



# IT'S A KNOCKOUT!

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Welcome to our Summer 2016 Newsletter, and we sincerely hope the sun will shine on us all, and lift our spirits after a long, dark, wet winter.

On the 10th May I was re-elected as Chairman of Mumbles Community Council (MCC) for the 4th year, and I wish to thank the councillors who have shown confidence in electing me as Chairman.

Councillor Brian Arthur continues as Vice Chairman.

Since the last Newsletter, MCC has held and been involved in many events including the Tea Party, on 20th April, at Ostrime Hall. On 21st April, MCC lit the beacon on Oystermouth Castle as part of the National Chain, to celebrate the 90th birthday of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth 11.

An enjoyable weekend, 7th & 8th May, was spent at Underhill Park, when the Alan Martin Football Tournament took place.

'Maytime in Mumbles' is a new MCC venture and is planned to be repeated next year.

We now look forward to participating in a 'Cricket Day' at Mumbles Cricket Club and organising a 2nd 'It's a Knockout'.

Once again, I thank you all for your continued support.

**Councillor Helen Mitchell**  
**Chairman, Mumbles Community Council.**



**Emily Bowen, from Roman Court, Blackpill**, celebrating her 100th birthday, being presented with flowers and a birthday card by Cllr. Helen Mitchell, Chairman, on behalf of Mumbles Community Council. Also pictured is Cllr. Linda Tyler-Lloyd, Mayals Ward Member.



**Memories of Mumbles Navy Days**  
Newfound Friends was formed 27 years ago in 1989, with the objective of using the skills of the Newfoundland Dog to raise money for childrens' charities.

The group has gone from strength to strength and we are now a registered charity. The newfoundland dogs of Newfound Friends perform displays at maritime events in various parts of the UK as well as numerous "sponsored rescue" fundraising days for various charities. See our website for the full story **[www.newfoundfriends.co.uk](http://www.newfoundfriends.co.uk)**

Some years ago we were approached by Cllr Tony Colburn asking if we would be interested in doing one of our lifesaving demonstrations as part of the Mumbles Navy Days Festival. We had already made an appearance at Swansea Sea Shanty Festival and knew what a lovely area this was, so we didn't hesitate in accepting this invitation. This was just the beginning of several years when the event became the starting point of our summer programme.

On arrival we were always greeted by Tony who took great care to ensure that

everything was in place for us and we had all that we needed. The demonstration took place in the sea which gave us a good opportunity to show off the skills of our dogs to the full, as a change from working in still water.

We were very sorry when our visits came to an end in 2012 but will always have happy memories of Navy Days.

**Jean Pugh.**

**The loss of a Newfound Friend**

One of the group of Newfound Friends who regularly visited Mumbles was Whizz, who sadly passed away in March, aged twelve, receiving the accolade of being 'The world's best life-dog'. His award for outstanding dedication to duty, the PDSA Order of Merit, the Animals' OBE, was accepted on his behalf by Tizz, accompanied by his owner, David Pugh, who stated, "He was a dog in a million and I am truly heartbroken that he is not here to receive the medal." All who met and knew Whizz are saddened by his loss, but delighted by the well-deserved recognition he has posthumously received. Whizz being only the third canine to receive this honour.



**As Mumbles moves into a new and positive chapter of regeneration and changes over the next few years, we will see an increase in developments.**

If present and future developments are a benchmark to go by, it will make a big difference.

**The Tivoli** - Retail, restaurants and cafes due to be finished and populated with incoming businesses.

**The Conservative Club building** - Converting into Flats.

**Tesco** - Now open for business and proving popular already and has joined the local Traders Association to improve Mumbles as a shopping and tourist destination.

**Antelope Pub** - Work starting again soon and the planned completion is Easter 2017.

**British Legion site, Newton Road** - Pre-planning application has been submitted

to C&CS for a Marks & Spencer Food Hall and apartments with subterranean parking.

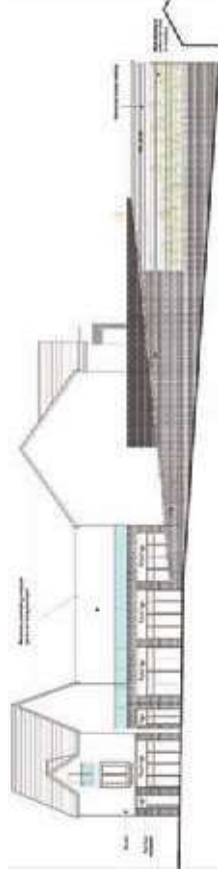
**Mumbles Pier** - Work is anticipated to start at the end of Summer 2016.

**Oystermouth Square** - Under new ownership and we await information as to proposed development.

Not all change is bad. MCC is here to facilitate your opinions on how Mumbles is changing. We will listen to what you say. We are here to represent you. Your needs and feelings, as residents, will be taken into account.

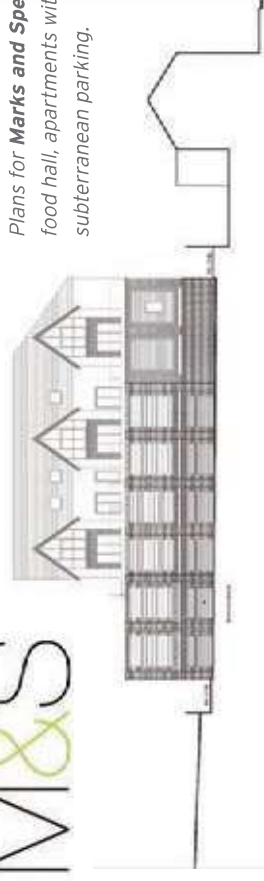
If you see anything that needs to be addressed, please let us know by contacting the Clerk at Mumbles Community Council, either by telephone on

**01792 363598** or by email : [council@mumbles.gov.uk](mailto:council@mumbles.gov.uk) or call into the office in Walters Crescent on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays, 9.30am to 12.30pm.



M&S

Plans for **Marks and Spencer's** food hall, apartments with subterranean parking.



## RECENTS GRANTS February 2006

|                                |       |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Bobath Childrens Therapy Wales | £50   |
| <b>March 2006</b>              |       |
| Ariosa Singers                 | £266  |
| Mayals School                  | £1000 |
| Mumbles TIC                    | £1000 |

## April 2006

|                                     |       |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| Baywood Community Centre            | £1000 |
| Tenovus                             | £250  |
| Mumbles Rangers boys and girls club | £500  |
| Holy Cross Church                   | £250  |
| Mumbles Cricket Club                | £5000 |
| Mumbles Rugby Club                  | £2000 |

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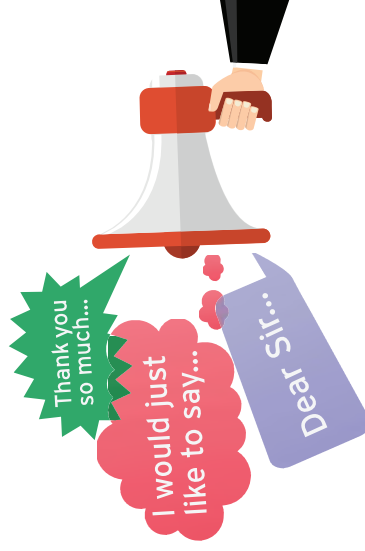
**Thank you so much** for giving us the opportunity to be part of your Maytime in Mumbles event. I hope you were pleased with the event as it was extremely busy with the families having a lovely time.

We were thrilled with our takings as they totalled £234,67

**Marianne Pettifor BA Ent, CIM Dip**  
Company Secretary

**The proceeds from the donkey rides** were donated to the Pettifor Trust, a local charity who raise funds for animal welfare,

donating large sums to various animal charities. The Pettifor Trust was present on the day, supporting our event.



**Following our last Newsletter, the BBQ Bins have now been installed at Rotherlade, Caswell and Langland beaches in the hope that barbecues will not be left or discarded on our beautiful beaches. Appropriate signs have also been placed at these sites.**

Highways are dealing with a number of projects around the MCC area, including erecting 'reflectors' on the railings at the bottom of Fairwood Road, West Cross, with the view of reducing the number of recent 'incidents' which have happened on this roundabout.

MCC Highways strive to make our area a safer

place for both pedestrians and motorists alike. Unfortunately, we are no further forward in reaching an agreement over the parking alongside St. Peter's Church, Newton, but hopefully 'higher level' negotiations may take place in the near future.

MCC Highways also deal with the overall appearance of the 4 Wards by liaising with City and County of Swansea to enter Wales in Bloom, and the installation of the Christmas lighting scheme. At the time of going to print, we should report that some difficulty is being experienced regarding the planting of a 'living tree' in Newton. With the help of C&CS, it is hoped to overcome the problem. An update will be included in the next Newsletter.



## ALAN MARTIN TOURNAMENT LIGHTING OF BEACON



### ALAN MARTIN FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

**Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th May**

As part of our commitment to the local community we have, this year, supported the annual Alan Martin Festival. This took place over two days at Underhill Park on Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th May.

This Festival commemorates the life of a young man who, in his short life, left a lasting legacy to

local youngsters. Over 400 players, some from far afield, competed sportingly, watched by a large crowd of spectators.

The event was superbly organised, and all involved are to be congratulated on the smooth organisation of this very special event in the Mumbles Ranger's Club's Calendar. This event was supported by MCC



### LIGHTING OF A BEACON Thursday

**April 21st** on the ramparts of Oystermouth Castle as part of a National Chain to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. A crowd estimated at well over a hundred attended this event. Many expressed their appreciation to Mumbles Community Council for enabling them to be part of such an historic occasion. As the Beacon was lit, a cheer went up from those present to be followed by a loud cheer somewhere in the region of Newton Road. The presence of a lone piper on the ramparts, Pipe

Major Mike Kelly of The City of Swansea Pipe Band, proved to be a great attraction, especially with his rendition of Calon Lan. Cllr. Helen Mitchell, Chairman of Mumbles Community Council, read a message from HRH The Prince of Wales, followed by a prayer written specially for the occasion. The British and Welsh National Anthems were played, and "Happy Birthday" to Her Majesty was sung with gusto. We left the field with the realisation that we had just attended a "once in a lifetime event."

## MCC SOCIAL EVENT



### TEA PARTY TO CELEBRATE HM

**QUEEN ELIZABETH'S 90TH**

**BIRTHDAY Ostreme Hall, Wednesday**

**April 20th** A joyous occasion celebrated with flag waving, music, A Right Royal Quiz and a Sing-A-Long. The Starlight Group who

performed a medley of songs were given a warm, enthusiastic ovation. Everyone left smiling and the occasion was deemed to have been a great success with requests, from those who attended, for "More of the same, please."





## MAYTIME IN MUMBLES

The early morning clouds rolled away and the crowds rolled in for Mumbles Community Council's Maytime in Mumbles picnic themed event in the grounds of Oystermouth Castle.

Families laid rugs on the grass or used the patio tables and chairs provided. Sun parasols were provided for protection against sun or rain!

Children played happily within the safe environs of the Castle Field, under the watchful eyes of their parents. They climbed up the hill and rolled down; they blew "pretty bubbles on the air;" they explored the Castle Field; they played football; they visited the birds, tawny owl, falcon and Harris and

red-tailed hawk; they became archers for a little while, as they bent the bow and aimed their arrows at the target. It was a joy to see so many children enjoying themselves in the afternoon sunshine.

Young children enjoyed rides on the chair-o-plane roundabout.

The accordion Orchestra delighted a receptive audience, whilst Mike's Donkeys were busy throughout the afternoon giving rides to excited children.

A big thank you to the families who attended who carefully disposed of litter in the bins provided. A special thank you to Jacob Stone who was on site from 8.30am until 6.30pm. An ever willing, much appreciated helper.



# IT'S A KNOCKOUT!

SATURDAY JULY 16TH  
12 NOON - 6PM

The event starts at 12 noon and there will be food, drinks and ice cream available on site, so come along and get involved! support your team!



MCC has dug deep again to bring you the return of our biggest event of last summer with a knockout of a day for families in Oystermouth Castle grounds. See the poster on the opposite page for all the games and fun on offer. There will be competitions for adults and children. Teams are encouraged to seek sponsorship.

We have already received entries but if you would like to enter a team of up to 10 players, please get in touch with the Clerk at MCC for an entry form and details by contacting **01792 363598** or **council@mumbles.co.uk** This **FREE** family event will again be unforgettable! One thing is guaranteed: Plenty of community fun!!

Mumbles Community Council present

Keeping the unity  
in community

# IT'S A KNOCKOUT!

FAMILY  
FUN DAY

SATURDAY 16TH JULY

Starts from 12 noon in Castle Grounds

COME ALONG AND  
ENJOY THE DAY AND  
CHEER ON THE TEAMS

Games on the day will include:

BANANA DASH • DINGHY DERBY  
HUMAN WASHING MACHINE • SKI CRAZY  
GIANT HAMSTER WHEELAY • PINBALL WIZARD  
STEPPING TO SUCCESS • SLIPPERY SLOPE  
COMBAT ZONES • THE GREAT ESCAPE  
HUMAN DEMOLITION • THE CHICKEN RUN  
SOCCER SHOOT-OUT •

ACTION PACKED FUN  
FOR ALL THE FAMILY



CHICKEN RUN



GIANT Hamster Wheelay



SOCCER SHOOT-OUT



DINGHY Derby

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## FUTURE EVENTS



**CRICKET EVENT - Sunday**  
**June 12th, 11am - 5pm.**

**Mumbles Cricket Club** (off

Plunch Lane). **CRICKET COACHING SESSIONS** for Under 11's, 10's & 9's, will take place in the morning. Anyone interested should text the

Club's Junior Organiser **07905 158015**, or e-mail **info@mumblescricket.com**. to register.

For further details visit the club's website

**www.mumblescricket.com**. In the afternoon there will be organised matches and a BBQ. This event is being supported by MCC.

## FUTURE EVENTS



### LITERARY EVENT Oystermouth

**Library June 16th 2.30pm** This event provides an opportunity to meet **Gillian Clarke** who will not only be reading her poetry, but will be signing copies of her book

### AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY - Southend Gardens 28th & 29th August 2pm - 4pm.

Mumbles Community Council will be providing Bank Holiday Entertainment with **Music in Southend Gardens**. Come along and enjoy the music from local bands.



### SEPTEMBER TEA/SOCIAL EVENT

**Ostremer Centre** The Starlight Group will be returning, by popular request, to provide musical entertainment at both these events. Admission will be free. Tickets will be limited in number and they can be obtained, two

weeks before each event, via the Clerk, at the Community Council Office, Walters Crescent, Mumbles.

**Tuesday, September 27th**  
**Tuesday, December 6th**

## FUTURE EVENTS



### MUMBLES GOT TALENT

We know there is a LOT of talent in Mumbles which is why we are hosting an exciting, new prestigious event. **MUMBLES GOT TALENT** In conjunction with **Kite Academy of Performing Arts**.

This competition is open to all ages and all talents, (as long as it's family friendly) Look out for posters, publicising the event. If you think you have talent, come along and prove it. You know you'll regret it if you don't! Exciting competition, exciting prizes.



Plans and negotiations are going well between MCC and C&CS, Parks Department, towards the planting of flowers around the MCC area, in readiness for entry to Wales in Bloom.



There are no entry forms, but should you wish to draw our attention to any 'display', please contact MCC either by post, telephone, email or word of mouth. Contact details are on the back cover of the Newsletter.

Sites for planters, hanging baskets, 3 tier displays and troughs have been identified, along with the wild flower sites. It is hoped that our area will be bedecked with colours which should impress the judges. Judging will take place June/July.

Mumbles in Bloom, as previously reported, will be held simultaneously and it is hoped we will have the same response as last year.

**As a reminder, the categories are:-**

|                    |                                                  |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Residential</b> | Front gardens, including container displays      |
| <b>Commercial</b>  | Shop fronts, restaurants, public houses, offices |
| <b>Communities</b> |                                                  |
| <b>Schools</b>     |                                                  |



## Mumbles in Bloom





## RENOVATION WORK AT CASWELL PROMENADE (MAY - JULY 2016)

Following recent high tides and strong winds, a significant amount of sand and pebbles was deposited above the mean high water mark, blocking the outlet directly below the promenade. Heavy rain caused water to back up in the pipework system and the resulting pressure caused the inspection chambers to lift, causing significant damage to approximately 300m2 of the paving work on the promenade. This is the third time the promenade has been damaged and closed off for similar reasons.

The damaged area has now been cordoned off as it is currently unsafe.

**However the Council have identified a series of short-term, temporary measures to enable the affected area of the promenade to be opened again as soon as is practicable:**

- A contractor has completed some remedial work at the site such as clearing debris from the pipework system

- Bins and benches have been removed from the fenced-off area and replaced into their original positions once the surface has been replaced permanently or temporarily.
- Temporary fencing and coloured 'scrim' has been placed around the affected area whilst the work is being conducted.
- A more permanent solution in the form of a filter mechanism will be fitted to the pipe leading to the sea. This will prevent stones being washed in, which could lead to further blockages and increased pressure.
- The damaged drains covers will be replaced and a temporary tarmac surface laid around them.

This work is expected to be completed in time for the school Summer holidays.

As these are only temporary measures, a long-term, permanent solution to the problem will be investigated over the next 12 months.

Caswell Promenade is an important destination for residents and visitors alike and as such, stakeholders will be kept informed of the proposed short and long-term solutions and kept appraised of progress.



**The lights on the tree in Southend Gardens, which failed in 2015 due to age, growth of tree and 'slug attack', are being replaced with white lights in readiness for, hopefully, this summer, but definitely by Christmas.**

The 3 established sites, Blackpill, West Cross and Oystermouth will again be provided with Christmas trees, but there is, unfortunately, some doubt at this moment in time whether a

'living tree' can be provided for Picket Mead, Newton, as it appears that the planting season is almost at an end. However, we have not ruled out providing a 'cut tree' for this Christmas pending obtaining permission from the landowners and C&CS. We shall update you in our next Newsletter.

We hope that the Christmas tree in Oystermouth will not be subjected to vandalism as per last Christmas.

The Oystermouth 'Switch On' is due to take place on **Thursday, 24th November 2016.**

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