

## Jacob's Ladder

We all know and cherish our famous Falmouth landmark, a flight of 111 stone steps leading from The Moor on Killigrew Street.

What you might not know is that the name is not a reference to the biblical tale, but in fact a tribute to local businessman Jacob Hamblen who commissioned them. Hamblen was a builder, tallow chandler and property owner who wanted to facilitate access between his business (at the bottom) and some of his property (at the top) and went on to do just that.

Recently the steps haven't been in the best condition and needed some maintenance and decorative work. Cornwall Council are the property owners but were unable to do this, so the Town Council have undertaken some important improvements work.

The Council's in-house work force were able to dedicate the time and resource to make sure the steps are now clean and safe to use – a state befitting of their important heritage status. You will see in this edition of the newsletter that the Council wish to improve and maintain our environment and street scene, and this project is just the start.



## Universities

As the University of Exeter's new Science and Engineering Research Support Facility reaches completion at the Penryn Campus and works to create a new reception and shop are well underway, a £4M Sports Centre is now being planned for the benefit of students, staff and local residents.

Subject to the necessary planning consent, this will include a 700sqm four-court sports hall that will be suitable for hire as a multi-use venue; a 350sqm gym with up to 90 stations; a 150sqm fitness studio and changing rooms, all of which will adhere to Sport England guidance. The building will be highly sustainable and it is hoped that a 50-place nursery will be incorporated into the design, subject to additional funding being agreed.

The new sports hall will be accessible to local groups, subject to the timetabling of student-related activities, and in particular, during the five months of the year when students are off campus. External gym memberships will continue to be offered as they are currently by The Fitness Centre.

Following a design and build tender process, Midas are the preferred contractor. Subject to successful negotiations over the design detail, specification, cost, and planning consent, it is hoped that construction will begin later this Summer for completion by Summer 2016. [www.fxplus.ac.uk/build](http://www.fxplus.ac.uk/build)



## Operation Chariot

Operation Chariot was the name given to the raid by British forces on St Nazaire's huge, dry dock. It was one of the most daring, courageous episodes of World War II and began with British ships leaving from Falmouth Harbour on 26 March 1942.

The plan was to destroy the Normandie Dock at St Nazaire, the only dock large enough to house and repair the new fleet of large German warships. Such an attack would force these ships back to Germany.

The obsolete HMS Campeltown was disguised to give the men the element of surprise. She had been fitted with explosive charges and relayed German morse code to the enemy, giving the ship enough time to break through the German defences and strike the dock at over 20 knots.

Out of 611 Commandos who entered the Saint-Nazaire harbour, only 27 made it out. Although there were many casualties, the successful raid meant the severely damaged dock remained unusable until 1947. Five Victoria Crosses were awarded to men involved and a fitting memorial now exists on the Prince of Wales Pier in Falmouth. It was unveiled by the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall on 11 July 2008.



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## Mayors Welcome

Welcome to the latest edition of Fathom – your local newsletter covering community developments, news and events.

It is my great privilege to have been re-elected as your Town Mayor for a second year of office. I have really enjoyed my first year and seen the Council achieve a great deal. We have protected community assets and delivered the services that you told us you felt were important, including: public toilets, public CCTV, Municipal Buildings, Former Post Office, Town events, highway weed spraying, and parks and gardens.

We will continue the good we have done by working to protect the future of Falmouth Library, providing an enhanced shuttle bus service and delivering further local management of environmental sites, and parks and gardens.

We're also very pleased that our environment continues to be recognised by In Bloom success and that the Falmouth Neighbourhood Plan is currently being created. Please input into this Plan. It's a chance to have your say and ensure that we continue to make the decisions that are right for you and our community.

Councillor John Body  
Town Mayor



## A Better Environment

Falmouth Town Council is making changes to the way we operate and provide environmental services.

We're seeing a fall in the standard of maintenance of environmental sites, so we're working with Cornwall Council and others to take control and manage and maintain these sites better.

We're also working to provide services that others have stopped doing or do less frequently, such as weed spraying and graffiti removal. We want to empower the many fantastic volunteer groups in Falmouth to maintain and care for the streets and green spaces where they live too.

Unfortunately on the night of the election, some people sprayed obscene graffiti in 25 different places across Falmouth. We were out to start washing it away before most people awoke. However the process took most of the day, wasting public funds that could have been put to much better use. If you know who is responsible, please report them to the police.

The first site that the Town Council will take on the management of, is the public open space and pitches at Dracaena Ave. We're working in partnership with the Dracaena Centre and are in the advance stage of taking this on through Cornwall Council's devolution policy.

## A Plan For Falmouth

Getting local residents, businesses and groups involved in the new Neighbourhood Plan for Falmouth has been a great success.

The Plan gives local people a real say on how the town should develop up to 2030, and we saw over 100 people attend the drop-in sessions to talk about it in detail. Our website has also had nearly 6,400 hits and we've seen extensive Twitter retweets and mentions.

So far we've had 680 online questionnaire responses and 450 postal questionnaire responses. Unexpected delays with the questionnaire hand-outs have meant that the deadline to respond has been extended to Friday 22 May, so we expect the final figure to be even higher.

So what happens next? The preliminary findings of the survey will be released in early June. The Town Councils Neighbourhood Plan Stakeholder Group will look at the results and set up teams to look more deeply into the key themes. They'll then come up with specific ideas for the planning of Falmouth into the future.

We'll need volunteers to serve on our Theme Teams, so if you're keen to have a bigger involvement in local planning, please see the website [www.planforfalmouth.info](http://www.planforfalmouth.info) to find out more.



## Falmouth's New Neighbourhood Team

We've listed contact details for our new Falmouth and Penryn Neighbourhood team, so you can get in touch with your local officer.

Please remember that these numbers aren't for reporting crime and shouldn't replace 999 calls for emergencies or 101 calls.

**Arwenack & Boslowick: 01326 213453**

PC Mat Cummins will take on Arwenack & Boslowick ward. PCSO Bill Wood will focus on the Arwenack side and PCSO Sam Crowther will focus on the Boslowick side.

**Penwerris & Trescoebes: 01326 213408**

PC Helen Newton will take on Penwerris & Trescoebes wards. PCSO Becky Bromley will retain the Penwerris & Trescoebes wards.

**Penryn: 01326 213421**

PC Bob Jones will retain rural locations including Penryn, Mylor, Flushing, Mawnan Smith. PCSO Chris Braddon will take over Penryn ward.

**Falmouth rural parishes: 01326 213455**

PCSO Ashley Fuller will take over Constantine, Mylor, Flushing, Budock and Mawnan Smith.

**Falmouth University: 01326 213416**

PCSO John Dukes will retain responsibility for the University and support Chris Braddon in Penryn.

**Mabe and beyond: 01326 213411**

PCSO Andy Huddleston will retain responsibility for Mabe, Pansanoth, Stithians.

## Our New Website


We're pleased to announce that information about Council services, how to access your local Councillors, and civic and municipal services will now be found on [www.falmouthtowncouncil.co.uk](http://www.falmouthtowncouncil.co.uk).

The site will give you information on how to contact us, the work of the Council and Falmouth generally, as well as directing users to other websites for further information. It's still developing and we will be adding further content and features over the next few months.

We recently gave people electronic access to our burial records and got a lot of great feedback, so we've also decided to build on this online access. The Town Council is currently updating its website to make it easier and more accessible for people to find out what the Council is doing, how to access services and where to find out local information.

Information for visitors – like where to shop, town events and the Falmouth map – will still found on Falmouth's official destination website [www.falmouth.co.uk](http://www.falmouth.co.uk). You can also find us on Facebook presence: Falmouth Town Council UK.

## Let's Play!

We've hidden 10 Ice Lollies in this edition of Fathom, see if you can find them all, here is your first one  good luck finding the other 9!

## Automata Collection

People of all ages, from all over the country, are sure to be mesmerised by the automata collection at Falmouth Art Gallery this summer.

Automata are moving figures, tableaux or sculptures powered by electricity, clockwork, water, wind, gravity or hand turning. Falmouth is renowned for its automata makers and the gallery holds the country's largest public collection of contemporary automata. There is always an exciting selection on display so come along, turn the handles and be amazed!

Automata fans will also enjoy the gallery's forthcoming exhibition Rodney Peppé: Astonishing Automata and Marvellous Machines which runs from 27 June – 12 September 2015. Rodney Peppé has been crafting handmade toys and automata since the 1970s and is the author of over 80 children's books. He has also had numerous television series made about his characters' adventures, such as Huxley Pig and Angelmouse.

Falmouth Art Gallery is open from Monday to Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm and admission is free. For information on this exhibition please contact Donna Williams on 01326 313863 or [info@falmouthartgallery.com](mailto:info@falmouthartgallery.com)



## Summer ZestiFAL

ZestiFAL will turn Falmouth into a hub of energy and activity between 25 July - 02 August and they're inviting you to have a go at something new.

ZestiFAL brings together over 40 activity providers and sports clubs to encourage local residents and visitors of all ages and abilities to get involved in exciting activities. You can try pilates, a fun run, yoga, circus skills, climbing, scuba, cricket, tennis, hockey, martial arts or paddleboarding!

The town's open spaces – from The Moor and Events Square to Kimberley Park and Gyllyngvase Beach – will be transformed, providing exciting venues for all the fun. Activities will pop up within 'zones' around town including Active Zones on The Moor, a Team Sports Zone on Events Square, a Family Zone in Kimberley Park and a Beach Zone at Gyllyngvase.

The event is funded and organised by the Falmouth Business Improvement District (BID) and works in partnership with Falmouth Town Council and Cornwall Sports Partnership. Information can be found via the 'ZestiFAL' Facebook page and [www.falmouth.co.uk](http://www.falmouth.co.uk), Falmouth's official website. Come and join us.

## Parklive 2015

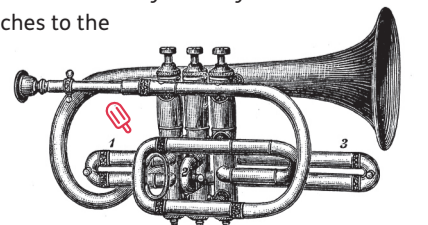
ParkLive sees an exciting line up of performers every month in Kimberley Park and is the brainchild of head gardener and Source FM presenter, Jules Kay.

Since 2015 the event has enjoyed a brand new amplified spoken word stage which is hidden in the trees near The Lodge. This is being programmed by Ellie Swingler from The Sketch House.

Each month the main stage has local music aficionados and in May the host of Source FM's 'Cornish Cream', Andrew 'Lloyd' Whetter is running the programme. Andrew says, "The May ParkLive will showcase some of the latest from the Falmouth garage sounds with the likes of The Black Tambourines, Olive Haigh, Holiday Ghosts and The Travelling Timewasters."

Jazz enthusiasts should put the August ParkLive in the diary, as Paddy Haughton and Pete Webster from Source FM's own Jazz Train show will be programming an afternoon of Jazz performances.

Now in its third year, ParkLive 2015 receives funding from Falmouth Town Council, Townsend Accommodation, Falmouth University and FEAST. It's run by a dedicated team of 10 regular volunteers and happens on the last Sunday of every month (except in July when it switches to the 3rd Sunday of the month).



**2015**  
**Summer Events**

**Jun 12 - 14**  
**Falmouth International Sea Shanty Festival**  
**Venue:** Custom House Quay, The Moor, Events Square & other locations **Info:** Shanty singers from the UK and Europe converge on Falmouth performing on stages throughout the town raising money for the RNLI. Opening and Closing Ceremonies held on Events Square. [www.falmouthseashanty.co.uk](http://www.falmouthseashanty.co.uk)  
[www.falmouthfestivals.co.uk](http://www.falmouthfestivals.co.uk)

**Jun 12 - 14**  
**Falmouth Classics**  
**Venue:** Off-Shore **Info:** Falmouth Classics have now been able to bring the competitors together in one area. Classic sailing boats, motor launches and any other classics hulls, powered by whatever means. [www.falmouthclassics.org.uk](http://www.falmouthclassics.org.uk)

**Jun - Aug**  
**Parklive Dates**  
**Venue:** Kimberley Park **Info:** Parklive is a series of events brought to you by Source FM over the Spring and Summer months, with the support of Falmouth Town Council. Sun 28th June. Sun 19th July Sun 30th August. Sun 27th September.

**Jul 12**  
**Falmouth Triathlon & Falmouth Aquathlon**  
**Venue:** Gyllygvase Beach **Info:** Triathlon a sprint distance open water event comprising a 750m sea swim followed by a 20km run. ALSO the 2015 National Aquathlon Championships and a Youth Aquathlon for 15-16 year olds. [www.falmouth.co.uk](http://www.falmouth.co.uk)

**Oct 17**  
**Ride the Trafalgar Way**  
**Venue:** Falmouth to London **Info:** The UK's newest and most innovative sportive. Following the legendary Trafalgar route, comprising four different routes including Colossus, Britannia, Conqueror, and Victory. 24 hour challenge for solo rides or join a team. Something for everyone! [www.ridethetrafalgarway.com](http://www.ridethetrafalgarway.com)



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**Rock Pooling**  
**Splish Splashing**  
**Lolly Dripping**  
**Festival Dancing**  
**Shanty Singing**  
**Oyster Tasting**  
**Boat Cruising**  
**SUMMER OF FUN**

**Jun 23 - 27**  
**J Class Regatta**  
**Venue:** Off-Shore & Events Square **Info:** A superb coup for Falmouth to welcome once again, some of the greatest and most spectacular yachts ever to sail in UK waters. Four days of racing. [www.falmouth.co.uk](http://www.falmouth.co.uk)

**Oct 8 - 11**  
**Falmouth Oyster Festival**  
**Venue:** Events Square and The Moor **Info:** Annual festival celebrating the start of Oyster dredging season. Including an oyster bar, variety of seafood, wines and champagne, real ales and stouts, arts, crafts, food and drink halls. [www.falmouth.co.uk](http://www.falmouth.co.uk)  
[www.falmouthoysterfestival.co.uk](http://www.falmouthoysterfestival.co.uk)  
[www.falmouthfestivals.co.uk](http://www.falmouthfestivals.co.uk)

**Jul 19**  
**Sea Sunday**  
**Venue:** King Charles the Martyr Parish Church **Info:** An important date in the civic calendar recognising the Town's rich maritime traditions and particular strong naval links. Parade includes Royal Naval Association, Standard Bearers, Town Councillors and other invited guests. [www.falmouthtowncouncil.com](http://www.falmouthtowncouncil.com)

**Sept 24 - 27**  
**Splash Creative Festival**  
**Venue:** Various locations throughout the town **Info:** Come and enjoy street art and theatre, contemporary dance and musical happenings, aligned with quirky goings on in our shops, SPLASH stretches the creative envelope! [www.falmouth.co.uk](http://www.falmouth.co.uk)

**Jul 25 - Aug 2**  
**ZestiFAL**  
**Venue:** Various locations throughout the town **Info:** July 25th Pirate Fun Run & Acrobatics Show - The Moor. July 27th & 29th Special Olympics - Events Square. July 30th Active Family Day - Kimberley Park. July 31st Street Cycle Races. Aug 2nd Roller Derby - Gylly Tennis Courts. July 25th - to Aug 2nd Tennis on the Square - Events Square. All Week - Studio Zone on The Moor, Scuba & Paddle Boarding - Gylly Beach. [www.falmouth.co.uk](http://www.falmouth.co.uk)

**Sept 10**  
**Classic Car Show & Rally**  
**Venue:** Events Square **Info:** A pit stop for this Classic Car Rally in aid of Children's Hospice South West. An opportunity to view these attractive old vehicles. [www.falmouthfestivals.co.uk](http://www.falmouthfestivals.co.uk)  
[www.chsw.org.uk](http://www.chsw.org.uk)

**Aug 14 - 16**  
**Falmouth Week On The Moor**  
**Venue:** Various locations throughout the town **Info:** Saturday 8th to Monday 10th Outlaw Food & Drink Festival Artisan Cornish Food & Drink. Sample some wonderful local produce. Tuesday 11th to Sunday 16th Outlaw Summer Market. Hand crafted, food and drink by local, talented individuals. Street food and live music every evening. [www.outlawevents.co.uk](http://www.outlawevents.co.uk)

**Aug 14 - 16**  
**Falmouth Week Events Square**  
**Venue:** Various locations throughout the town **Info:** Bringing a full and varied line up of artists and bands each evening. [www.falmouthfestivals.co.uk](http://www.falmouthfestivals.co.uk)  
Friday 14th August Science in the Square - Scary theme with ever popular inter-active Zones and talks. [www.exeter.ac.uk](http://www.exeter.ac.uk)  
Sunday 16th Dragon Boat racing [www.falmouthweek.co.uk](http://www.falmouthweek.co.uk) Daytime & Evening entertainment on Events Square throughout.

**Aug 7 - 16**  
**Falmouth Week Town Entertainment**  
**Venue:** Various locations throughout the town **Info:** A host of activities and events taking place throughout the week. Friday 7th August Pink Wig Event [www.pinkwigevents.org.uk](http://www.pinkwigevents.org.uk) Saturday 8th August Falmouth Marching Carnival led by Falmouth Marine Band Wednesday 12th August Falmouth Fun Day Including the Red Arrows Display, Sport Action Tour [www.actionsportstour.co.uk](http://www.actionsportstour.co.uk) events at Custom House Quay and much more. Friday 14th August Fireworks 10pm (or Saturday at 10pm if the weather is inclement on the Friday) Red Arrows simulator on Prince of Wales Pier for the whole week.

**Jul 25 - Aug 2**  
**ZestiFAL**  
**Venue:** Various locations throughout the town **Info:** The big new one! A massive celebration of Falmouth's healthy outlook and lifestyle, seeing the town's spaces transformed into active arenas, with sports, activities, health and wellbeing initiatives. [www.falmouth.co.uk](http://www.falmouth.co.uk)



**View the full Summer events guide at [www.falmouth.co.uk](http://www.falmouth.co.uk)**