirits and some badly needed money towards the events. The Grotto did really well, more than doubling the number of children who visited our inspiring Santa. This year we also produced a programme of events and I would urge any group that is planning any festive events in December to contact us soon to make sure that, where possible, their events are included in it.

We are always looking for more people to join the group to assist with planning and organising the events. If you are able to do this, or if you have some technical expertise eg if you are an electrician, able to help put up and take down decorations etc we would love to hear from you. We are also desperately in need of funds. At present the majority of the money that we spend comes from Redruth Town Council and various grants that are applied for to assist with materials for the Parade and Grotto. So if you are able to put on an event to raise some money or are willing to have a collection box in your premises then please also get in touch.

We shall have an open meeting to start the ball rolling for Christmas 2010 in March, details will be in the West Briton, or if you leave your contact details with me at work on 213534 or home 314422 I will make sure that you are notified of the meeting. If you are unable to attend meetings, but are still able to offer practical or financial assistance then again please let me know.

**Barbara Ellenbroek**

## **Redruth Action Plan Project (RAPP)**

Redruth Action Plan Project is aiming to create a community supported vision for the economic development of Redruth over the next 20 years, to revive the heart of town.

The project launched at the end of November 2009, with a business breakfast at the Penventon Park Hotel. A report has been prepared which quantifies the economic position of Redruth in summer 2009 and considers the barriers to investment such as poor access, image and potential flood risk. The report captures some positive news about Redruth, such as there are more jobs in Redruth than working residents, but confirms that the Heart of Redruth, the town centre is in decline with only 25%<sup>1</sup> of retail turnover being drawn from local Redruth residents.

To move forward, RAPP wants to understand from the local Redruth community what the residents want to see from the heart of Redruth. It also wants to encourage residents, businesses and groups to work together to improve the town and offer an opportunity for everyone to learn about exciting new developments already in progress.

Workshops with Redruth School, representatives of development sites around the town, the business community and the voluntary sector have taken place in December 09 and January 10.

The next stage is opening the doors to the wider community of Redruth to get everyone involved. To achieve this RAPP is opening a shop called 'Information Exchange' on Fore Street, (opposite the cinema) for a week, Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> February 10.30 am– 4.30 pm. The Information Exchange will be asking residents what they would like to see from the heart of Redruth for it to better serve their needs. Everyone in Redruth is encouraged to drop in and get involved.



RAPP is also currently working in partnership with Cornwall Council, the Environment Agency, and South West Water on a piece of work about the potential flood risk along the Falmouth Road - Chapel Street area in Redruth. The piece of work is known as a level 2 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and is a requirement of the planning system.

RAPP is funded by Convergence and the Homes and Communities Agency and has a steering group with membership from both funders, Cornwall Council, Redruth Town Council and CPR Regeneration who are leading the project.

Further information about RAPP is available at [www.cprregeneration.co.uk](http://www.cprregeneration.co.uk).

Figures are for comparison retail turnover taken from a 2008 Retail Strategy Report prepared by GVA Grimley.

### **Redruth Revealed**

DVDs promoting our town are available free from Team Track Trading, Unit 9, Market Way.

### **Advertise your local event**

Anyone with a local event to promote, please either drop details in to the Chambers, Old Barclays Bank, Penryn Street or send an email to: [admin@redruth-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@redruth-tc.gov.uk)