

September 2014 Report

Nine weeks have passed since my last report with the Council having no ordinary meeting at the end of August. Despite the lack of a meeting, in that time there have been events that still required attention.

On 4th August a commemorative parade and service marking the 100 year anniversary of the outbreak of The Great War was held in St Columb Major. As parts of what is now St Enoder Parish (including Indian Queens) was at that time in the parish of St Columb it was a chance for Dick Cole as Cornwall Councillor and myself to respect and honour the memory of those that made the ultimate sacrifice for our liberty. With a local man of the same age as each of the 57 who died lighting a candle outside the parish church as the names were read out it was a moving and fitting tribute.

On 22nd August the funeral of Bob Kitts was held at Penmount Crematorium, Truro. Bob was a former Parish Councillor and a recipient of the parish's Honourable Service Award in 2006. Such was the regard in which he was held by those that knew him well that many of those who turned up to pay their respects were only able to do so from the lobby as the chapel itself was packed out. In line with the wishes of the family I was happy to make a donation to the Indian Queens and Fraddon PAD Appeal from my allowance in memory of Bob.

More recently I have been one of a number of Councillors and colleagues who has been distributing the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire. The majority have already been hand delivered to all addresses in the parish and by the time you read this the first of the engagement sessions at the Village Halls will also have taken place. Please play your part in making this survey a success by encouraging everyone to take the time to complete their questionnaires and return them in the pre-paid envelopes. This is a genuine chance for local people to influence the future decision making and policies that this parish will follow in the future. Remind people; if you don't exercise your right to have a say now, what authority have you to criticise decisions in the future?

Michael Hopkins

Chairman