

Quality Update

QUALITY
TOWN
COUNCIL

The Official Newsletter of Bovey Tracey Town Council – Issue 48 – October 2014

BOVEY TRACEY TOWN COUNCIL – 01626 834217 – BOVEY TRACEY WEBSITE - www.boveytracey.gov.uk



New Town Clerk Appointed



FOLLOWING A rigorous and transparent selection process, the Town Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Mark Wells, as the new Town

Clerk for Bovey Tracey to replace Terry Westwood, who is taking early retirement. Mark, 37, is married to Jackie and has a young daughter, Maisie. Mark has worked for Teignbridge District Council for the past 20 years, mainly for Leisure Services and will be moving to live in Bovey in December.

Mark, a keen sportsman, is looking forward to this exciting new challenge. Asked what he thinks are the three main aspects of his new role immediately facing him, Mark considers progressing the redevelopment of the Old Thatched Inn site, the possible adoption by the Town Council of the library service and getting to know the many facets of our local community.

Local Knowledge Wanted – Can you Help?

BOVEY TRACEY Heritage Trust is planning to produce a biographical roll of those on the war memorial and include with it a list of all townspeople who served in both World Wars. We have recently discovered that a full list of those who served in the Great War is held by the Devon Heritage Centre and wish to balance this with as complete a list as possible of Bovey Tracey residents who served in the Forces in the Second World War. If you know of relatives (or others) who lived in the town in 1939-45 and served in the Armed Forces during the war, we should like to hear from you (01626 834502 or marksman1@hotmail.co.uk).

Land at Le Molay-Littry Way

Following advice received by the Town Council from the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), who have stated that, in their opinion, the Town Council does not have the statutory powers in order to provide a replacement primary school by selling part of this site for retail proposes, in order to release funds for the provision of a new primary school, which had been proposed by Teignbridge District Council.

In view of the advice received from NALC, the Town Council will now explore other options for the future use of this land.

Town Centre Update

DURING THE summer months, the work of the Town Council's Regeneration Committee has been progressing behind the scenes. The remit of this committee relates to managing a number of projects to assist in retaining the vibrancy of our town.

Meetings have taken place with Devon County Council (DCC) highways department regarding traffic flow through the Town Centre and what improvements can be made to increase on-street parking and possible developments to reduce traffic congestion. Negotiations have also taken place with Teignbridge District Council in order to determine if it is feasible to allocate Section 106 financial contributions, received as part of housing developments in the parish, towards the costs of providing a town square in Bovey Tracey, as previously reported.

Discussions have also been on-going regarding the future use of the library service in Bovey Tracey. The Town Council is very committed to retaining the library service in the town and has offered DCC to incorporate the library in the Old Thatched Inn development. Re-locating the library and combining this service with the Information Centre, will provide a far better service for users of the library, as one of the benefits would be an increase in the opening hours of the library. The old library building could have a possible community use for the parish, if, as has been requested by the Town Council, the building was to be transferred into its ownership. Further discussions regarding this project and how Bovey Tracey may become one of the ten pilot community pathfinder libraries are also taking place with DCC at the moment.

The Town Council is currently exploring funding options, through the Greater Dartmoor Local Enterprise Action Fund, due to be launched by Devon Renaissance, to provide a grant to employ a town centre manager, initially on a part-time basis.

The Town Council is still waiting for Teignbridge District Council to confirm the level of capital funding they are willing to contribute towards the demolition and relocation of the public toilets in Station Road car park into the proposed development of the Old Thatched Inn site. Once the Town Council has received confirmation regarding this and a decision on the transfer of the library service, the Town Council will then be in a position to proceed in the preparation of a design for the proposed new building. The Town Council will then arrange to hold a public exhibition to display the proposed designs.

Remembrance Service



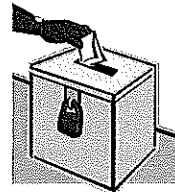
THE Annual Remembrance Service will take place at the Parish Church of St Peter, St Paul & St Thomas of Canterbury Bovey Tracey on Sunday 9th November 2014 at 10.30am. Please note this is the main Service of Remembrance in Bovey Tracey where the Two Minutes Silence is observed at 11.00am.

The service will be followed by a further **Act of Remembrance, at the Town's War Memorial in Town Hall Place at 11.30am.** This service includes the laying of wreaths in memory of those brave men and women lost during the two World Wars and subsequent conflicts.

Remembrance Day At 11.00am on Tuesday 11th November there will be a short Act of Remembrance at the Town's War Memorial.

Town & Parish Council Elections 2015

IN MAY 2015 it is anticipated there will be a local election of your Town Council of Bovey Tracey and Heathfield. Are you interested in representing your community?



We will be needing people on the Town Council, who will be

prepared to commit time each month to represent the interests of local people and businesses

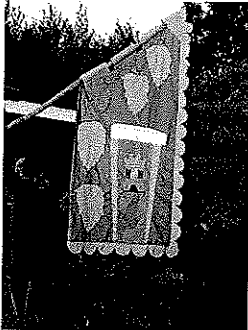
The Town Council is the first level of local government and represents the Parish of Bovey Tracey. Because you either live or work in the Parish your views, concerns and opinions are important. We all have a collective responsibility to look after the Parish of Bovey Tracey, for the people, our rural way of life, the amenities in the area and the wild life. By being a town councillor you will be doing something positive to help others.

If this is something you are interested in, there is plenty of time for you to give consideration to it and if you would like further information, just give Mark Wells our Town Clerk a call any weekday, between 9.30am to 12.30pm, on 01626 834217. He will be happy to make arrangements to meet you to explain details and answer any other questions you may have.

Bovey Tracey Flag Festival

More Flags for Bovey Tracey in 2015

After the success of this year's Bovey Tracey Flag Festival, which resulted in nineteen unique colourful flags decorating the town during the summer, we have been very fortunate to get further support from the Town Council to design and make more flags for 2015.

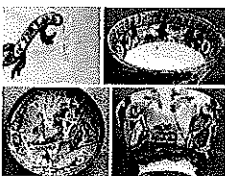


Over the next few months, it is planned for a further 20 flags to be designed and made by various local groups including Bovey Tracey Primary School, a number of local churches along with local businesses and community groups. Starting from Monday 24th November in the Town Hall, there will be a series of free workshops to design and make the flags. If you would like to get involved in helping with this next part of this community project then please contact Bridget Arnold on 07766342723 or email bridgetarnold66@gmail.com for the dates of the next series of workshops. All materials, equipment and refreshments are provided.

Thanks go to Terry Westwood, our Town Clerk, who worked so hard to make it happen and to the businesses, volunteers and community groups who signed up to help design and make the Flags for this year. Next year the Town will look even more amazing.

Do You Find Pieces of Old Pottery In Your Garden?

We are building up a collection of old broken pottery pieces from various gardens in Bovey Tracey. This is helping to expand our



knowledge of the historic borough. So far we have Totnes pottery from the 1400s, attractive post-medieval ware, and

a wide range from the Indio and Bovey potteries. If you have collected any pottery from your garden we would love to see it, even if it is just small pieces. If you would like us to dig a metre square test pit in your garden please let us know. Frances and Malcolm Billinge on 01626 833620 or email fbillinge@btinternet.com

Bovey Community Care

Bovey Community Care, the local befriending charity for elderly or isolated people living in Bovey, Heathfield, Hennock, Ilington and Liverton, has supported well over 50 people in the short time it has been active. Our team of dedicated volunteers spend 1-2 hours per week visiting people who are otherwise housebound through age or ill-health. We seek to improve our clients' quality of life by giving them time and friendly support which can take the form of a chat over a cup of tea, a trip to the shops, practical help such as walking the dog, collecting a prescription or grocery shopping. We are very grateful to Bovey Tracey Town Council, the Almshouses Trust, Cllr Avril Kerswell and Cllr George Gribble (who have given generously from their Councillors Community Funds) to finance this vital work in our community. Please contact us for further information via our website:

www.boveycommunitycare.org.uk, by telephone 07794 599206 or by email boveycommunitycare@gmail.com

Riverside Surgery Befrienders

Since our last appeal in Quality Update, in July, I'm pleased to report that we have recruited some new drivers. BUT some of our existing volunteers have also retired, after many years of valuable service to the Befrienders. Thus we are still on the lookout for more new drivers to come and join us. What we do is provide patient transport to the Riverside Surgery, local hospitals and other healthcare premise such as dentists and opticians. We aim to serve those who would otherwise find it difficult or impossible to get to their appointments, and our service is much in demand. No special skills or equipment are required; you just need to be a safe and considerate driver, with your own car, living within 6 miles of Bovey Tracey, and willing to give up a bit of your time to help others. We reimburse all mileage expenses so you won't be out of pocket either. If you think you can help, or would just like to find out more, please contact me on 01626 832850, or e-mail jwwj.ferguson@tiscali.co.uk

Jim Ferguson, Chairman

Candlelit Carol Service 2014

THE Town's Candlelit Carol Service will take place at the Parish Church of SS Peter, Paul & Thomas on Monday 22nd December commencing at 7.30pm to be followed by refreshments courtesy of the Church and your Town Council in the Church Rooms.



Bovey Tracey Town Council Meetings

Starting time 7.00pm
Public Speaking Period
at the start of each meeting

17th November 2014
Town Hall - Bovey Tracey

26th January 2015
Heathfield Community Centre

Town Councillors Contact Numbers

Town Mayor - Cllr Eoghan Kelly 830369
Deputy Mayor - Cllr Ulli Arnold 833376

Bovey Councillors:

Tony Allen	836239
Bob Ashby	832388
Doreen Black	07463 495377
Robert Bray	835591
Martyn Evans	830347
George Gribble */**	832764
Anna Klinkenberg*	834328
Steven Leigh	07792 016120
Avril Kerswell*	832923
Tina Richardson	835363
Mark Tregoning	835193

Heathfield Councillors:

David Elphick	832125
Eoghan Kelly	830369
*District Councillor ** County Councillor	
Town Clerk - Mark Wells	834217

Floods Destroy - Be Prepared

Some people think that flooding will never happen to them. The fact is - it could. Parts of the parish are at risk of flooding from the River Bovey.

Receiving a warning about the onset of flooding is one way you can make preparations to stay safe and minimise damage. The Environment Agency has enhanced Bovey Tracey's flood warning service, as part of its ongoing work to manage flood risk. This means that we will receive more accurate, reliable and timely flood warnings for the River Bovey. The Environment Agency aims to give a minimum of two hours lead time before the onset of flooding, when a Flood Warning is issued.

Remember! When you receive a flood warning flooding of homes and businesses is expected. You should take immediate action

Check if you're at risk of flooding, get information about the free Floodline Warnings Direct Service and find out how to prepare for flooding at www.gov.uk/floodsdestroy or call Floodline on 0345 988 1188. Alternatively, call to the Environment Agency direct at Bovey Tracey Produce Market on Saturday 13th December (08:30-13:00).

Don't forget to visit www.boveytracey.gov.uk for latest news on events in and around the Parish

