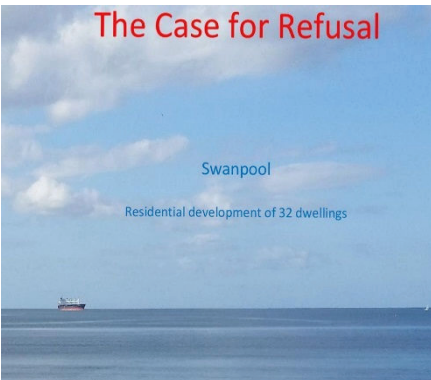




BBC's Donna Birrell opens FBRA Fete



Vet Jennifer Williams judging Fete fun dog show



FBRA's 16pp document to prevent developers building on....



Beautiful Swanpool ▲

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FBRA Garden Fete & Fun Dog Show

After what might generously be described as a mediocre summer, all fingers were crossed for fine weather on Saturday 12 September – the day of FBRA’s Garden Party and Fun Dog Show. Well the weather was perfect and was certainly a big contributing factor in drawing hundreds of people... and dogs to the Princess Pavilion.

Donna Birrell hotfooted it from BBC Radio Cornwall’s Breakfast Show to open the proceedings and complimented FBRA on its work for the local community and for holding such a fantastic event.



She proved that she meant every word by staying for the rest of the afternoon and enthusing about the event and the people she met there on her radio show the following morning.



It was eventually won by Sidney, seen here congratulating his owner, Arthur, with a paw shake.

It’s not always easy to persuade a dog to wag on command as proved in the ‘Wag-Off’ to choose the winner of the ‘Waggiest Tail’ section!





Vet Jennifer Williams, judged the Dog Show with good humour and unflinching patience. Every dog and owner behaved beautifully and it was almost impossible to choose official winners. No one went away empty handed as consolation bone biscuits were provided for dogs *and* for humans. At the end of the afternoon, Jupiter, owned by the King Family was awarded ‘Best in Show’.



Best in Show, Jupiter, and runner up, Sandy, with their owners

This year’s chosen charity is Blood Bikes - a team of volunteer Motorcyclists who deliver essential blood products, pathology samples, medication and other urgent medical requirements to NHS hospitals and hospices throughout Cornwall and beyond. One of their superbikes was at the fete all afternoon and we were pleased to make a donation of £500. *See article on p 8.*



A cheque for £50 from Hine Downing Financial Services being presented by FBRA committee member Tony Hallam To Marc from Blood Bikes.



Geoff and Pam Fuller selling honey which is actually produced in the Falmouth Bay Area

A huge thank you to everyone who attended and to those who contributed to FBRA stalls or ran their own stalls. Thank you to Steve Cook for providing the sound system and to Mayor, John Body, for supporting us and drawing the raffle. We are indebted to Elaine Leather who calmly and meticulously organised the whole event.

Over £1300 was raised on the auction and raffle. We are very grateful to our very generous sponsors who donated prizes:

Asda
Bailey's Country Store
Beauty Suite
Bottle Bank
Bows Accessories
Cornwall Chiropractic Clinic
Dine Under
Falmouth Cycles
Falmouth Garden Centre
Falmouth Golf Club
Five Degrees West
For Eyes
Greenbank Hotel
Gylly Beach Café

Hooked on the Rocks
Hunkydory
Harbour Lights
Iguana Grill
Mangia
Merchants Manor Hotel
Merlin Cinema
Meudon Hotel
Millers Garage
National Maritime Museum
Penmorvah Manor Hotel
Penmere Hotel
Rick Stein

Rowes Honda
Royal Duchy Hotel
Scarlet Hotel
Seaview Inn
Seven Stars
Skinner's Brewery
St Austell Brewery
St Michael's Hotel
The Cove
The Warehouse Restaurant
Thornton's Chocolates
Trago Mills



Neighbourhood Plan for Falmouth



The Falmouth Neighbourhood Plan process is continuing apace following analysis of the feedback from the community engagement process held earlier this year. Over 1300 questionnaires were returned and scrutinised to identify the issues of most importance to Falmouth residents when planning the Town's future.

A few notable results from the study were that over 75% of those responding wished the harbour to be dredged to accommodate larger cruise ships; a similar number supported the principle of an article 4 Direction to control the spread of HMOs (houses of multiple occupation).

Also, when presented with a list of benefits that a neighbourhood plan may bring to Falmouth, by far the most popular choice was "Protection of Local Green Spaces" with a response rating of over 92%.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, under the authority of Falmouth Town Council, is now drafting proposals and policies to be included in the final plan document. To bring the plan into effect will require the endorsement of the people of Falmouth in a referendum, scheduled to be held in the autumn of next year.

The work of preparing proposals and policies for inclusion in the neighbourhood plan has been allocated to four working groups. FBRA is represented on the steering group and is taking the lead in chairing the working group with the remit, "Environment and Open spaces". This task will entail the identification, and designation of all sensitive open spaces in Falmouth and will specify that they should be protected from development. For further information, go to: <http://planforfalmouth.info>

*Not receiving the weekly email? Tell the Secretary by email to:
secretary@fbra.co.uk*

Review of the year

This time last year we were largely unprepared for what was to come. Early in the New Year we saw an escalation in the activities at the former SW Water pumping station since known as Lendien Rocks. So much so that it was necessary to look to ensure the safety of the users of the public footpath from Boscawen Road to the Coastal Path. This particular issue continues to be unresolved but we are hopeful that a satisfactory conclusion can be found in the first quarter of 2016. Shortly thereafter the largish area above Swanpool was targeted for development by Linden Homes (despite their groups website stating that 99% (approximately) of their house building is on brown field sites). We guess that Swanpool is the culprit that helps to keep them off a 100% brownfield record. Very significant activity took place by members of the Executive Committee researching the fact that the same parcel of land had already been turned down on appeal by HM Inspector some years previously. In the early summer FBRA and others were successful in persuading the strategic planners to turn down the application by a unanimous decision. It is thus pretty galling to see Linden Homes both submitting an identical application as if it were a fresh one and appealing the original applications refusal of planning. In the process of the latter the applicant's agent is seeking substantial costs from Cornwall Council (if the applicant were to win on appeal). Democracy is being sidelined; it also creates needless amounts of work for all involved. FBRA continues to seek a solution to the car wash on Swanpool Beach Car Park recognising that some residents find it a useful facility. It is though in the wrong place and/or needs significant camouflaging were it to be approved once the retrospective planning application is determined. FBRA, with others, needed to move pretty swiftly when the Ships & Castles leisure facility came under serious threat earlier in the summer. For the moment that threat has receded.

It is, of course, not all like this. FBRA had a very successful Fete in September (and another is in the pipeline for next Summer) and had an equally successful litter pick around Castle Drive and on the main beaches. Overall our town has performed brilliantly all year.



Major known Events for 2016

Once again Falmouth is host to a large number of events throughout 2016 starting, of course, with the Residents' Association AGM on Sunday 24th January (see page 11). Early spring will see the litter pick across Castle, Gyllyngvase and Swanpool beaches as well as around the Castle Drive. Details in the weekly updates nearer the time. All will be welcome to help!

Sailing Regattas feature strongly from late spring right the way through the summer backed up by the Sea Shanty Festival from 17 to 19 June and Falmouth Week which this year will be from 5th to 14th August. We understand that the Red Arrows will return during Falmouth Week and their simulator will again be on the Prince of Wales Pier. Later in the year we see the Oyster Festival returning probably from the 13th to 16th October. The hugely successful Real Ale Beer Festival is scheduled but not yet firmed up (likely to be in shucking distance of The Oyster Festival so between mid-October and Halloween).



Falmouth Carnival



Beer Festival



Oyster Festival



Working Boats

Alongside all the above the FBRA Garden Fete is scheduled to take place at the Princess Pavilion on Saturday 3rd September. A little earlier, the second season of Zestifal will be between 23rd to 27th July with free activities for all. Later, towards the end of the year no doubt, the Santa Fun Run will return alongside the excellent range of Christmas activities co-ordinated by the town.



Sea Shanty Festival



Santa Fun Run gears up



Tarquin FBRA Fete



Red Arrows over the bay

Want to help? See how on page 14

Cornish Blood Bikes



Cornish Blood Bikes are a group of self-funding volunteers operating as a registered charity to provide a free ‘out of hours’ delivery service to NHS partners throughout Cornwall and beyond by arrangement. Cornwall Blood Bikers (Charity No. 1140165) received ‘Registered Charity Status’ on 2 February 2011, becoming fully operational in July 2012. They are members of the Nationwide Association of Blood Bikes (NABB). The objects of the charity are:

1. To provide an ‘out of hours’ delivery service to transport items of a medical nature to locations throughout Cornwall.
2. To encourage safe riding practices both within and without the Charity.
3. To promote a positive image of motorcycling to the general public.

As they deliver their service outside of the normal operating hours of regular NHS transport services, they provide a significant financial saving to their NHS partners in contractor courier fees and private taxi fares. Using mainly motorcycles for transportation they are able to offer a fast, efficient and dedicated service, which is exclusive to their NHS partners.

They estimate that in 2014 alone that they saved their NHS partners in excess of £150,000 covering 62,8431 operational miles and completing 2,143 jobs. Services are available to NHS partners on an ‘out of hours’ basis from 17:00 in the evening to 07:00 in the morning Monday to Friday and 24 hours over Weekends and Bank Holidays. Riders deliver and collect from hospitals and hospices throughout Cornwall and sometimes beyond. Midwives, Nurses and Doctors working with patients in the community are able to access the service for ‘urgent’ (can’t wait until tomorrow) deliveries by arranging for deliveries and or



collections to be made to their nearest hospital. This ensures the safety of their riders and helps them to operate an efficient and fast service.

Deliveries are made by volunteers who are required to be qualified advanced motorcyclists (IAM, RoSPA or equivalent). Volunteers freely give up their time to serve the community and do this in the knowledge that they will almost certainly never meet the patients that they are helping and who will probably never know of the existence of the Cornwall Blood Bike service or that it played any part in their recovery. All their volunteers are provided with the necessary kit (satchels, spill kits, etc.) to meet the requirements for carrying goods as specified by NHS partners whether using one of the liveried Blood Bikes or their own private motorcycle.

High-visibility jackets and liveried motorcycles mean the riders are very visible to the public so it is essential that they behave with the utmost professionalism at all times. This contact is their opportunity to impress and so promote a positive image of motorcyclists and what they are doing for our community.

Cornwall Blood Bikes Registered Charity 1140165
NHS Call-Out number 0300 365 0911

www.cornwallbloodbikes.org



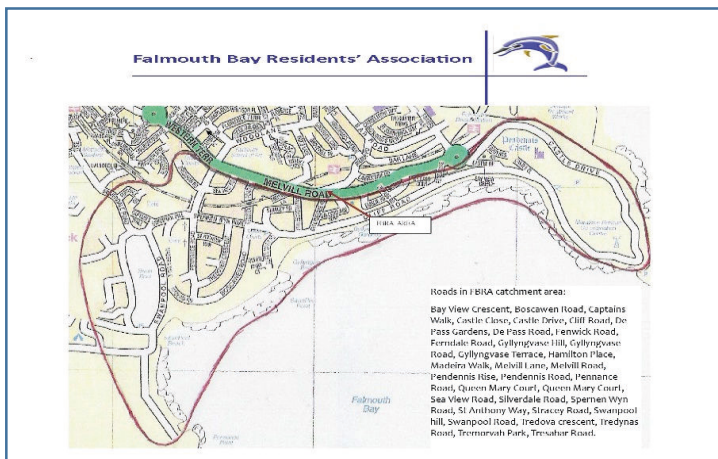
FBRA Constitution

From time to time it is necessary to review our Constitution to both see that it remains relevant and up to date.

In the wake of considerable growth in membership and activity levels over the last two years we will be asking for a vote on the latest amendments at the AGM in January. You can see the full revised constitutional proposals at www.falmouthbay.co.uk. You do not need a login to view this part of the website. A summary of the proposals includes:

1. To note that the area is slightly expanded to include both sides of Melvill Road.
2. The Aims (objectives) have been expanded slightly to reflect the changes in activity level.
3. Membership is now more definitive and less ambiguous.
4. Finances including the subscription rates, are more clearly defined.
5. Management is now defined under *Executive Committee*
6. General Meetings are now defined more appropriately.

Whilst the clear majority of members are users of the internet and receive regular updates we are aware that some do not have nor wish to have internet facilities, including email and web site access. If you are one of these members please contact the Secretary who will be pleased to provide a written copy.



The old map which will be altered to encompass membership on both sides of Melvill Road



Falmouth Bay Residents' Association



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To be held on

Sunday 24th January, 2016
Commencing **2.30 p.m.**

at the

Falmouth Hotel



- ◆ **Guest speaker – Jacqui Owen**
Britain in Bloom RHS Community Champion Award Winner 2015 &
Tempus Leisure Visitor & Education Officer, Gyllyngdune Gardens
- ◆ **Association reports and future plans**
- ◆ **Discussion forum**
Mayor John Body, Sarah Newton MP, Councillors and PC Matt Cummins
are expected to attend



Free admission and refreshments

MEMBERS, GUESTS AND PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

See www.falmouthbay.co.uk for further information

Please call Falmouth Hotel on 01326 312671, mentioning you are a member of FBRA, to receive a 10% discount if you wish to have lunch. Please ask for the first sitting.



Membership Application

I/We apply for **Regular/Associate/Renewal membership***¹ of the Residents' Association. **delete as appropriate*

I acknowledge that memberships are per household and that all residents of the same household over the age of 18 may apply for membership as part of one subscription. I confirm that all applicants listed below live as part of the same household. I enclose the membership subscription of £5 p.a.² noting that the membership year ends on 31st December each year.

Lead applicant and communication point

First Name.....

Surname..... Age:³ (optional).....

Address.....

Address 2.....

Address 3.....

Town..... Post code.....

Telephone:..... Mobile.....

Email:

Signed..... Date.....

Second applicant⁴

First Name.....

Surname..... Mobile.....

Email:

1. All Regular members may vote. All Associate members may NOT vote except in special circumstances (Constitution 4(c)) 2. Subscription rates may vary. 3. In year of application and is *Optional*. (It helps when asking for assistance). 4. Additional applications should be entered on a clean sheet of paper and attached.

Please familiarise yourself with our constitution at www.falmouthbay.co.uk

Please return completed form to B Keer, FBRA, 49 Pennance Rd, Falmouth, TR11 4ED



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2016 AGM Notice + Membership Briefing

Our AGM is to take place on the afternoon of Sunday 24th January, 2016 at the Falmouth Hotel from 2:30 pm. Further details of guest speakers and other arrangements can be seen on p11.



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 will, as in previous years, seek nominations before the event so that any necessary voting on the day can be organised beforehand. With this in mind, 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 your association vibrant and progressive ***we really do need new members to come forward to serve on the committee.*** This year a number of committee members are standing down after 3 years and are not seeking re-election. So, 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 just under 270 households, a 10% increase over the past year.

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 (*contact details on P15*).



Town Mayor, John Body, receives PC Andy Hocking's shoulder badge from Chief Constable Shaun Sawyer. With Inspector Thompson, OIC Falmouth.



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NHS 111	111
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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



The Red Arrows scheduled to return to Falmouth during Falmouth Week, 5th to 14th August 2016
