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A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN



We are now embarking on 2016, and I would like to wish you all a healthy, happy and prosperous year ahead.

2015 was a busy year for Mumbles Community

Council, as was reported in our previous four Newsletters, and all our committees have worked hard towards achieving their goals, listening to the issues you brought to our attention.

Following a successful '**Wales / Mumbles in Bloom**', we are pleased to announce that this competition will be repeated this year. The categories will include Schools, Commercial Premises, Front Gardens, Community Awards and Container Gardens, and will cover the four wards:- Mayals, Newton, Oystermouth and West Cross.

A further **Christmas Tree** was installed, a couple of months ago, at Blackpill, which now makes a total of three in the MCC area. For Christmas, 2016, plans are in hand to provide a fourth tree to be sited in Newton. The motifs on the lamp posts, along Mumbles Road, were extended and provisions are being made to extend further.

Many other events are being planned for 2016, including another '**It's a Knockout**', all of which could prove to be a very exciting year ahead, details which are on the '**Events**' page.



Due to a resignation, for personal reasons, MCC has lost Councillor **Peter Birch** who represented the West Cross Ward, and was my Vice Chairman. He will be sorely missed, as he was a hard working, diligent member of the Council. Cllr. Brian Arthur was elected, to replace Cllr. Peter Birch, as Vice Chairman.

It is with sadness I have to announce the passing of one of our former councillors, **Peter Jones**. He represented the Oystermouth Ward, and was also an ex-Chairman. During his time on MCC he was a most respected and enthusiastic Councillor.

Once again, I would like to thank you all for your continued support."

COUNCILLOR HELEN MITCHELL
CHAIRMAN, MUMBLES COMMUNITY COUNCIL.



Mumbles Bowls Green, the home of Mumbles Bowls Club, is, like all other bowls greens in the City and County of Swansea, (as part of the Council's savings strategy) being disposed of by way of a lease to the Club or other interested parties. This is leading to some clubs ceasing to exist and others amalgamate.

The Mumbles Green, to survive, will be leased from the City Council upon the basis that the lessee will be responsible for payment to the Council for maintenance costs. This will be at two levels, full maintenance and reduced maintenance. The reduced maintenance level can be achieved by the non- professional groundwork being carried out by Club members.

Mumbles Community Council has indicated to the City Council its possible interest in becoming responsible for the Green. Following the receipt of a Draft Lease, this has now been forwarded to the Community Council's solicitors for their advice.

If the Community Council decided to acquire the green, it would probably be that they

would sub-let the Green to the Bowls Club who would be responsible for its administration and groundwork. The Club would, in turn, require an annual grant from the Community Council to pay the City Council's maintenance charge. The Club is confident that they would be self sufficient within two or three years and would, thereafter, no longer require a grant.

As a separate matter, the Community Council is considering the possibility of taking over the Pavilion and the adjacent Pensioners' Hall. A grant has been obtained by the Community Council from the City Council to cover the costs of a full survey of the buildings, legal and other associated expenses. At present, the Community Council awaits three estimates, required by regulation, for the cost of building maintenance and repair. When these have been received, the possibility of acquiring the buildings can be debated and a decision made, subject to satisfactory negotiations with the City Council.



CHRISTMAS IN MUMBLES



Ashley Williams, Captain of Swansea City F.C. and Wales, switching on the Christmas Lights.



Cllr. Helen Mitchell, Chairman MCC, Cllr. Brian Arthur, Vice Chairman, MCC, and Cllr. Judith Twining, manning the MCC 'Pop-up' stall on Newton Road.



Christmas motifs along Mumbles Road



The onset of Christmas in Mumbles was celebrated in style, on 26 November 2015, when over a thousand people, adults and children alike, enjoyed the evening and the various attractions the whole length of Newton Road

CHRISTMAS IN MUMBLES



Grants awarded in 2015 - January to December

JAN	Mumbles & Gower Stroke Club	£500	500
	Mumbles Rugby Club - Drainage	£1,750	1750
	Mumbles Rugby Club - Pitch Repairs	£3,250	3250
FEB	Sculpture by the Sea 2015	£1,000	1000
	MDT - St David's Dragon Parade	£500	500
	Grange Primary School	£600	600
	Jesus Christ Superstar Production	£900	900
MAR			
APR	West Cross Ladies Bowls Club	£250	250
	Kidney Wales Foundation	£100	100
MAY	The Gower Chorale	£500	500
JUN	Whitestone School	£600	600
JUL			
AUG	Oystermouth Historical Association	£150	150
	West Cross Friendship Club	£150	150
SEP			
OCT			
NOV	Newton School Parents Association	£300	300
	MDT - Peel Wood	£500	500
DEC	Sculpture by the Sea 2016	£1000	1000
TOTAL			£12050

TWINNING WITH HENNEBONT



Pictured above is Councillor David Dorsett, the representative of Mumbles Community Council, at the 10th Anniversary of the signing of the Twinning Charter between Mumbles and Hennebont.

The visit lasted six days and involved a wide range of activities and visits including a visit to a drained reservoir and a tour of waterside Lorient and the submarine bases.

The civic event took place on Friday 18th September and consisted of the following:
A tour of a chateau by an employee of the council.

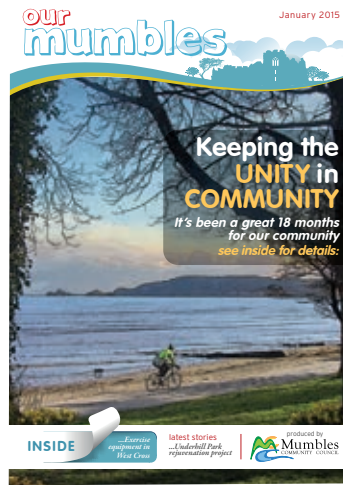
The planting of a commemorative Magnolia tree on a green space overlooking the chateau and the river, alongside a similar tree dedicated to the twinning arrangement with Kronach in Germany.

A sumptuous lunch with the Mayor, Andre Hartereau and the Mayoress, at a local

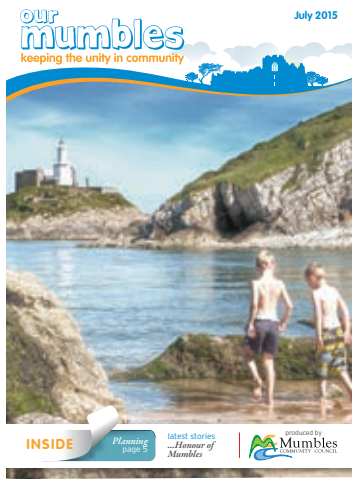
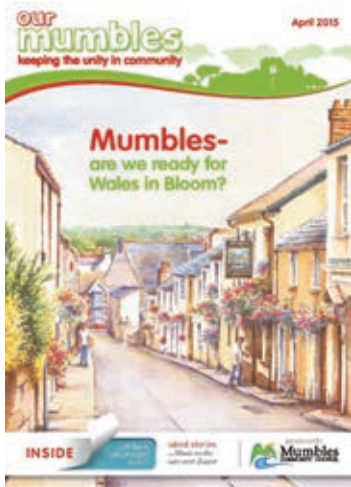
restaurant where the lunch consisted of local dishes. The councillor responsible for twinning was present as was a council official who had twinning as part of his brief. They were keen to discuss comparisons between local government in Hennebont and Mumbles.

A ceremony in the theatre complex with entertainment by local musicians was followed by speeches from the Mayor and presidents of both twinning associations and the delivery of a speech on behalf of the Chairman of Mumbles Community Council, who was unable to be present. Gifts were exchanged during which a photo montage of Hennebont Gardens, pictured above, and four bottles of Welsh Whisky were presented on behalf of Mumbles Community Council. Two bottles were traditional Penderyn Whisky and two special edition bottles commemorating Dylan Thomas which also included a booklet on some of his works.

THAT WAS 2015



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COMING TO MUMBLES IN 2016

IT'S A
KNOCKOUT

MEET
YOUR
COUNCILLOR

FAMILY
EVENT & BBQ
MUMBLES CRICKET
GROUND

MORE
GRANTS

CARNIVAL
IN THE
CASTLE

WALES/
MUMBLES
IN BLOOM

MORE
COMMUNITY

WORKING
WITH
YOU

MUMBLES'
GOT
TALENT

Mumbles Community Council

hold its full council meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, in the Council Office, Walters Crescent, Mumbles, commencing at 7pm.

Members of the public are welcomed

to attend. Details of the agendas for both full council and committee meetings are displayed on the Noticeboard, outside the office, and can also be viewed, on line, on www.mumbles.gov.uk

Come and see what's being planned and how the council works.

EVENTS

Saturday 6th February 2016, 12-4pm

A Primary Schools' **Netball Competition** will take place at Bishopston Sports Hall. Families and friends are welcome to attend to support this sporting occasion.

Friday 4th March 2016, at 7pm.

A **Saint David's Day Celebration** will be held at All Saints' Church, Oystermouth. This will afford an opportunity to enjoy items celebrating our National Saint's Day performed by pupils from our local Primary schools. We hope that parents, families and friends will welcome this opportunity to be part of a special evening being entertained by the younger generation.

During late May, early June, there will be an opportunity to **"Meet Your Councillors."** These events will be well publicised within the individual Wards. This presents an opportunity to meet your councillors and raise any concerns or make suggestions which will then be discussed by Full Council.

During June, at a date yet to be decided, an event is planned to take place at the grounds of Mumbles Cricket Club. **"MCC joins MCC"** providing a community event which we hope will be enjoyed by all. Look out for further details in our next Newsletter.



Saturday July 16th, 2016.

The return of **It's A Knockout**.

Originally scheduled for 2nd of July, this event has had to be rearranged due to the subsequent booking of this date by Swansea City Council for Wales' National Air Show. Entry forms for this event will be available from the Council Office, Walters Crescent, Mumbles, or on-line at www.mumbles.gov.uk from the 31st March, 2016.

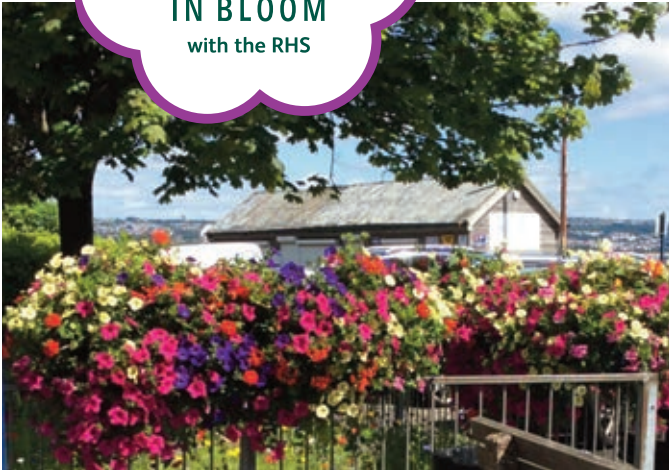
During September we will be presenting **"Mumbles' Got Talent."** This presents an opportunity to showcase talent in the Mumbles Community Council area. Auditions will take place late spring and throughout the summer.

More details in our next Newsletter.

WALES & MUMBLES IN BLOOM



**BRITAIN
IN BLOOM**
with the RHS



Following on from a successful achievement in 2015, MCC will, again, be entering the Wales in Bloom competition, in the hope of improving on last year's result.

We aim to bedeck the streets in the four Wards with flowers in various barrier troughs, tiered fountains, lamp post baskets, a tree basket and wild flowers. MCC will be liaising closely with Swansea City Council in preparation for the judging which will take place June/July.

Mumbles in Bloom will be held simultaneously, and we will be looking around the four awards for displays with the utmost

'kerb appeal' amongst residential front gardens, including container displays, commercial premises, shop fronts, public houses, restaurants and communities. Schools will also be included.

We are sorry, but rear/back gardens will not be included. Judging, as per Wales in Bloom, will take place June/July by independent judges.

There is no entry form, but should you like to draw our attention to a particular display, please contact Mumbles Community Council, either by post, telephone or email. Our details are on the back cover of this Newsletter



SOCIAL MEDIA

Here at **MCC**, we are new to Social media. We have started slowly and building gradually. On our **Facebook** like page we have acquired

over 250 likes and looking to double that in the first few weeks of January. Like us at **OurMumbles** - here is our page.



Twitter is a different story, 14 follows!! Well, we all have to start somewhere, but from January onwards we will be actively

tweeting information to you so follow us @**OurMumbles** - here is our page.



As you can see from the twitter images we have a website at **www.mumbles.gov.uk** where you can follow the links to all our social media and keep up to date on what is

going on with MCC and what we have planned for 2016. So get involved.

We are here for you.



Congestion outside St. Peter's Church, Newton

The Highways Committee's remit deals with the MCC Christmas Illuminations and for the forthcoming year, 'Wales / Mumbles in Bloom' but most importantly, all road safety aspects, liaising very closely with City & County of Swansea.

There have been many successful outcomes in the past eg. Mayals Road, and we are hoping to conclude the long running 'saga' of the parking restrictions alongside St. Peter's Church, Newton, by reaching an amicable compromise, providing parking on one side of Brynfield Road. This would allow more parking in the area than already exists. Most of the Highways issues are raised by you, our residents, who are concerned with the safety of the area, and we do our utmost to accommodate each request.



Free flowing traffic achieved on Mayals Road

All recommendations made by the Highways Committee, as a result of requests received, have to be approved by all members of Mumbles Community Council.

YOUR SAY

Thank you to all who worked so hard on putting the lights up in Mumbles. The trees and the lamposts, they look fantastic, and also the switch on, I really, really enjoyed it. Crowds of happy people making it so special. A great tradition in the making that hopefully will grow and grow. Lovely to see most of the shops participating, and even if closed, keeping their lights on. Special thanks to the wonderful toy soldiers band, the choir....and all the street traders!!

MARGARET IN OYSTERMOUTH - STREET LIFE

Dear Sir,

This is a note from Five seasoned ballroom - Tea Dancers. We would like to place on record

Thank you
so much...
I would just
like to say...

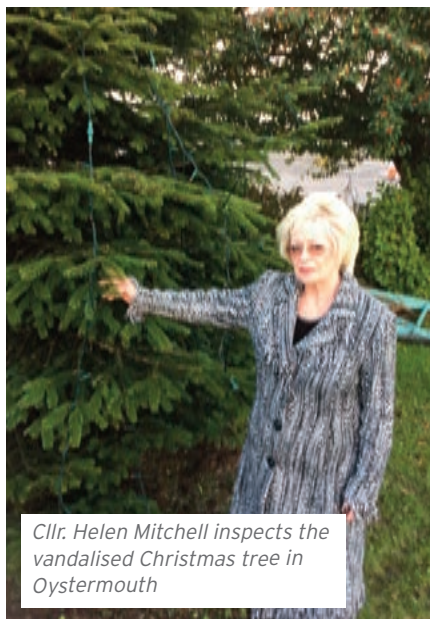
Dear Sir...

what a first class afternoon your ladies put on at the Ostreme Hall on Tuesday 27th October. Be in no doubt that we will pass our approval to fellow dancers, once again well done. P.S. We hope you will consider making this a regular event.

MR J. NORMAN

STOP PRESS

On Sunday, 6 December 2015, it was noticed that the lights on the Christmas tree, opposite the White Rose public house, were not working. Investigations revealed that the lights had been tampered with. Vandals had tugged at the lights, displaced the lights and stripped the threaded connectors. Whoever was responsible failed to remove the lights, but in the process, damaged the top of the tree. These mindless individuals do not appreciate what Mumbles Community Council try to do in enhancing the village over the Christmas period. The incident was reported to the Police and MCC's electrical contractors, Phillips Services, carried out repairs on the tree.



Cllr. Helen Mitchell inspects the vandalised Christmas tree in Oystermouth

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