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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Since our last Newsletter, we have held our second 'It's a Knockout' which took place on Saturday, 16th July 2016

Although the sun did not shine, the event was well attended and everyone enjoyed themselves. We had several requests to hold a third next year. A great success!

We were involved with a 'Cricket Day' at Mumbles Cricket Club and this event attracted many new inspiring young cricketers. A good day was had by all.

Sunday, 31st July 2016 was the 31st Mumbles Raft Race. I was, once again, invited onto the Mumbles Lifeboat, an experience I have now enjoyed four times, and to make the day even more enjoyable, the sun shone for the duration of the event and beyond.

Other events are being planned and details can be found on our 'Events' page.

'Wales in Bloom' judging took place on Wednesday, 13th June 2016 and 'Mumbles in Bloom' on the 10th August 2016.

Our Summer Newsletter featured Emily Bowen celebrating her 100th birthday. I sadly have to inform you that Emily passed away recently. Our sympathy is extended to all her family and friends.

Again, I thank you all for your continued support.



Stanley 'Rocky' Rockminster celebrating his 100th birthday at the Ocean Living Residential Home, being presented with a birthday card and a bottle of Penderyn Whiskey by Cllr. Helen Mitchell, on behalf of Mumbles Community Council. 'Rocky' was also presented with a Royal British Legion plaque by Tony Colburn, Chairman of the Mumbles & South Gower Branch of the Royal British Legion.

Rocky is an RAF Veteran who was a fighter pilot during WW2. **A true hero!** Rocky is the father of Barbara Rockminster, Mumbles Trader and owner of Splash ladies clothing

Sadly 'Rocky' passed away 7 days later

COUNCILLOR HELEN MITCHELL
CHAIRMAN, MUMBLES COMMUNITY COUNCIL.

VAL BEVAN



MRS. VAL BEVAN

Former Mumbles Community Councillor, Newton Ward

It is with extreme sadness I have to inform you of the passing of Val Bevan.

Val was one of the founder members' of Mumbles Community Council and was its Chairman from 1987 to 1991. She was a very active member of the council until her health started to fail, but even then, attended as many meetings as she could. Val served the community with great enthusiasm, commitment and dignity, and always maintained a very high standard.

She was always with the first to volunteer help with any events, especially during the 9 years of Navy Days, arriving before 'opening' and would not leave until the last visitor left the venue.

Val and her late husband, for many years, owned and ran the Newsagent shop in Newton, which was the 'hub' of the community, and was highly thought of by the residents of Newton and all who met her. She continued to live in Newton up to the present day.

Val will be greatly missed by all her friends and colleagues. Mumbles Community Council wish to express it's deepest sympathy to Val's family.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATES



There maybe light at the end of the tunnel! Things are moving along swiftly now with the developments and disruption in Mumbles. The new Tivoli will be completed in about 5 weeks from the beginning of October. The suggested date for the Co-op to open is 29 October! Watch this space. The units in the Tivoli development have begun their fitting out so these will open on various dates but most should be open by the end of November with a few in beginning of 2017. This is all subject to change.

You can see the developers have kept and enhanced the original art deco facade from the pictures here. The long panoramic picture is from the top of the Tivoli development about a month ago. You can see on the left the castle and then 180 degrees around the bay to the pier. An amazing view from what is to be a Spanish brasserie style restaurant and bar.

The Conservative Club flats are pretty much finished as you can see from the picture. The Rugby Club has had a full make over and the

DEVELOPMENT UPDATES



bar is now called the 1887 (the year their club was formed). Thus another tidying up of the area which can only be a good thing.

Road works carried out by Welsh Water are still ongoing across the Mumbles area. Newton Road, by the Police Station, will be down to one lane and traffic lights by the time you read this Newsletter, but Welsh Water have assured us that this work will be

finished by mid November at the latest

Finally, new planning consent has been submitted for the M&S development in the SA3 carpark and by all accounts has been agreed pending a few points. So a new chapter for Mumbles and the surrounding area which can only be a good thing for the continued development, growth and sustainability of our lovely home.

GRANTS



The only grants made this quarter are £100 to Mumbles Rangers Boys & Girls Club for equipment and £491 to Mumbles Festival of Music and the Arts 2016 - see their website mumblesmusicfestival.co.uk.

Mumbles Rangers FC

The present day club now boasts a vibrant membership of over 450 players, with over 300 boys and girls aged between 6 years and 16 years and nearly 80 volunteer coaches. The club must be one of the largest in Wales. All coaches have been CRB checked and have or are working towards the FAW Football Leaders Award and First Aid Certification, which are all a mandatory requirement. . The current management committee members are Des Criddle (President), Chris Parkin (Chairman), Mike Podbielski (Secretary) and Clive Henson (Treasurer)



Mumbles Festival of Music

This year's festival is going to be one to remember. From Flower displays to a Cabaret Night, we have it all! We have some incredible artists of all natures joining us, so make sure you come and join us for a week of celebrating this amazing display of Music and Arts.

HIGHWAYS



Progress is very slow in reaching a compromise / agreement / decision on the parking restrictions around St. Peter's Church, Newton.

This issue has been ongoing since 2011, when it was thought that the restrictions would be put in place, but now, we have met with opposition from the local Ward Councillor.

Mumbles Community Council has the support of not only the Police, but also the Bus Company whose drivers have said that this area is the worst to negotiate on the route to Caswell. Representatives from Mumbles Community Council hope to resolve this, one way or another, in the near future.

CRICKET EVENT



With the help of the Community Council the event significantly raised the profile of the Club in the community, providing the opportunity for a number of children in our catchment area to "Have a Go" at cricket.

Particularly gratifying was the number of girls that came along and enjoyed the day.

Women's cricket is a major growth area in the sport, one that the Club is keen to embrace and foster. Hopefully, our event will act as a

catalyst for more girls becoming involved in cricket through the Club.

The Club wishes to thank Mumbles Community Council for their support in promoting what was, from our perspective, a thoroughly worthwhile and enjoyable day, with 42 children between the ages of 9-11 participating.

Best wishes,

STEVE DAVIES,
JUNIOR CRICKET CO-ORDINATOR

GILLIAN CLARKE & POETRY CORNER

The Visit Of Gillian Clarke, National Poet of Wales to Oystermouth Library

June 16th 2.30pm - 4.30pm

Mumbles Community Council was honoured to welcome Gillian Clarke to Oystermouth Library as part of the Library's 80th Anniversary.

The elements conspired to produce an accompaniment of thunder, lightning and heavy rain as an atmospheric backdrop for the Poetry Reading. Gillian enthralled a packed room with a selection of poems from her latest book, one of her poems moving some members of the audience to tears. The poetry was interspersed with memories of Gillian's life, often related to a particular poem.

A magical afternoon, all too soon came to an end. Mumbles Community Council would like to thank Sarah Rees from Cover to Cover and



Judy Knight of Oystermouth Library for co-ordinating the afternoon.

Pictured with Gillian Clarke is Lydia White, who, many years ago whilst at Newton Primary School, took part in one of Gillian's Poetry Workshops. Today, as a poet herself, she reminisces with Gillian, recalling that visit.

Pictured are the winners of the schools 'Poetry Competition 2015', being presented with Book Tokens by Cllr. Helen Mitchell on behalf of Mumbles Community Council.

All entries received were magnificent and it was a difficult task to select winners. However, after much deliberations, the winners were :-

1st Prize went to Sebastian W.J. Rowlands, aged 10, for his poem 'Life in the Trenches'

2nd Prize went to Ellie Wignall, aged 11, for her poem 'Another World'



3rd Prize went to Thomas Daniel Clarkson, aged 11, for his poem 'What is the Point of War'

All three prize winners attended St. David's R.C. School, West Cross.

IT'S A KNOCKOUT

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Although the weather was far from what we would have wished, the photographs show that the rain certainly didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the contestants.

The event was well supported with a variety of gazebos and tents being erected to provide shelter for spectators. It was fun, laughs and a sharing of sporting rivalry.

Last year two age groups competed.

This year, responding to requests, there was an extra age group.

The age groups on the day were,

Minis (Y5, Y6 Primary)

Juniors (Age 12-14)

Adults 15 Onwards.

The Minis Winners were Newton School Year 6 Boys and Girls. Juniors Winners were Mumbles Vikings. Adult Winners MSA 2.



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and the winners are...MSA Trust



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IT'S A KNOCKOUT RESULTS



The Winning Teams

Adults

	Team Name	Points
1st	MSA 2	360
2nd	Cheers	320
3rd	ATC 1998 West Cross Squadron	270
4th	MSA	240
5th	Parkway Tooth Fairies	220
6th	UWTSD	170

3rd	Mumbles Prey	280
4th	Mumbles Mighties	270
5th	The Mushroom Pies	240
6th	Joanne's Angels	230

Mini's

	Team Name	Points
1st	Newton Yr 6 Boys & Girls	340
2nd	Oystermouth Year 5	290
3rd	Oystermouth Year 6	230
4th	Oystermouth Marshmallows	220

Juniors

	Team Name	Points
1st	Mumbles Vikings	310
2nd	Mumbles Predators	290



MUSIC IN THE PARK



Music In Southend Gardens, Sunday 28th August Featuring the City of Swansea Concert Band 2pm - 4pm Loughor Town Band 4.30pm - 6.30pm

Amid sunshine and showers an enthusiastic audience enjoyed the music of The City of Swansea Band. Thirty two musicians delighted the audience with the variety of their programme. Following on, the Loughor Town Band faced competition from First Responders, ambulances and police cars, speeding past with their sirens making their own "musical" input to the music of the band. With the Air Ambulance hovering overhead appearing to be considering a touch down in the park, chairs were about to be moved to accommodate a safe landing when the air ambulance



suddenly veered away and landed on the beach. The Loughor Town Band delivered a varied programme which met with a spirited response from the audience. Their penultimate number, "Eternal Father Strong to Save," was performed as a fitting tribute to the dedication and bravery of the RNLI crews commemorated by the sculpture in the Gardens commissioned and paid for by Mumbles Community Council, assisted by a grant from The Arts Council for Wales. The afternoon concluded with a rendition of The Welsh National Anthem.

A particularly delightful highlight of this musical afternoon was the sight of so many young children dancing happily to the music.

FUTURE EVENTS

TUESDAY DECEMBER 6th - 2pm - 4pm A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT THE OSTREME CENTRE.

Get in the mood for Christmas with music provided by our "resident" Starlight Group. Always requested but not always available, so the group is always booked well in advance to avoid disappointment. Another free event.

MUMBLES' GOT TALENT

Our first big event of 2017 will be Mumbles' Got Talent. This will be well advertised on our website and local media. Entry forms and dates of auditions will be available, early 2017.

For more information on future events please visit www.mumbles.gov.uk

MUMBLES IN BLOOM

Mumbles in Bloom 2015 RESULTS

Mumbles Community Council wish to extend a big 'Thank you' to Mr. Teifion Davies, C&CS Parks Dept. for giving up his valuable time in order to judge this year's Mumbles in Bloom competition, and for his extensive knowledge of all plants, flowers and presentations. MCC also thanks all who made this possible.

SCHOOL CATEGORY

Commended : Mayals Primary School

COMMERCIAL PREMISES

1st Prize: Mumbles Pier

2nd Prize: Mumtaz (Oystermouth)

3rd Prize: The Pilot (Oystermouth)

Commended: P.A.'s (Oystermouth)

FRONT GARDENS

1st Prize: 9 Lady Housty Avenue (Newton)

2nd Prize: 15 Fairwood Road (West Cross)

3rd Prize: 102 Plunch Lane (Oystermouth)

Commended: 17 Clifton Terrace (Oystermouth)

103 Plunch Lane (Oystermouth)

COMMUNITY AWARD

Mill Gardens (Blackpill, Mayals)

CONTAINER GARDENS

1st Prize: 82 Mill Gardens (Blackpill, Mayals)

2nd Prize: 32 St. Andrews Close (Mayals)

3rd Prize: 112 Plunch Lane (Oystermouth)

Commended: 1 Roman Court (Blackpill, Mayals)

COTTAGE GARDENS

1st Prize: 86 Mill Gardens (Blackpill, Mayals)

2nd Prize: 64 Mill Gardens (Blackpill, Mayals)

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MUMBLES IN BLOOM AWARD CEREMONY



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Community Council



TWINNING



On September 5th 2016, Mumbles Community Council hosted a Civic Reception for our French visitors from Hennebont at The George Hotel, Mumbles. In the absence, due to prior commitments, of both the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Mumbles Community Council, Councillor Anthony Colburn undertook the civic duties in relation to this event. Old friendships were renewed and new ones made.

Memories of past visits and information of French friends, not present, exchanged.

Speeches of welcome from The Mayor of Hennebont, André Hartereau and Councillor Anthony Colburn were followed by the exchange of gifts. This was followed by a buffet, prior to our visitors leaving for an escorted tour of Oystermouth Castle.

HONOUR OF MUMBLES



John Blyth



Chris Parkin



Mike Podbielski



Graham Wright

This year the Mumbles Community Council 'Honour of Mumbles' award was given to 4 worthy recipients who have served our community.

The award ceremony took place on Thursday, 8 September 2016, at the Langland Bay Golf Club.

This venue was chosen, yet again, due to its surroundings, overlooking the picturesque Langland Bay and also for the service provided for such a prestigious event, This year it was

decided to hold the awards for 'Mumbles in Bloom' the same evening, making it a more memorable occasion.

HONOUR OF MUMBLES RECIPIENTS.

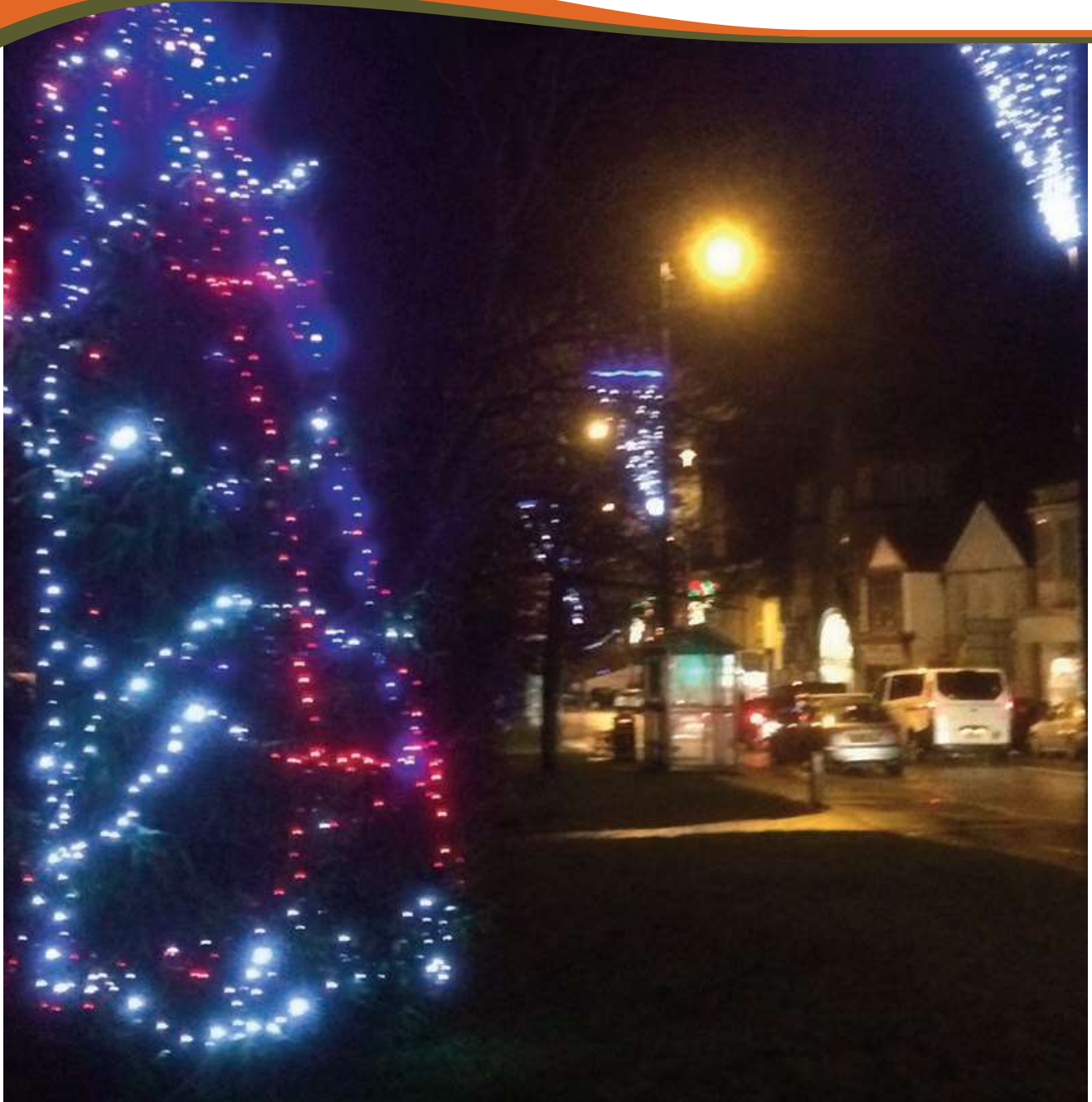
John Blyth - for services given to the Mumbles Cricket Club

Chris Parkin - for services given to the Mumbles Rangers

Mike Podbielski - for services given to Mumbles Rangers

Graham Wright - for service given to the Mumbles RNLI

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS



Arrangements are now in hand for the Christmas Illuminations, but at present there is no update on the 'living tree' for Picket Mead.

We are still waiting to replace the lights on the tree in Southend Gardens. This coming

Christmas we should be able to extend the lamp post motifs almost to Verdi's. We are also arranging for the 3 established sites for the Christmas trees, ie. Blackpill, West Cross & Oystermouth to be installed again this year. Let us hope that none are vandalised as per last Christmas.

SOCIAL MEDIA

You can keep up to date with all things Community Council by following and liking us on Social media



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PAINTING COMPETITION

The winners of the 2015 schools 'Painting Competition' were **Timothy and Solomon Baker**, pupils at Grange Primary School, West Cross, seen here accepting gift tokens, presented by Cllr. Helen Mitchell on behalf of Mumbles Community Council. **Well done boys.**





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