



## Artistic young to flag up play park

by Alison Stephenson

IT'S KIDS all the way as redevelopment plans for a park in Callington take shape — an art competition is the latest idea to get the town's youngsters involved.

Children are being asked to draw or paint one thing which they think would encourage young people to play in the Saltash Road Recreation Ground, with the winners of each age

category getting their name and handprints on the new park signage.

According to town councillors, the park has been calling out for a revamp for some time. Members would like to bring it up to the standard of the park on the other side of the town at Launceston Road, which has been redeveloped over the past couple of years with grant funding.

But the town council

wants the children to take the lead so they get exactly what they want and will look after it into the future.

The cash-strapped council is looking into selling off two pieces of land adjacent to the park for housing to help fund the project and a revamp of the town hall. The money it needs is likely to be in the region of £250,000.

The art competition follows a successful consultation workshop in the town hall where children between five and 12 years of age gave their opinions on the park through talking, playing and building models.

As well as looking at new equipment, other ideas include re-landscaping the park and creating hills and slopes and a natural amphitheatre for local events.

The art competition has three age categories — seven years and under, eight to eleven years and 12 to 16 years. Those entering who are eleven or younger will automatically be entered into a prize draw whereby the winner will help the portreeve, Rick Lumley, switch on the Christmas lights on December 5.

'We want the children to draw or paint one thing that would encourage youngsters to play in Saltash Road Play Park,' said town clerk Vernon Anderson.

'It could be rolling down a hill, walking along a log, climbing, swinging, kicking a ball around or playing on some play equipment that you love but have seen in another park.'

Any materials can be used, including pencils, crayons, paints or bits and pieces glued onto paper to make a model. A photograph can be taken of the model if it is delicate. The closing date for entries is September 21.

Anyone who wants more information can call the town hall on 01579 384039.

## College delight at its GCSE results

STUDENTS at Callington Community College have achieved outstanding results in their GCSE examinations, exceeding all previous results at the college.

In the GCSE or equivalent examinations, 79% of all students achieved five or more A\* to C grades.

The percentage of students achieving five A\* to C grades, including English and mathematics, also increased by 8% this year.

The average point score per student has also risen from 366.5 in 2008 to 447.12 in 2009.

Headteacher Gary Lobbett said: 'I am absolutely delighted by the achievements of all our young people. These results are exceptional.'

'The progress we have made is the result of the dedication, commitment and hard work of our staff, the positive attitude of our students and the high level of support from



• Celebrating their results are Anna Rowe, Eve Robertson and Sara Rowe

parents.

'Our young people have met and surpassed their challenging personal targets and aspirations.'

'I am very proud of their achievements and of the teaching and support teams at the college who guide and encourage students throughout the year. These are absolutely outstanding results. Congratulations to everyone involved.'

The college said it would particularly like to recognise the

achievements of Anna Rowe who achieved eleven A\* and A grades and to Eve Robertson and Sara Rowe who both achieved ten A\* and A grades.

It also highlighted the achievements of Will Appleby, Aggie Eynon and Cadan Lowther, who achieved nine A\* and A grades and to Esme Kemp and Louis Morris, who achieved seven A\* and A grades and three B grades each.

## Hymnathon a tuneful way to help church fund

A GUNNISLAKE resident has completed a sponsored hymnathon in aid of St Ives Parish Church, playing all 800 hymns from a hymn book given him by his mother 50 years ago.

Rob Collins, 65, taught physics at Kelly College for 12 years until 1988 and was also a design engineer. He said he had to teach himself to play the piano when he was young as his mother did not have enough money for lessons as she was a war widow.

'To encourage me she gave me a music hymn book — the Remembrance Hymnal,' he said.

Rob had recorder lessons at school, which helped him read the top line of the music, and managed to work out the rest with his love of figures and maths. He said an ambition had been to play all the 800 hymns in the book at one sitting.

Approximately two years ago he stopped at the church in St Ives to have a cream tea and the ladies there invited him to play the organ. It then occurred to him he could play his hymns there and help them in their fundraising for a new kitchen at the same time.

The hymnathon took place on Saturday, starting at 8am. It took Rob until 6.30pm to complete all the hymns, playing continuously, apart from a short break for lunch. 'I was really on my last legs by then!' he said.

Rob said he had been really impressed with the way the group of villagers had fought the closure of the church at St Ives and had succeeded in getting it reincorporated with Callington Church.

He hoped the money raised would help them towards getting their new kitchen to make providing their welcoming teas easier.

## Appeal after attack on car

POLICE in Callington are appealing for information following an incident of criminal damage in the town.

The rear driver's side window of a Toyota

Corolla was smashed when someone threw a rock at the vehicle, parked in Coronation Road, sometime overnight on August 18/19.

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