

I'm sorry I cannot be with you all this evening; I am suffering from a heavy summer cold. I may be away in Wales come September as I have agreed to house and dog sitting for some friends in Mid Wales. They have yet to confirm the date so fingers crossed it will be after your September meeting!

Since we last met, I had the honour of welcoming H.M Queen Camilla to the Division as she met members of the Oasis Centre who were awarded the last ever "Queen's Award for Voluntary Service" signed by our late Queen Elizabeth the Second, a few weeks before she passed away. The Oasis Centre does sterling work throughout the Lan-Pydar Benefice helping the most vulnerable and lonely within our communities.

I attended the first meeting of the new Community Area Partnership held in Perranporth. I was delighted to vote for Cllr Liz Mckenzie to serve as Vice Chairman, Cllr Ken Yeo was voted in as Chairman. Several suggestions were put forward as to what name to give the new Partnership. Personally, I'm not over bothered what they call it, as long as the new partnership focuses on what we can realistically achieve for each of the Parishes with the area. We must guard against it becoming Newquay Centric or any other area for that matter, and ensure we get a fair deal across the new, much larger area.

I attended a meeting of the Central Area Planning Committee via Teams. I was very pleased to support the Parish Councils objection to the rebuild at "Oceanside" in Trenance. The committee agreed with us, they refused the application. Far too many suitable family homes are being demolished and replaced with modern style building that are simply not in keeping with the local area. I have no objections to new modern dwellings being built on suitable land however, I do object to perfectly good dwellings being replaced by modern edifices.

I was privileged to be asked to judge the Roach Scarecrow Competition as part of their Carnival Week. Its never easy being a judge.

August is traditionally a quite month for Council work as there are few meetings at County Hall however, I continue to deal with residents' issues on an almost daily basis.

I wish you all a delightful summer and hope the weather improves.