

# Redruth Record



**TOWN NEWSLETTER**

**September 2010**

## Foreword by the Mayor of Redruth, Cllr Ian Thomas



How proud am I? Probably, if not possibly, the proudest man in Redruth. I cannot begin to tell you how or what it feels like to be elected as the Mayor of Redruth, a town that I am so, so, passionate about, as indeed I know that most, if not all, of you are too. Of course, my first vote of thanks goes to you, the residents of the Parish, for electing me as a Town Councillor in the first place and then, secondly, to my colleagues of the Council for electing me as their and your Mayor.

So what have I been doing? Where can I start? Well, I guess I'll start with the 'easy' bit, which is representing the Town and its Council. In all honesty, I never realized for a moment the commitment my predecessors had given to the Town and its people. That commitment extends well over and above the programme of 46 Town Council public meetings. Requests and invitations to attend events and meetings arrive on a daily basis, ranging from the sublime to the not so sublime (some will note my literary caution). By way of example, from the extreme pleasure of opening of a new retail outlet in Redruth or meeting and greeting 'The Royals', to an invitation to a fete in the far reaches of the County which some might say brings little value to Redruth – though, personally, I think that each of these has a value.

And now to the not so easy part – promoting Redruth and the Town. If, like me, you love our Town and the people therein, why oh why is there a lack of enthusiasm, an element of apathy and a touch of depression? I guess one can apportion the blame to the financial climate, lack of investment, Government policy and a multitude of other things. I dare say the weather and bankers would figure too. However, I am a great believer that each of us has an element of control over our own destiny and that, on many occasions, fate is of our own making. We all have a part to play in this, whether it be me and my family, whether it's the Town Council, the private or public sector, or simply Mary and Joe down the lane. The good news is that slowly but surely, week on week, I am discovering individuals and groups who want to commit themselves through partnership with the Town Council and the Redruth Action Plan Project to making Redruth a better place to work in, live in and visit. I want you all to be extremely proud of our Town, its heritage, its history, its architecture, its National Division One Rugby Club, its World Class Hotel and, do you know what, most of all, its people – I know I am.

Finally, and likely most controversially, if anyone knows where I can find a 30 metre tall replica of a Cornish Tin/Copper Miner's Statue, would they let me know please, only I'd like to place one on the westbound A30 just before the Avers slip road as an Icon at the Gateway to Redruth. I'd even go as far as naming it the 'Angel of the West'. We have Mining World Heritage Status, we are the Mining Capital of the World, and we are at the Heart of Cornwall – why don't we exploit it?

## Redruth Town Council - Council Surgery Dates 2010 - come along and meet your Councillors

Wednesday Surgeries held in The Chambers, Penryn Street, Redruth

Saturday Surgeries held in the Cornwall Council One Stop Shop, Station Road, Redruth

Saturday 11th September 10 am till noon

Saturday 13th November 10 am till noon

Wednesday 13th October 7 pm to 9 pm

Wednesday 8th December 7 pm to 9 pm

## What's Going on in Town

## See Details inside

**New -  
Redruth  
Information  
Exchange**



**Art Exhibition in old Boot's premises  
Cornish Studies Library - John Peck  
Exhibition of Mining Photographs  
Christmas celebrations 2010  
Penhallgon's Friends Christmas Fair**

## **REDRUTH TOWN COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE COUNCIL YEAR 2009-2010**

Welcome to this brief summary of the Town Council's Annual Report for 2009-10. It is Redruth Town Council policy to be open and informative. In light of this not only do we publish this report, it is also available on our website [www.redruth-tc.gov.uk](http://www.redruth-tc.gov.uk), as are minutes of all Town Council meetings and other documents which may interest you. We also hold regular monthly surgeries. The schedule of these is available on the Town notice boards and the website. They are held on the second Saturday or Wednesday of each month. Wednesday surgeries are held at the Town Council offices between 7 pm and 9 pm and on Saturdays at the One Stop Shop in Station Road between 10 am and mid-day. Members of the public are welcome to drop in, no appointment is necessary.



**FULL COUNCIL** - The Council Year began in May with our Annual General Meeting. At this meeting Councillor Mrs Barbara Ellenbroek was re-elected as the Town Mayor. Councillor John Hayward was initially elected as Deputy Town Mayor, unfortunately felt he was unable to commit to the role and stood down at the Council meeting in October 2009 to be replaced by Councillor Ian Thomas.

We have been actively involved in the Designated Public Places Order (essentially alcohol free zones) and recommended that two further areas within the parish, namely the play areas at Trefusis Road and Plain-an-Gwarry, be included with the previously authorised areas; been consulted on the Cornwall Council Green Infrastructure Strategy; and continue to have input to the Camborne-Pool-Redruth-Illogan Area Action Plan. We were delighted when the Boundary Commission accepted our recommendations for the newly formed wards within the parish of Redruth. We continue to give our whole-hearted support to the local police neighbourhood teams and the work they carry out throughout the parish and have been actively involved in re-organising and promoting the Partners and Communities Together (PACT) scheme which the police have helped to set up within the county.

The Redruth Action Plan Project was launched in November 2009 and aims to create a community supported vision for the economic development of Redruth over the next 20 years. The Town Council is very supportive of this initiative and encourages all living in Redruth to become involved in this concept.

**AMENITIES COMMITTEE** - Once again this year the committee was responsible for providing the Floral Displays in the town, and we hope you were as pleased with them as we were. The committee continued supporting the Euny Close & West Trevingey Residents Association in providing a play area, culminating in a grant of £2270 to go with the funding raised by them to provide necessary play equipment for the children of the area. We provided a replacement bus shelter at Montague Avenue and hope to place further shelters around the parish in coming years. We continued our involvement in the Cornwall Council Local Maintenance partnership, whereby the Town Council receives a financial contribution towards the maintenance of the footpaths within the parish; and had discussions concerning the Cornwall Council Community Buildings Strategy. **We have relocated the "crowns" that once adorned the flower planters in Fore Street, with three going to the entrances to the town and two to be located in Bond Street.**

**FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** - The committee was once again responsible for the town's celebration in Murdoch Day, and a very successful day it was with plenty of good weather to help things go well. We have been involved in various consultation documents with the new unitary authority, which will hopefully pave the way for a greater liaison between the two tiers of local government. We continue to provide the impetus and funding for the Tourist Information Point in the Cornwall Centre during the summer months, which has proved an invaluable resource for visitors. **The committee continued its efforts in developing the Council's work and establishing the existing and new criteria as a Quality Town Council as we work to re-accreditation in 2011.** We are also seeking to meet the criteria that will give us "The Power of Well-Being" which will enable us to seek a wider remit to those grants and services we provide for the electorate. We also continue our support in the policing of the parish with a financial contribution towards an additional PCSO.

**PLANNING COMMITTEE** - During the year the Planning Committee considered some 200 planning applications, the decisions of which were forwarded to Cornwall Council as recommendations. The committee received a number of notices regarding road closures due to highway maintenance in the parish of Redruth throughout the year, and were also consulted on numerous on-street parking places and restrictions on waiting within the parish. A lot of consultation has been carried out with the new Cornwall Council concerning the protocol that their Planning & Regeneration Service has with local councils. The committee has during the last 12 months taken a very proactive stance in respect of planning enforcement, and has ensured that Cornwall Council has become aware of such issues and continued to press for some form of action to be taken by them as the planning authority.

**COUNCIL FINANCES** - set out below is a summary of the Council's Income & Expenditure for the Financial Year 2009-2010:

<b>INCOME</b>		<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
Precept	213485	General Administration	87665
Agency services	1235	Agency services	10930
Interest	384	Grants & Donations	43595
Floral Displays	3119	Murdoch	8910
Tenancies	19088	Capital Expenditure	20382
Other Income	0	Running Costs	34639
		Other Payments	55227
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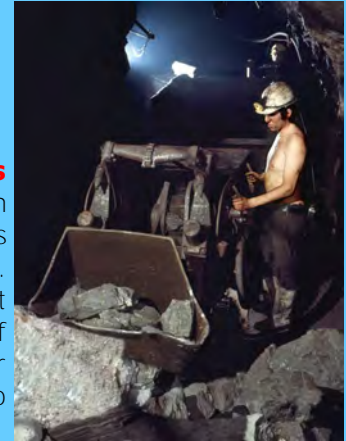
The excess of expenditure over income was taken from the Council's reserves. Members of the public can view the Annual Return of the Council's Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 online on the Council's website or contact the office.

## WHAT'S ON IN REDRUTH

**The John Peck Exhibition of Mining Photographs - Painting a Mine with Light, until 2nd October** a photographic chronicle of the last years of Cornish tin-mining, at The Cornish Studies Library, Alma Place, Monday to Friday 10 am to 5 pm and Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm. Mr Peck will be at the Cornwall Centre every Thursday to talk about his work.

The photographs by John Peck from Chacewater are a fascinating record of his work as the photographer for the mining company Goldfields at Wheal Jane and South Crofty and represent 25 years of his career.

Carrying out his daily work, he captured the many different aspects of mining life - from the construction of a crusher at the bottom of a shaft to a tea break underground. The vast array of images, mostly black and white, were taken for industrial purposes, but they all have an impressive artistic quality.



**"Sculpture Series" 15 October to 30 November 2010 Old Boot's Shop, Fore Street** Admission: FREE Window Display and Art Exhibition  
"The artist's multi-part installation for this project focuses on 4-5 pieces made from a variety of materials, including modelling clay and plywood. Each part installation combines elements pointing both to an art context and to a context of daily routine and workaday life... Conflicting layers of meaning in the scenes bring a level of ambiguity and the potential for multiple narratives to be attached. The artist gives the responsibility to resolve these narratives to the spectator..."

**Christmas Markets Saturdays 27<sup>th</sup> November to 18<sup>th</sup> December** Fore Street and Market Way  
Local produce, craftwork, gifts and much more!

**Christmas events!!! Every Saturday from 27<sup>th</sup> November to 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Kicking off on 27<sup>th</sup> November with a Christmas Fair in St Rumon's Social club (formerly British Legion) from 11am – in aid of Penhaligon's Friends; followed by a Christmas parade and lights turn on at 5pm in Fore Street. Including a Christmas market all day. Don't miss it!



Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December: **Christmas cinema show** at the Regal.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December: **Cornish Carol concert** in St Rumon's Gardens

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December: **Nativity play** in Fore Street.

**Look out for more events in December — Christmas events programme coming out soon!**

### **Redruth Information Exchange: The BIGGEST notice board in town!**

Number 2 Fore Street, or the "Redruth Information Exchange" has been advertising events in the town for several months. The promotions task and finish group, made up of residents and other interested parties in Redruth, and the new Town Development Manager have re-organised the way information is displayed.

We now have a dedicated window for good-news stories (such as the excellent exam results achieved by the young people at Redruth School, and the national prize awarded to local charity Penhaligon's Friends); and a dedicated window displaying what events are on in and around the town.

In order to make this the central hub for information, and for it to be seen as a visible and catchy way to promote Redruth, we need to receive events details and good-news stories from the community. Whether you have a ready-made poster or article, or just some information yet to be put down on paper, please get in touch and we will help to spread the word. The Town Council can help write up the information, and will even print it out on A3 sized paper (or bigger if required), and laminate it – with no charge.

Please contact Lee Dunkley, Town Development Manager at [tdm@redruth-tc.gov.uk](mailto:tdm@redruth-tc.gov.uk); or on 01209 210038 or 07764339534; or in person (Mon-Fri) at the Town Council Chambers (opposite St Rumon's Gardens), Penryn Street, TR15 2SP. For ready-made stories or posters you can email them to the Town Development Manager on the above email address, or bring them in to the Town Council at any time!



## APPOINTMENT OF TOWN DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, LEE DUNKLEY



First of all, I want to say thank you to the councillors and fellow employees at the Town Council for their warm welcome to me as the new Town Development Manager.

Despite this being a 'graduate job', I've been involved in local government for quite some time now, having worked in a finance department, on research projects, and now in town development. I've been employed by the town council to, in essence, help revitalise the town centre. Among other things, this will mean working with the recently formed 'task and finish' groups to bring about better **promotion for the town**, and facilitate a **site improvement programme**. Our attention at the moment is on the old Clotworthy's building (Fore Street), the site at the junction of Station Hill/Penryn Street, and the alleyway next to Wilkinson's. In terms of promoting the town, we are currently (among other things) working on the development of a new, updated and comprehensive **website** for Redruth – which should offer information about leisure facilities, food and drink, market days, health services, the town council, local clubs and associations, and so much more.

I am also working with others to develop the **annual events programme** for Redruth. This will involve helping with events such as **Miner's Day (16<sup>th</sup> September)**, and the **Christmas Markets (Saturdays 27<sup>th</sup> November – 18<sup>th</sup> December)**. I will also look for further opportunities; for example the **Passmore-Edwards centenary (April – May 2011)** may well result in events in the town, and we are currently looking at the prospect of a **Market Way open day on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October** this year, involving street entertainment and shopping discounts.

There are quite a number of other activities and projects too, such as the prospect of being involved in **Cornwall 'In Bloom'** next year, a reinvigorated **weekly market** sometime after Christmas, new **town centre maps**, and various **arts exhibitions** (see in particular the 'Sculpture Series' window display and exhibition in the old Boots shop on Fore Street in October and November). I'm looking forward to meeting and working with residents and businesses in Redruth over the coming months and beyond on existing projects, and also with any new ideas that people may have.

I would urge anyone who is interested in further renewing the town to join a 'task and finish' group (at the time of writing there are ones for 'promotions', and 'site improvements'), details of the meetings and activities can be obtained from me. Also, the Christmas Events Group – an independent group of people who live and/or work in Redruth – are looking for as much input as possible. Again, if you are interested, please contact me. And for any other information, or just simply to say hello please don't hesitate to phone, write, email or visit me at the Town Council Chambers on Penryn Street (opposite St Rumon's Gardens).

Lee Dunkley, Town Development Manager

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