

Quality Update

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Dog Ban



As reported previously, the Town Council has major concerns regarding the increase in dogs' mess not being picked up by irresponsible dog owners at the Recreation Ground in Newton

Road, despite there being six dog bins available. At its council meeting in January, the Town Council decided to give those people who walk their dogs at the Recreation Ground a further 10 week period to try to encourage all dog walkers to pick up their dog's mess. Regretfully the situation has not improved and the irresponsible minority have spoiled it for those people who do take the trouble to pick up their dog's mess.

At its meeting in March, the Town Council unanimously took the regrettable decision to implement a dog ban for the Recreation Ground from 1st June 2011. Obviously a lot of people will be upset over this decision. However, something has to be done to ensure no one is at risk, particularly young people, from contracting, *Toxocora* through contact with dogs' faeces. The open area of the Recreation Ground is used every week by either the cricket or football clubs for matches or training. Both clubs have very popular youth sections.

The proposed dog ban only relates to the Recreation Ground. There are many alternative places for local people to walk their dogs in and around Bovey Tracey. The Town Council has to take its Health & Safety responsibilities seriously in relation to the possible transmission of *Toxocora*.

Notices are to be placed out at the Recreation Ground informing dog walkers of the proposed ban. Town Council staff will also be regularly visiting the Recreation Ground, especially in the early morning, as this seems the time of day that those people who do not pick up their dog's mess exercise their dogs. All Councillors are happy to be contacted about this proposal and will gladly listen to any suggestions people may have. The contact details of the current councillors until the elections on 5th May are given overleaf.

As a footnote, during the four public consultation events that have been held regarding planning for the next 20 years for the parish, many people, young and old, said it would be wonderful to have at least one dog free area in the Parish, where residents could be confident they could enjoy using an area without the worry of encountering dogs mess. Recently, dog mess was found in the play area at the Recreation Ground, where dogs are certainly not allowed!

Bovey Tracey Needs You to Vote! Town Council Elections - 5th May 2011



you and your family!

DID YOU KNOW that your local councillors are consulted on nearly everything that happens in your area? They take an active part in deciding what services are and are not provided and that affects

Bovey Tracey Town Council is responsible for many things like: bus shelters, litter bins, the Town Hall, parks, play areas, the cemetery and public footpaths to name but a few. They are also consulted on planning applications, highway improvements, street signs, grant funding and projects that affect where you live and what facilities your community has or receives.

Local councils are delivering more services for residents than ever before and with changes to legislation and funding opportunities becoming available, Bovey Tracey Town Council will be in a strong position to do even more in the future.

Everything we come into contact with on a daily basis affects how we feel and what we do, so how much effort do you actually make to get your opinions known? Voting in local parish and town council elections takes so little time, but will have a daily impact on you for the next four years, because councillors remain in office for a four year term and their decisions affect the future for your whole community. If you leave voting to others your opinions and wishes will not be heard and simply by voting for a candidate you feel will reflect your view sends a clear message of your opinion to the decision makers.

It is said 'people get the local council they deserve'. Do you know who is standing for election in your community? During this April and early May, this information will be on your local notice boards or displayed around the Parish. If you cannot find this information locally your Teignbridge District Council will be able to advise you.

If you do not vote, others will and their views may change your life.

**Have a voice - vote in the local elections
on 5th May 2011**



Fairtrade Bovey Tracey

The Bovey Tracey Fairtrade Steering Group are looking for additional businesses, hotels, B&B's, clubs and local organisations etc to use Fairtrade products to help them with their application for reaccreditation as a Fairtrade Town in July. For further information contact: Liz Westwood on 01626 836107.

Dear Resident,

This is my final letter to you as the Town Mayor for Bovey Tracey and Heathfield for the past 12 months and what a wonderful year it has been! The people of Heathfield have superb new play equipment in Big Park and also a Youth Centre at Cannon Road, which has been very well received, both of which would not have happened without the involvement of the Town Council.

British Ceramic Tiles are also working closely with representatives of the Town Council and the people of Heathfield to alleviate their concerns with regards to dust, parking and safety issues as a result of their manufacturing processes and are making very good progress in reaching satisfactory compromises.

The Town Council have been very proactive in trying to keep the precept down as well as helping many good causes and even in these times of restraint, we are still trying to find ways to enable us to go forward with remedial works to the Town Hall. Watch this space!

The various sports clubs throughout the town have enjoyed much success and go from strength to strength. Particular congratulations to Bovey Tracey Bowling Club who are celebrating their Centenary of the club's formation in 2011.

We all enjoyed a year of various events to celebrate the anniversary of our 750th Charter and you all rose to the occasion with such enthusiasm and goodwill. Speaking of young people, I would also like to mention that Bovey Tracey Primary School will celebrate its centenary this year. Also the Devon Guild of Craftsmen and Jeffreys Country Store are both celebrating their 25th anniversary.

This year we look forward to the royal wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton and next year our Queen celebrates her Diamond Jubilee. Such happy times within so many world conflicts. On 5th May 2011 we will have our Town and District elections. There are 15 candidates standing for 12 seats in Bovey. As there were only two nominations for the Heathfield ward, there will not be an election in Heathfield for the Town Council only for the District Council. Heathfield now has two new Councillors from 6th May; David Elphick and Eoghan Kelly.

In the meantime, I thank you all for your kindness and encouragement during the last twelve months and I wish my successor good luck for their year as your Town Mayor.

Best wishes

Avril J. Kerswell - Town Mayor

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

Bovey Tracey Town Council Meetings

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

Meetings are held in the Council Chamber
Town Hall - Bovey Tracey
Annual Town Meeting
16th May 2011

Heathfield Big Park & Youth Centre Update

Following the upgrading of Big Park during 2010, which the Town Council, along with other grants from different organisations in the Parish, invested £67,000 towards these improvements. Teignbridge District Council (TDC) invested £33,000 towards the project. It is fair to say that if the Town Council had not been proactive in offering this financial investment to TDC, the works to Big Park would have not been undertaken. The Town Council are still considering, financial resources allowing, whether to take over the responsibility for Big Park's future maintenance.

It has now been confirmed by Devon Youth Services (DYS) that the Youth Centre on Cannon Road will continue to operate for the foreseeable future despite a reduction in DYS's budget for 2011/12.



The Bovey Tracey Players

Presents

When Did You Last See Your Trousers

By Ray Galton & John Antrobus

This hilarious farce will provide an evening of outrageous fun for all!

Taking place nightly in the Town

Hall from 15th to 18th June 2011

Doors open at 7.00pm. Tickets are

£7.50 and are available from:

Arnolds - Brixmley Post office or call

The Box Office on 01626 835644

French Street Market Returns Again to Bovey

Marché de France

Saturday 11th June 2011

Fore Street - Bovey Tracey

9.00am to 4.00pm

Come and enjoy a genuine French Market

Working with Bovey Tracey Town Council and



Town Councillors Contact Numbers

Town Mayor - Avril Kerswell 832923
Deputy Mayor - Robert Bray 835591

Bovey Councillors:

Tony Allen 836239
Dorreen Black 834297
David Elphick 832125
Taff Evans 830347
Alan Griesiell 833348
George Gribble** 832764
Michael Harper 836227
Fernley Holmes* 833171
Avril Kerswell 832923
Anna Klinckenberg* 834328
Tina Richardson 835363

Heathfield Councillors:

Kelly Westbury 830494
Michelle Davey 836607
*District Councillor ** County Councillor
Town Clerk - Terry Westwood 834217

Macmillan Centenary Appeal

In this, Macmillan Cancer Support centenary year, Jeremy Leach of the world famous Lowerdown Pottery, Haytor Road, Bovey Tracey, has kindly offered to have a "half price sale" of all his work at the pottery. All income from the sales will go directly to Macmillan. Last year's event raised a wonderful £2,600.

The Centenary Sale will take place at Lowerdown Pottery on Friday 20th May and Saturday 21st May from 10.00am to 4.00pm each day.

Bovey Tracey Half Marathon Sunday 3rd July 2011 - Start 10.00am



www.boveytracey.gov.uk/events.php

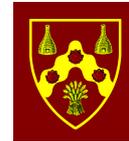
Details and application forms for this event, starting at the Recreation Ground, are now available by contacting the Town Hall Office - 01626 834217 (mornings only) or download an application form and route details from:

Bovey Tracey Fun Run Sunday 3rd July 2011 - Start 10.15am

This is purely a Three Mile Fun Run with no winners' categories. Entry is **ON THE DAY ONLY**. Entry Fee: £5.00 per runner. Registration is at the Recreation Ground from 9.00am. Under 9's must be accompanied by an adult. A quality medal will be presented to all entrants.

Bovey in Bloom 2011

It is sad to announce for a number of personal commitments affecting members of the Bovey in Bloom committee, that this year's Bovey in Bloom competition for residents and businesses has been cancelled for 2011. It is hoped to run the competition again in 2012.



Bovey Tracey Primary School Centenary Celebrations

Bovey Tracey Primary School is preparing a feast of celebrations and events to commemorate its Centenary this year. The school first opened its doors on 2nd June 1911 and since then has been educating generations of children from the town and surrounding area.

On the 25th and 26th of May, tours of the school will be undertaken, with displays showing the history and many changes that have taken place to the school during this period. In addition, visitors will be treated to musical and drama performances by the pupils. A quiz evening open to the general public run by the school association will also take place on the evening of the 26th.

The grand finale of the proceedings will be held on the 27th of May with an "It's A Knockout" sports fun day for members of the school, followed by a céilidh which will be open to the community with tickets being sold in advance, details of which will follow nearer the time

If you have any memories or photos from your own time spent at Bovey Tracey Primary School in 'days gone by', which you would be willing to share, please get in touch by e-mailing: centenary@bovey-tracey-primary.devon.sch.uk



St Catherine's Update

St. Catherine's C of E Nursery and Primary School in Heathfield is a school that has shown that in a short space of time it is possible to achieve plenty for the benefit of the children and local community alike.

In the summer of 2010, St. Catherine's was given support from St. Michael's C of E Primary in Kingsteignton. This support was put in place to help the school during a difficult period. The head teacher, Jill Murch, then left to get married and the governors agreed to go into management partnership with St. Michael's.

This partnership working began in September 2010 with Adrian Clements as the new Head of Teaching and Learning and Martin Harding (Headteacher of St. Michael's) as the Executive Headteacher for both schools. Adrian's role involves being the head of the school and the day-to-day face of the school for the children, parents and local community.

The governors of St. Catherine's and St. Michael's have now agreed to become a Federation. Basically this means that the links between the schools that have been in place since September are now more formal. This link will include the creation of one federated governing body that will run both schools as of 27th April 2011, under the new federation name of the **United Schools Federation**, (USF) and its motto will be 'Aiming Higher, Achieving More, Together'.

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