

Helping to make Par, St Blazey and Tywardreath a better place to live September 2020

### **WELCOME!**

Welcome to Par Bay's Autumn Newsletter - Keeping you up to date with what is happening around the Par Bay Area.

### **Community Garden**

The Community Garden has been a high spot in these times. The flower beds have been full of colour, with poppies, cosmos, gladioli, marigolds and weigela blooming well. We've enjoyed healthy crops of veg, especially beans, courgettes and sweetcorn, with tomatoes and squash coming along nice and strong.

We have been busy sowing seeds and potting up plants. Our 'swap and share' scheme has been a great success this summer, thanks to all the community gardeners who have contributed a wide range of flower, herb, and veg plants as well as gardening tools and equipment for others to share and enjoy. Thanks too for all your generous donations, which will all be used to maintain the garden and grow more plants.



We are remembering dear friends of the garden who are no longer with us. Anne did a lot of work on the garden in the early days and

she planted our artichokes which are thriving. The 'Penelope' rose in memory of Penny is flowering beautifully. We miss them. Penny's daughter-in-law Jan will be doing a fund-raising half marathon in September.



We've had live music in the garden this year, with two musicians using the shelter to rehearse their Cornish dance music on harp and violin. Well done to the teenage boys who danced.



Very popular too have been Gill's weekly pottery sessions taking inspiration from flowers and leaves found in the garden. Gill created the eye-catching bee and sunflower



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art work which has brightened up the donation slot on the shed.

The Garden is a great spot for small groups wanting to rehearse or pop-up events. Please get in touch on the Par Bay Community Garden Facebook page or ring John on 07788 670207.



### **Cornubia**

Made by the Sea has temporarily spread into the reception area and looks really inviting. It has created space for social distancing. It will be open during the roofing work with a range of local crafts on offer.





Face coverings are available as well as the usual local crafts. It has certainly brightened up the window displays.

Roof works have started and we hope these will be complete by mid-September. Until then, the building will be closed. We should then be able to re-open for small group sessions.

### **Creative Civic Change**

"Supporting personal creative activity for wellbeing including social prescribing and developing professional skills and possibly new businesses"

Since the lockdown, there are now weekly group meetings on Zoom which are well attended. A model of collaborative working, rather than participants competing for the budget has emerged. Participants may express creative ideas in a supportive and safe environment and to learn from the experience and critique of others. Stage 1 of the initiative is now complete with six projects.

### **Intergenerational Poetry**

Local youth groups (Brownies and Guides) were involved. 90 residents in all took part, included seniors from Hendra Court and



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Trecarrel. A book of creative writing will now be produced to complete this project.

### St Blazey Son et Lumière

A lantern parade with approx. 200 people took place in February. Due to last minute problems, the image projection was not able to go ahead.



Street band and cubs

There were Youth Music and Yarn Bombing workshops and a Textile Fayre. The bulk of the organisation of the event fell on too few people and this, together with the Covid pandemic, means a similar event next year is in doubt.





**Par Bay Panto** 

Two sell out performances involving 20 children took place in December 2020, after just 8 weeks of rehearsal. Despite this success and the demand from the community for a similar event in 2020, the impact of the pandemic has meant that this will not go ahead.

#### **Open Studios**

3 successful Wellbeing workshops in Par, St Blazey and Tywardreath in the winter. 150 residents took part. 67 people signed up for future events.





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### Par Bay Heritage Trails and booklet



Par Old Cornwall Society have published a walking trail booklet to celebrate the society's 70th anniversary, with funding from Creative Civic Change. You can purchase a copy from Par Post Office and Cornubia, priced at £4.50 - or to send at £6 to cover P&P.

The Guided walks have been delayed due to Covid.

#### **Creative Connections**

In response to the lockdown restrictions Belinda Latimer has devised Art packs filled with allthe basic essentials for art work and has set up online tuition via Zoom,



Art produced with the help of online tuition by Belinda Latimer.

BELINDA LATIMER DESIGNS &
CREATIVE CIVIC CHANGE PRESENTS....

# CREATIVE CONNECTIONS COMMUNITY ART PROJECT

### Par Bay Area

Join Artist Belinda Latimer, for 10 weeks of FREE Online OR Guidesheet-based Creative sessions whilst we socially distance during the Covid-19 Lockdown. Art packs are available for £2 & can be collected from Belinda.

Call Belinda on 07545 865217 or email her at belindalatimerdesigns@gmail.com to register.











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