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The FBRA Garden Party

When Elaine Leather first proposed adding a fun dog show to the annual garden show it has to be said that there was a certain amount of scepticism and quite a lot of terror among the FBRA committee. How wrong could we be! The 2014 event at the Princess Pavilion on Saturday 13 September brought in record crowds of people...and dogs.



Judge Jennifer Williamson admiring some very handsome dogs.

We would like to make it very clear that Andy Hocking was quite wrong when he suggested that he was well down the list of people we had asked to open the garden party. Who would want Kylie when we could have our fantastic local police officer? In kicking-off the proceedings, Andy praised the work done by FBRA, saying that we are one of the most respected and listened to community groups in Cornwall.



Mayor John Body buying a raffle ticket from FBRA fundraiser, Tony Sisson

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and to those who contributed to the book, bottle or unwanted gifts stall. Almost £1,000 was raised on the auction and raffle. We are very grateful to our very generous sponsors who donated prizes:

5 Degrees West	Greenbank Hotel	Penmere Hotel
Bailey's Country Store	Gylly Beach Café	Rick Stein
Boots	Harbour Lights	Royal Duchy Hotel
Clarique at Debenhams	Home Shed	Skinner's Brewery
Clinique at Debenhams	Hooked on the Rocks	St Michael's Hotel
Cornwall Flying Club	Hunkydory	The Cove
Dine Under	Johnsons Dry Cleaners	The Maritime Museum
Eden Project	Melvill House	The Seven Stars
Falmouth Garden Centre	Merchants Manor Hotel	Trago Mills
Falmouth Golf Club (2)	Meudon Hotel	Vospers Garage
Falmouth Hotel	Newquay Zoo	Wildflower Bakery
Finn McCouls	Ocean Bowl	

Finally, a huge thank you to Elaine Leather who worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the event and to Tony Sisson who managed to get such fantastic prizes from our sponsors.

David and Jill Yelland spent a busy afternoon and signed up 16 new members.



Newsdesk

- Community group, Friends of Falmouth Bay, has been established to help keep the seafront neat and tidy. FBRA helped form this group in partnership with the founding organisation, Falmouth and District Hotels Association, and representatives of Falmouth Town Council and Falmouth BID. For more info. go to www.facebook.com/Friendsoffalbay.
- The plans for the redevelopment of the Falmouth Beach Hotel site have received a mixed reaction. As opinions of FBRA members are divided, we have not taken an association view but have circulated individual comments and advised members on how to make representations.
- FBRA wrote a letter of objection in response to a pre-application planning proposal for a holiday lodge development on wooded land adjacent to the cemetery overlooking the lake at Swanpool. The response from Cornwall Council rejected the proposals, but did not rule out a more sympathetic development.
- Following the withdrawal of a retrospective planning application to establish a portable café in the conservation area on Boscawen Fields, the site was eventually cleared after the intervention of PC Andy Hocking and MP Sarah Newton. Ongoing developments on the site are being monitored.
- Work to repair the landing area at the south end of the lake at Swanpool is scheduled to commence in December. The project to build a terraced seating area at the north end has been beset with bureaucratic difficulties in negotiating the transfer of the allocated grant funding from Cornwall Council. To be continued.....
- Following the failure of Cornwall Council to apply for a Blue Flag award for Gyllyngvase Beach this year, local organisations, including FBRA, have joined together to form a Falmouth Beaches Management Group under the leadership of Falmouth Town Council. The aim of the group is to oversee the management of beach activities and to formulate an application for a Blue Flag award in 2015.

Falmouth Bay Residents' Association



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Mayor of Falmouth – Councillor John Body



Councillor John Body was born and raised in the Penwerris Ward of Falmouth. One of seven children (four sisters and two brothers) he attended Penwerris School, Falmouth Church of England School and Falmouth School before embarking on a successful career as an electrical engineer.

In 1993, John joined South West Water in Barnstaple and is now based at their Tolgus facility in Redruth. Upon returning to his home town, he became a school governor with Beacon School and also joined Falmouth Rugby Club as a Mini/Junior rugby coach, before joining the main committee and then becoming Club Chairman.

John was elected a Town and District Councillor in 1999 and has served as Penwerris Ward Town Councillor throughout the ensuing 15 years. He was elected Mayor of Falmouth in May this year.

John is married to wife Linda; they have three grown up children who live and work locally. In their spare time, he and Linda like watching football (they are avid Chelsea fans and members), rugby, tennis and cricket and they also enjoy walking, reading and family history.

John recently met with FBRA chairman, Jane Boriosi (pictured above) and secretary, David Yelland to discuss how they may best work together for the benefit of Falmouth. FBRA reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the Mayor and Town Council in all its activities whilst John welcomed the opportunity to lay the foundation to what he believed would be a very important and progressive working relationship.

UNIVERSITY UPDATE by Jilly Easterby¹

FALMOUTH
UNIVERSITY



As Falmouth University (Falmouth) and the University of Exeter (UoE) welcome c. 2300 new students to the Falmouth and Penryn Campuses, the universities have much to celebrate.

Falmouth's stellar rise of 26 places in The Sunday Times Good University Guide from 77th to 51st place ranks them third in the South West among modern universities and first in the creative arts universities sector.

Falmouth has appointed BAFTA Fellow, Dawn French as its first Chancellor; proudly unveiled its ceremonial mace and coat of arms; and launched new degrees in Digital Games, Television and Architecture.

Reaching a new high of 7th place, UoE has been named the top university in the South West in The Sunday Times Good University Guide. In 2015, its new £5M Science and Engineering Research Support Facility at the Penryn Campus will accommodate its Business School, a new BSc Business degree, and the expansion of Marine Renewables and the Centre of Ecology and Conservation.

UoE offers sciences and humanities degrees inspired by Cornwall's natural, historical and cultural environment at the Campus and an Environment and Sustainability Institute that leads research into environmental change. Its academics have recently attracted £16M in research funding.

In this tenth year of the universities' partnership in Cornwall, applications to both institutions have soared by almost a third, which is testament to their academic reputations, focus on student employability and investment in facilities, research and innovation.

Contributing significantly to the county's economic, cultural and social wellbeing, they provide opportunities for local people, support businesses, build community partnerships and promote Cornwall globally.

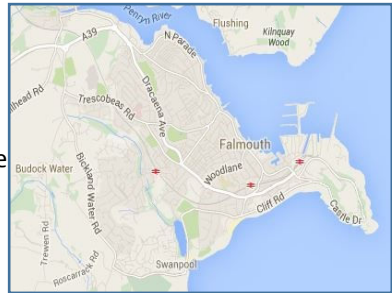
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FBRA's Role in planning Falmouth's future

Over the past few months there have been two significant developments which will influence future planning policy and decisions in Falmouth.

Firstly, Falmouth Town Council (FTC) is in the process of securing an "Article 4 Direction" from Cornwall Council to clear the way for it to have more control over the growth and location of HMOs (houses in multiple occupation) in the town. Such homes accommodate students and others from our community who are not property owners.



The second important development is the enlightened decision by FTC to formulate and introduce a Neighbourhood (Development) Plan (NP). NPs were introduced through the 2011 Localism Act and empower local people to obtain the developments they want for their community, particularly with respect to house building and infrastructure. Although a Falmouth NP may define the scope, location, style, etc, of housing development in the town, it will have to take into account the Cornwall Council assessment of housing needs in the area.

Both A4Ds and NPs give significant power to a community, consequently there has to be an extensive degree of public consultation and in the case of a NP, a public referendum. FTC have decided to progress and develop the Article 4 and Neighbourhood Plan proposals as a joint initiative and to include both issues in the referendum ballot. A steering group has been established to take the proposals forward, chaired by Cornwall and Falmouth Town Councillor, Candy Atherton. FBRA has been invited to join the steering group together with other community organisations including Falmouth Civic Society, Falmouth and District Hotels Association, Falmouth Town Forum, Falmouth University and the University of Exeter.

The Neighbourhood Plan provides a unique opportunity to manage the growth of our town; to define areas for new housing and to specify those areas (e.g, Pendennis Point, Boscawen Fields, etc.) where development should not be permitted. FBRA feels privileged to be involved in this process and will contribute in an enthusiastic and positive manner. For further information contact the secretary (see P 15)



Aerial photograph by Tom Swain

Coastguard Cottages Circa 1901

The imposing row of white Coastguard Cottages on the isthmus facing Falmouth Bay were built circa 1901 by the army garrison for their officers and soldiers as married soldiers' accommodation. At the same time they built the Regimental Institute in Pendennis Castle and Voskelly Water Tower.

On the 18th February 1901 construction commenced for 18 married soldiers of the permanent staff of the Castle Garrison. The quarters comprised of two blocks for eight families each flanking a slightly larger, more commodious house for the two families of the officers.

The walls were built of hard Exmouth Bricks and the roofs were covered with Delabole Countess Slates. The site was created by cutting into the steep side of the hill, in the area to the west of the Lunette, formerly known as Upton's Mount. The western revetment of the building platform re-used the breastwork of Bernard Johnson's Crownwork of 1645. The work was completed on the three buildings on 14th June 1902 at the cost of £8,595. Building records prepared in 1903 "from actual measurements" and an annotation of the original Plans in 1904 certify their completion. The Cottages use during the first and second world wars, were classified.



After the Second World War, the MOD gave the properties to The Coastguard and Maritime Agency. Each block of eight married quarters were transformed into 3 Coastguard Cottages and the middle house into the Falmouth Coastguard Station, in use until 1977. When the new Coastguard Station on the headland was built and opened by Prince Charles, the old station was left unoccupied.

The Old Coastguard Station was unoccupied for over 12 years and became derelict. The other Cottages were occupied by coastguard officers and their families, some worked in the new Coastguard Station on Pendennis Point and others were retired.

Eventually, the Coastguard and Maritime Agency sold each one to the occupants. The buildings are now in private ownership. The Old Coastguard Station was bought in 1992, with a demolition order, because of its state of disrepair. The Old Coastguard Station has been restored and made into a family home. The ground floor which was used as a boat store has been converted into holiday accommodation. When the Coastguards left the station, they left many historic and maritime artefacts, including the station tally board, which I rescued from the skip next to the house. This was featured on the Antiques Roadshow when they visited Falmouth.

In 1999, when I was researching the history of the Coastguard Station with the help of some retired coastguard officers, including Mr Peter Gilson, I discovered from “Fortress Falmouth” by Richard Linzey, there were plans of the cottages, the laundry room that served the Hornworks, and Voskelly Water Tower to be found in Somerset House. Most of the residents have copies of these plans, which give the cottages a sense of maritime history to be proud of. The Coastguard Cottages are now in a conservation area.

For further details contact Josie Fernihough (josiemarias@hotmail.co.uk)

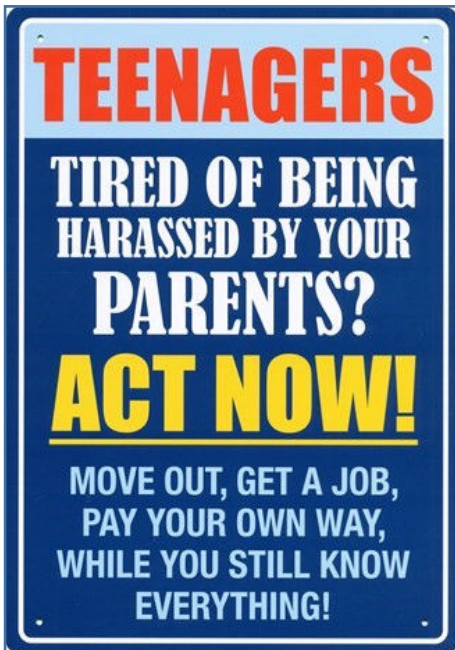
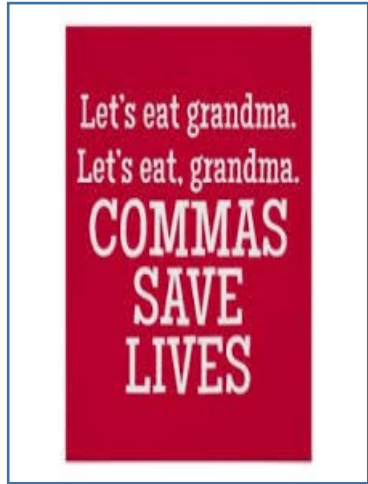
Over the next short period, our website will go live and become a useful tool for members and visitors alike. Visitors will have access to current news information and certain other pages, including the archive suite of pages. The archive is being set to allow public viewing of almost all material over six months old.

But the real benefit is for members that will allow searching of all pages including the archive. This is being achieved by a member login tab on the home page. The procedure is simple. Members enter their email address as their user name and the password sent to them as the site goes live. This automatically requires the member to change their password (thus allowing their own choice of password). Forgotten passwords are automated. If in doubt or experiencing difficulties, either use the automated feature or email webmaster@falmouthbay.co.uk.

An especially useful feature will be the history of planning applications available in one place. Our Secretary will continue the weekly email with the current changes, but these will also be added to the database. Members have automatic access to the Archive suite of pages without further login.

The website will be populated weekly in normal circumstances and suggestions for improvement should be sent to the webmaster at the email address above.





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Penhaligon's Friends is the children's bereavement charity for Cornwall and operates across the entire county. Last year we helped over 600 bereaved children come to terms with the death of a family member or close friend. We also support children and their families when facing a terminal diagnosis.

Our work is carried out in a combination of different ways; regular memory days and other gatherings for families, monthly teenage support groups in 4 locations across the county, fun days, parents groups, school and individual support.

In addition to our children's and family services we provide high-quality training in child bereavement to an ever-widening range of professionals and volunteers. Penhaligon's Friends has over 60 volunteers across the county and was proud to have won the Queens Award for Voluntary Service in 2010, the MBE for Charity Groups.

All our children's and family services are provided free-of-charge and are on-going for as long as they are needed in each individual case. We rely entirely upon grants and donations to ensure our charity is able to support those families that need us most!

For further information visit our website;
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2015 AGM Notice + Membership Briefing

2015 AGM Notice..... Our AGM is to take place on the afternoon of Sunday 1st February, 2015 at the Falmouth Hotel. Further details of guest Speakers and other arrangements will be circulated to members nearer the time.



At the AGM we elect committee members and officers to serve the association for the year ahead. To avoid potentially lengthy and tedious deliberations at the AGM we have decided, as in previous years, to seek nominations before the event so that any necessary voting on the day can be organised beforehand. Consequently, we are asking that any person interested in serving as a committee member or officer (Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary) should submit their names and contact details to the Secretary before 1st January 2015. If the number of those wishing to serve on the committee is greater than the maximum permitted under the constitution then an election will be held at the AGM.

To keep the association vibrant and progressive we really do need new members to come forward to serve on the committee. To register your nomination or to seek further information, please contact the secretary (contact details on P15)

Membership Briefing..... FBRA continues to grow; membership now stands at almost 250 households, a 25% increase over the past two years and a far cry from the 35 members we had in 2008 when we began to re-establish the association. The organisation thrives on openness and the active participation of its members. Any member who wishes to see the association accounts, receive minutes of committee meetings, submit an article for the newsletter or who wishes to make comments or proposals on current or future association activities should contact the Secretary (see page 15).

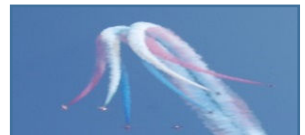




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Spring Newsletter: Our next newsletter is scheduled for publication in April. Please send any articles, adverts, photos, etc. to the Secretary before the end of March.



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Police, non urgent	101
NHS 111	111
PC Andy Hocking	01326 213453
Town Clerk – Mark Williams	01326 315559
Town Manager – Richard Gates	01326 313553
Town Mayor – Cllr John Body	01326 315559
Crimestoppers	0800 555111
Student behaviour issues	01326 255666
Cornwall Council:	
Anti-social behaviour/vandalism	0300 1234 232
Beaches	0300 1234 202
Dog fouling	0300 1234 212
General enquiries and all services	0300 1234 100
Litter and graffiti	0300 1234 141
Noise nuisance	0300 1234 212
Parking/Traffic	0300 1234 222
Parks and Gardens	0300 1234 202
Refuse collection	0300 1234 141



Red Arrows off Gyllyngvase Beach, May 2014
