

The St Eval Dragon

You may wonder what the significance of the Dragon is to St Eval. This came about following some research looking for something that we as a community could use as a sort of "Coat of Arms" for the community. On a walk around the airfield I had come across some standing stones and noted their position. On returning from my walk I input the information into the computer and came up with previous identifications and comments. Apparently the stone at Grid Ref: SW 871680 is known as the Dragon. Add to this the depiction of a dragon located on the panel of the Lady Chapel in St Eval Church and the fact that De Havilland Dragons flew from the air station here at St Eval it made sense that perhaps we should use a celtic dragon with the Cornish Flag as our community symbol.

I believe that there is someone in the community that could write a story about "Eva" the St Eval Dragon or even a series of cartoons...what do you think?



"Eva" The St Eval Dragon

Magazine articles and content should be emailed to the Editor by the end of the 3rd week of the month. Photo's should be in Jpeg format.

FUND RAISER



For those of you who don't know me, but have seen my name on posters at the shop, my name is Carole Maguire and I volunteered to head up the fund raising team for SEACAF. The aim of the FR team will be to put together ideas for events to raise money towards the eventual rent/lease/purchase of our relocated facilities. Although nothing is concrete with Defence Estates and the Council at the moment; we as a community need to be seen as working in our own interest in order to get the support from outside parties. During the next few months we will be putting together events such as a float at St Merryn Carnival, a garden party, a treasure hunt (in cars), an auction and it's a knock out. If anyone has ideas to put forward or if you would be available to help organise, build, make, run an event, all volunteers would be gratefully appreciated.

St Eval is your village and we have a very special environment here.



Hello and welcome to our first issue of The Dragon the newsletter for St Eval and the local communities. We hope to publish this on a monthly basis to keep you up to date with developments especially if you are unable to attend community meetings because of work or other commitments and because you may not have access to the internet. This is your newsletter and we hope you will contribute to it and support your local community. Have you registered your support on our "Save our Post Office, Shop and Community facilities" Facebook site? If you have not then why not do it now and get involved. We need your support.

Our website and email contact address is as follows:

www.st-eval.org
webmaster@st-eval.org

Of course you can also contact us by dropping off a letter into the Residents box situated at the Post office but mark up letters or content for the magazine as such.



WATCH YOUR SPEED



Would all drivers please watch your speed on the estate? Between 3.00pm and 4.00pm on a week day, the average speed of traffic driving through Botha Road and Halifax Road seems to be in excess of 30 MPH. Please think of the younger children that might be out playing that have little or no road sense.

St Eval Community Website launched.

Following a recent residents' meeting where the future of the community facilities was discussed with around 150 local people, a new website has been launched to keep everyone in the area informed of developments. It has been set up by local resident Terry Maguire and will include contributions from various members of the community. There is also a Facebook group which can be accessed via a link.

The issues facing St Eval are practically unique. Whereas other rural communities have lost many of their facilities through lack of use, St Eval's are under threat because of the withdrawal of the Ministry of Defence and their proposed sale of land and buildings in the area (including those currently used to house the Post Office and the Community Centre).

Cornwall Council have become involved, alongside the Parish Council, SEACAF (the local residents' group) and the Wadebridge & Padstow Community Network Manager, Sarah Sims, who has been working tirelessly to get people round the table. Much will depend on who the Defence Minister is likely to be after the election, as real help from the government will be essential.

Time is of the essence - the facilities are due to be closed before the end of the year. The community at St Eval need every bit of support possible, so please join the Facebook group, look at the website, join in the letter-writing campaigns and do whatever you can to make sure that this strong community isn't forgotten.

Jeremy Rowe

ANNINGTON START TO REFURBISH HOUSES ON LANCASTER CRESCENT



The first eight houses in Lancaster Crescent are well under way with their refurbishment. Once completed and sold this will mean that we have another eight families that will not have access to basic community facilities unless we all pull together in order to secure whatever is needed to provide for our community. Your support as residents of St Eval and the outlying hamlets will be very important to the working groups that have been set up on your behalf. Please remember that we are acting on your behalf and if you have a view or idea or even wish to work with one of the groups it is up to you to come forward and make yourself known. We will need all the help we can get.

ST EVAL RESIDENT LOBBY'S CORNWALL COUNTY COUNCIL

May 10th, 2010

Members of the community at St Eval attended the Annual Meeting of Cornwall Council to put a question to the Cabinet on the future of the community facilities in the area. As, these facilities (including the Post Office and the Community Centre) are under threat due to the partial withdrawal of the Ministry of Defence from St Eval. Time is of the essence as the facilities are due to close in early December. Officers of Cornwall Council have been constructively involved so far, and Dan Rogerson MP has held meetings with the outgoing Defence Minister to try to secure the future of the community. Much will now depend on who the new Minister will be, but it is also important that Cornwall Council is involved at its Cabinet level. The representatives from St Eval will be hoping that this meeting marks the start of a strong dialogue between the Council and other agencies, and I will of course be happy to do whatever I can to help this process.

Jeremy Rowe

ST EVAL IN BLOOM 2011

The Dragon plans to run a St Eval in Bloom competition for 2011. The competition is aimed at improving the outward look of the estate by getting those front gardens into shape! Entry into the competition is by registration and costs a mere £2.00p. Judging will take place during the first week of June 2011 with prizes being awarded at the end of the month. The owner of

the winning front garden will receive a cash prize of £75.00p with the runner up receiving a £25.00p Trelawney gift voucher. Registration forms will be printed in next month's Dragon and entries must be in by no later than 30th September 2010.



ST EVAL COMMUNITY GROUPS SHOW SUPPORT



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