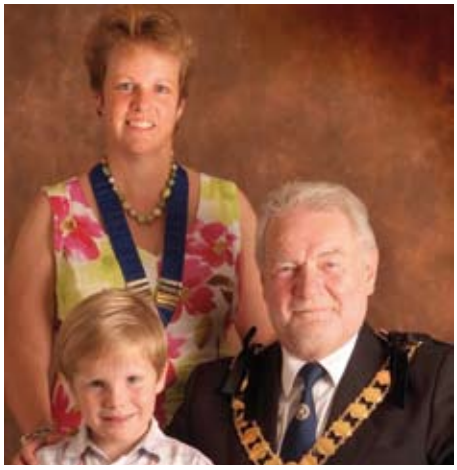
# Redruth Record

TOWN NEWSLETTER December 2010

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



Welcome to the Christmas edition of the Town Council's newsletter. Firstly, on behalf of myself, my wife Sharen and little Lewis, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a really good Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I would also wish you health, happiness and hope. As is the case for many, it is this time of year when the true meaning of the word family and the value that word holds become more meaningful. Maybe it reminds you of your own childhood, which in my case was extremely happy but by today's standards pretty meagre (one Christmas I remember getting a red tie and a bag of toffees – I don't know what I must have done to upset Santa during the course of that year); or it is a time to remember the times you've shared with friends or loved-ones; or, simply, a time to remember those who may be enjoying their turkey with all the trimmings at that great 'Mansion in the Sky' – I particularly remember my dear old Mam and Da' … God Bless.

So, what has 2010 been like for me? Well, I've had a fabulous year so far. Of course, there have been far too many things going on to mention them all here, but I would like to say a little about some of the key events. Firstly then, what about Murdoch Day? Wow! - it was sensational and hugely successful. I have to congratulate the Murdoch Day Working Party who organized the day's events, the entertainers, the schools, the children, the traders and everyone else who contributed in so many ways. A special mention goes to my 'Steam Team' who made great efforts to turn out on the day and a 'little darling', Mrs Ann Tripp, (who, I'm sure won't mind me saying, is in her eighties, born, bred and 'buttered' in Redruth) who shared a few moments with me (and my fish and chip lunch!) … she was charming lady. Next was Miner's Day, which included a procession up Fore Street, led by the Town Beadle (Town Crier), some dressed as Bal Maidens, some in miners' working gear. We gathered at the Miner's Statue to conduct a Service of Remembrance led by Rev Amanda Stevens. After a short interval, we enjoyed a little piece of theatre as the 'Miner sold his wife' and ended up in the Town Jail (Clock Tower) for his trouble – it was such good fun. Redruth Market Way Open Day saw a community led project which, again, was hugely successful and transformed the centre of Town into a theatre of entertainment with the Town Band, RedYOUth, Salsa Etc and Swamp Circus all playing a major part. Added to that the Town Crier accompanied by a Cornwall Caledonian Piper paraded through the town proclaiming the event and the special discounts on offer in Market Way and the Butter Market. Of course, my own Civic Service which coincided with the 25th Anniversary of Redruth Town Council figures pretty highly in my schedule of events … a bit of 'pomp and circumstance' never harmed anyone, did it?

And so to Christmas. You will see elsewhere in this newsletter the exact detail surrounding the Christmas events programme, but it would be remiss of me not to acknowledge, congratulate and thank all those involved as members of the Christmas Events Group (CEG). The CEG are an independent group of community minded people who go to extraordinary lengths each year to make Christmas in Redruth really special – so would they please accept my thanks and those of our traders, community and visitors for their efforts.

Now looking forward into next year. Well, I suppose, before we know it, it will be Murdoch Day again. However, a number of 'us' are planning another major event, maybe two, in March with a really strong Cornish theme, but I won't say anymore at this point for fear of ruining the surprise! – do you know what it is yet?

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*What's Going on in Town*

**Christmas Celebrations 2010**

*See Details Inside . . .*

**Dates for next year's Diary**

# Christmas Events

PICK UP YOUR FREE DIARY of CHRISTMAS EVENTS in local shops and MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE PART OF THE FUN!!

Please note: THE FREE CHRISTMAS GROTTO has moved to 60 FORE STREET (near the Post Office)
Open Saturdays 10 am to 4.30 pm

Christmas Markets every Saturday Fore Street and Market Way
Local produce, craftwork, gifts and much more!

Cornish Carol concert in Murdoch House, Cross Street
Saturday 11th December: 10 am — 4 pm

Nativity play and Carol Singing moving through Fore Street Saturday 18th December

A Cornish Christmas - Discover Christmas past at an exhibition of photographs and books at the Cornish Studies Library

## Your Town Needs You!!!

How about popping into town to buy even just one item for Christmas?

The Market Way in Redruth has several new shops and there are other specialist shops throughout the town, many of which are local businesses. Even small amounts spent in Redruth can make a big difference to local traders. The traders actively support our town and offer excellent customer service (a national award in 2009), so please support them and help improve our town.

This Christmas, please do come and enjoy the festivities in town, see how things are changing and invest a little of your Christmas spirit in your local town.

## Dates For Your Diary

### St Piran's Day Celebrations
**Saturday 5th March 2011**
Town Centre and Redruth Rugby Football Club
*Contact: Lee Dunkley 01209 210038*

### Murdoch Day
**Saturday 18th June 2011**
The main Murdoch Day festivities
to take place across the town
*Contact: Peter Bennett 01209 210038*

### Miner's Day
**Friday 16th September 2011**
Town Centre
*Contact: John Hayward 01209 210747*

## CHRISTMAS QUIZ

If you want something a bit different and locally sourced, Redruth has a wealth of shops, offering an amazing selection of goods and services. Just a look at your weekly shopping list will show just how much you can buy in Redruth Town Centre.

We have two Butchers, three Bakers, a Greengrocer, and a Fishmonger (on a Friday). All of these are local businesses, employing local people and selling (as far as possible) local produce.

You can buy all sorts in Redruth nowadays, so test your knowledge with the following quiz:

### Where can you buy?

**A Needle and Thread**
**Fresh Yeast**
**Writing Paper**
**Computer Games**
**Slippers**
**Cornish Gifts**
**A Wedding Dress**
**Mobile Phone**
**Christmas Decorations**

Answers on a postcard to Redruth Town Council, The Chambers, Redruth, with a £20 voucher for the first correct answer pulled out of the hat at the January 31st 2011 Council meeting.

## New facebook Community Page for the People of Redruth!!

See all of the latest photographs, read about what is going on in the town and plans for the future. Have your say in the discussion forum. Watch videos and check up on all the latest events, news stories and much more!

Go to

**www.facebook.com/RedruthTown,**

or find the link on the Redruth Town Council website: www.redruth-tc.gov.uk

**Contact Lee Dunkley, Redruth Town Development Manager 01209 210038**
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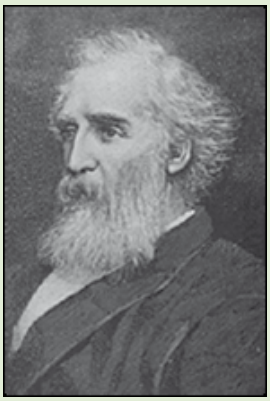
## *Write Your Story For A Book About Redruth!*



In celebration of the life of John Passmore Edwards, a Cornishman who is known for bringing reading and literature to the masses, and who paid for Redruth public library, there is a proposal to publish a book. We are looking for people of all ages to write a short, true, story about their experiences of the town. This could be contemporary, historic, comedy, tragedy, romance, or simply a reflection of the day-to-day life in and around Redruth. Tell us your story and be part of the book written by the Redruth community! At the time of writing, this project was in its early stages. More information will be available from Lee Dunkley, Town Development Manager on 01209 210038

## Redruth Town Council - Council Surgery Dates 2011

*come along and meet your Councillors*

**Saturday 8th January** - 10am to noon
**Wednesday 9th February** - 7pm to 9pm
**Saturday 12th March** - 10am to noon
**Wednesday 13th April** - 7pm to 9pm

*Wednesday Surgeries held in The Chambers, Penryn Street, Redruth*
*Saturday Surgeries held in the Cornwall Council One Stop Shop, Station Road, Redruth*

## YOUR COUNCILLORS

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# UPDATE FROM TOWN DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, LEE DUNKLEY

Just a quick update from me about the progress made in the last few months.

As you will have seen, the Clotworthy's building in Fore Street, which was identified by you, the people of Redruth, as the site most in need of attention back in February 2010, has been improved. The images on the front show Mr Clotworthy in the centre, and to each side are images of Redruth's Fore Street when traffic used to bustle through.

Another major site in need of attention is the wasteland area at the bottom of Station Hill. There is a plan for this area which is subject to attaining the necessary funding. It includes constructing a large piece of artwork – which has already been wonderfully designed by students at Redruth School – to cover the building face, and using artistic lighting to emphasise different facets. Plans for the space in front of the building are again subject to attaining funding, but we hope to be able to have it made safe for public use or at least use effective and artistic hoardings. As with Clotworthy's, these are interim measures pending redevelopment.

The alleyway adjacent to Wilkinson's and Clotworthy's (Butcher's Opeway) has been resurfaced and repainted, and the artwork along it cleaned up. As part of continued work to improve Redruth, the street furniture has also been cleaned and the probationary team have repainted and tidied up Symons Terrace.

In other news the town is coming alive throughout December with Christmas celebrations. The independent 'Christmas Events Group' have done a fantastic job of laying on many events, and they have also produced a programme which you can obtain as a hard copy from shops in the town centre, or from the Town Council Chambers on Penryn Street (opposite St Rumon's Gardens). Electronic copies can be sent to you on request – email me at tdm@redruth-tc.gov.uk. There is also a Christmas market every Saturday between 27th November and 18th December. For events further in to 2011, see the 'dates for your diary' section in this newsletter.

The online presence of the town is growing, and I'd like to point you to the new-look Town Council website which has up to date news and events information, a 'Redruth Revealed' film which you can watch, as well as all the Town Council business. It can be found at www.redruth-tc.gov.uk. The town has a brand new facebook page and is the focal point for online interaction; it can be found at www.facebook.com/RedruthTown.

**If you have any events or good news, get in touch and we'll publicise it online and on our notice boards.**

Please remember that we are always looking for enthusiastic local people to help make decisions and carry out work that is for the overall benefit of Redruth and the people that live here. If you would like to get involved and be proactive, or even if you just want to make any comments, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me; on the phone, by email, by post, by text, or in person.

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