

# Town & Parish Council

## Newsletter July 2009 - Edition 4

### 123 Members Elected..... Let's all work together for the people of Cornwall.

#### Community Networks:

We now have in position all our community network managers for our 19 networks. Here is a quick introduction to them:-

#### **Charlotte Chadwick** **Community Network Manager - Helston & The Lizard.**

Before joining the Localism team, I was the Business Adviser/ Employment & Enterprise Officer at Penwith District Council for the past six years, which involved me in extensive business support and economic development projects, including undertaking the Council's annual business survey and nurturing local enterprise and training projects to benefit the economy of the area. Prior to moving to Cornwall, I was Director of the Education Business Partnership in Lancashire which involved project managing a diverse range of partnership initiatives to bridge the gap between working life and the classroom. I am also Chair of Young Enterprise Cornwall which enables hundreds of young people each year, to set up and run their own business.

#### **David Chadwick** **Joint Community Network Manager - Newquay & St Columb and St Agnes & Perranporth.**

I previously worked for North Cornwall District Council undertaking community regeneration and latterly in business liaison and economic development. Prior to moving to Cornwall I lived and worked in Greater Manchester as a senior planner for the Learning and Skills Council and before that heading up an economic development unit at the Bolton and Bury Chamber of Commerce, Training and Enterprise.

#### **Colin Creswell** **Community Network Manager - Liskeard & Looe**

I was appointed as the interim Community Network Manager for the Liskeard and Looe area in June 2009. I previously worked as a town planner for Caradon District Council where I was responsible for progressing the Local Plan for the area. Some of your faces will already be familiar to me, although I am looking forward to meeting

many more of you over the coming weeks within my new role.

#### **Martin Eddy** **Joint Community Network Manager - Bodmin and Fowey, Lostwithiel & Par.**

I was born in Cornwall and went to university in London. For the past 15 years I have worked in local government for Caradon District Council and Cornwall County Council in heritage work based around Cornish mining, rural regeneration including parish planning, customer services, and most recently for One Cornwall leading on the Town and Parish Council work.

#### **Steven Ford** **Community Network Manager - Truro.**

I worked in the One Cornwall team for several years as part of the parish liaison team looking at how the new council could work in partnership with parish and town councils to further the localism agenda. Previously, I worked overseas in South Africa (Cape Town) where I set up a non governmental organisation dedicated to finding work and training opportunities for residents of a township by the name of Imizamo Yethu. I also have an academic background, having completed a PhD looking at the constitutional changes that occurred in South Africa in 1994, and the overriding theme of my previous studies was how government institutions can change in a way that better represents the societies over which they govern.

#### **Steve Foster** **Community Network Manager - St Austell.**

I am covering the St Austell area while Helen Nicholson is on maternity leave. The network covers the five St Austell electoral divisions, plus Mevagissey and St Mewan. I am also responsible for setting up the four new parish councils in the area, including St Austell Town Council, and will be their clerk until permanent appointments are made in the late summer. I was formerly with



Restormel Borough Council and worked for a couple of London Boroughs before that.

**Maxine Hardy**

**Community Network Manager - Hayle & St Ives.**

Prior to commencing this post I worked in Economic Development for Kerrier District Council. Immediately before that I worked as the Business Broker for West Cornwall which involved setting up, running and managing a business network. Most of my career has been spent working for the public sector with the private sector in a support/advisory capacity, within the wider setting of economic development and regeneration.

**Mark James**

**Community Network Manager – Camborne, Pool & Redruth.**

Before becoming the Community Network Manager for the Camborne, Pool, Redruth area, I was the Regeneration Manager at Kerrier District Council. Before that, I have had a number of careers; 4 years with Adult Education (Cornwall County Council) managing the Falmouth Adult Education Centre, delivering learning to 7500 adults a year. I worked 8 years as a lecturer for Cornwall College, working at Falmouth Marine School. 4 years as an Anti Submarine Warfare (ASW) simulation engineer at RNAS Culdrose. Studied for a degree as a mature student and starting it all off 8 years working for British Telecom as an engineer.

**Sally Newby**

**Community Network Manager – Penzance & The Lizard.**

I am an experienced project and company manager with thirteen years management experience in both the public and private sector operating at both a local and strategic level. I am currently the Community Network Manager for the Penzance Network. Before that I was Community Regeneration Manager for Penwith District Council responsible for the delivery of the Community Regeneration Programme and immediately prior to that I was the Managing Director of Rural Economic Partnership Ltd, a regeneration company responsible for the delivery of community and economic development programmes in West Cornwall.

**Mark O'Brien**

**Joint Community Network Manager – Callington and Launceston**

For the last 5 years I've been Open Spaces Manager for Carrick District Council, developing an Open Spaces Strategy, County and District Play Strategy, and working on active partnering

with Falmouth Town and Truro City Councils with regards to management of The Moor and Lemon Quay public spaces in particular. Prior to that I worked as Neighbourhood Renewal officer in two communities and also have experience in park and greenspace development and resident participation.

**Chris Sims**

**Community Network Manager – Bude and Camelford.**

I have worked for the local authority in Cornwall for 5 years. Before commencing as Community Network Manager I worked for Children's Services on the implementation of the Common Assessment Framework. Prior to this I worked for the Drug & Alcohol Action Team, leading on the young person's substance misuse strategy. Before that I worked in the voluntary sector, firstly with an organisation offering support to young people and adults with Autism & Aspergers and more recently with Stonham Housing Association who offer support and housing to vulnerable people.

**Sarah Sims**

**Joint Community Network Manager – Wadebridge & Padstow and China Clay.**

I have worked for the local authority for 10 years in the Children's Services department. I have worked with local communities and partner agencies in the development and implementation of Sure Start Local Programmes and Children's Centres. I managed the Children and Young People's Partnership for 4 years and supported the development of the first Children and Young People's plan in Cornwall. Prior to my work with the local authority I worked in the voluntary sector for an organisation offering support to adults with Aspergers and Autism.

**Scott Sharples**

**Community Network Manager – Falmouth & Penryn.**

Prior to taking on this exciting new role I have had a variety of jobs in the former county council starting as a volunteer and moved into developing projects to regenerate town centres, create local environmental improvements and more latterly managed a team in countryside access and recreation roles. I have also worked outside of local government in private industry in the food sector for a number of years and as a postman whilst studying for my degree.

**Simon Swale**

**Community Network Manager for Saltash & Torpoint.**

My background is in programme management, institutional capacity building and community strategic planning. I have over 20 years

development work experience, primarily in Cornwall but I have also worked regionally and internationally. I am one of four senior partners and a founding member of consultancy that specializes in areas of work with organisations and communities, including project facilitation and community engagement in service development and planning. I worked for four years with the Market & Coastal Towns Association, providing guidance and support to partnerships in sixteen towns in Cornwall, addressing regeneration through community-led initiatives and aligning them to public sector strategies and funding streams. This led to work on the development of effective links between the Cornwall Towns Association and statutory planning within the framework of the newly established Unitary Authority.

### **Cornwall Council Members:**

At the first full Council meeting of the 123 new Cornwall Council Members, it was decided who will take the roles of Leader, Cabinet Members, Chairman and Vice Chairman.

The following Members make up the Cabinet, shown here with their area of responsibility.

Leader – Alec Robertson CC

Corporate Support – Jim Currie CC

Economic & Regeneration – Carolyn Rule CC

Children – Sally Bain CC

Stronger Communities – Lance Kennedy CC

Adult Care – Armand Toms CC

Highways, Transport & Planning – Graeme Hicks CC

Housing – Mark Kaczmarek CC

Health & Well Being – Neil Burden CC

Waste & Environment – Julian German CC

Chairman – Pat Harvey CC

Vice Chairman – John Dyer CC

### **Digital Switchover Help**

The Switchover Help Scheme is run by the BBC, under an agreement with the Government, to deliver practical help at a reduced cost to convert one TV per household to receive the digital signal. We have been working with individuals and community groups from all over the West Country, assisting people who qualify for help under the Switchover Help Scheme. These are people who are:

- Are registered blind or partially sighted or
- Have lived in a care home for six months or more, or
- Get (or could get) certain disability benefits, or
- Are aged 75 or over

Dates :

Padstow – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Wadebridge – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Port Isaac – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Lostwithiel – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Calstock – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Liskeard – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Callington – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Bodmin – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July

St Blazey – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July

Launceston – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July

Torpoint – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July

Looe – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> August

There are Briefing Sessions and Drop In advice events organised. Please contact Helena Giles on [helena.giles@eaga.com](mailto:helena.giles@eaga.com) or Tel : 07800671092 for further advice.

### **Village SOS – Opportunities for Cornwall's Villages**

Village SOS is a major new initiative from the Big Lottery Fund and the BBC. They will be searching for six UK villages with a great enterprise idea to benefit their community. They are also looking for six enterprising individuals to act as Village Champions and help them achieve their ambitions. There will be a chance to show the nation, what villages can do with a community enterprise idea and what change it can achieve in rural areas. To find out more, log on to [www.bbc.co.uk/villagesos](http://www.bbc.co.uk/villagesos)

### **New Local Councils**

We are sure you would all like to join us in extending a warm welcome to the four new parish councils of St Austell, Carlyon, Pentewan Valley and St Austell Bay. The councillors came into office on 8 June and have now had their annual/first meetings.

At its first meeting, St Austell resolved to become a Town Council and elected Brian Palmer as its first Town Mayor. The Town Council has 20 Members, covering the Bethel, Gover, Mount Charles, Poltair and Holmbush areas. It is very pleasing that the largest town in Cornwall finally has its own elected council, and the local community have been very welcoming, with the Town Mayor invited to over a dozen events in his first two weeks in office.

Carlyon Parish Council (9 Members) covers Carlyon Bay and Tregrehan; its Chairman is John Hermes. St Austell Bay (7 Members) includes Charlestown, Duporth and Porthpean & Trenarren; it elected Bill Leach as its Chairman. Pentewan Valley (9 Councillors) looks after Tregorrick & Trewhiddle, London Apprentice and Pentewan village; Jill Bassham is Chairman. The three parish councils have also had a busy start. Like the Town Council, they have been putting in place their Standing Orders and other procedures and have considered their first planning applications. They are also beginning to consider and respond to local issues - about

highways, footpaths, village festivals and noticeboards among others - and look ahead to parish plans.

The groundwork for the new parish councils started in Spring 2008 and was overseen by four "temporary parish councils" - working groups made up of local residents and district councillors. Until April, the project was supported by Restormel Borough Council, who worked in close liaison with the One Cornwall Town & Parish team. The Localism Service is continuing to provide significant support to the new parish councils, with one of our Community Network Managers acting as Clerk and a Community Network Support Officer providing further advice and administrative support. It is hoped that permanent clerks will be appointed in the early Autumn.

### **Help us Look after the Landscape of Cornwall**

Looking after the best bits of Cornwall is going to be a major challenge over the next few years. The Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) – nearly 30% of the county – will face pressures from climate change, tourism, development and much else in the years ahead.

#### **What is the Cornwall AONB?**

The Cornwall AONB is a single protected landscape split up into 12 separate parts - representing the finest of our coast, moorland, farmland, woods, rivers and estuaries. It is an *internationally* important landscape and embodies the special character of Cornwall. It is vital to our local economy and everyone's health and quality of life. It is one of 49 Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty in the UK and was designated in 1959 (so this year is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary). It has the same status and level of protection as a National Park.

The Cornwall AONB is run by a Partnership made up of Natural England (the main funder), Cornwall Council, the National Trust and eight other private, public and voluntary organisations.

#### **Why we need your help**

The AONB has a statutory Management Plan (made a requirement by law) which describes how this precious landscape should be looked after. This sets out policies and actions which provide the framework for protecting and enhancing the AONB for the benefit of us all. For example, Cornwall Council *must* take the AONB landscape into account when buildings, roads or other developments are proposed.

A new Management Plan will be produced next year (2010) to run over the next 5 years. On behalf of the Cornwall AONB Partnership, CRCC will be asking local people throughout the AONB for their views during the coming summer and early autumn so that the new Plan reflects real

community attitudes to, and concerns about, the landscape. To see if you are in, or near to, an AONB area, please visit the AONB website [www.cornwall-aonb.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall-aonb.gov.uk) To find out when CRCC may be consulting in your area please telephone 01209 614950; email [communityplanning@cornwallrcc.co.uk](mailto:communityplanning@cornwallrcc.co.uk) or write to: Community Planning Team, CRCC, 14 Chapel Street, Camborne, Cornwall, TR14 8ED

If people are not able to take part in the face-to-face consultation, the short questionnaire and AONB information will also be available at different locations, such as the Cornwall Council One Stop Shops and the AONB website. "We want to know what is important to *you* about our precious landscape and what *you* think are the challenges we face in the future," said Cornwall AONB's Communications Officer Peter Maxted. "It is vital that as much *local* information as possible is obtained to make the new plan the best possible document with maximum impact on policy makers and planners." Peter and the AONB team can be contacted on 01872 322350.

### **Cornwall Works Well**

Cornwall Council and Jobcentre Plus to stage "one stop shop" events for people made redundant and those at risk of losing their jobs. Each event will run from 12 noon to 7pm and will include open access advice desks covering employment, personal finance and allowances, training, redundancy support, business start up, housing and allowances, health and family services as well as business support.

The programme of events includes:

7 July – Bodmin Public Rooms

8 July - Bude – Parkhouse Centre

10 July - Launceston Town Hall

14 July - Cornwall College, Camborne Penhaligon Building

15 July - Saltash College

16 July - Cornwall College St Austell –The Keay Theatre

20 July - Truro College – Fal Building

### **Localism Handbook**

The handbook is now available on the website <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk> under your individual community network. I would be grateful to hear any views you may have.

### **July 22<sup>nd</sup> – Blisland Village Hall 9.30 – 3.30. "Making Halls Sustainable"**

A partnership event delivered by Cornwall Rural Community Council and East Cornwall CVS offers a day of support and advice to those interested in keeping their community halls vibrant and sustainable during these financially difficult times. If interested please email [c.jones@eccvs.org.uk](mailto:c.jones@eccvs.org.uk)