

Quality Update

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Shaping community services for the future: Options for care in Bovey Tracey

MANY OF you will be aware that Torbay and Southern Devon Health and Care NHS Trust, the organisation who provides health services across Southern Devon and health and social care in Torbay is currently running a public consultation called Shaping Community Services.

The consultation, which started on 29 November and runs until 24 February 2013, aims to get the views of local people on proposals to relocate inpatient services from Bovey Tracey Community Hospital and Ashburton and Buckfastleigh Community Hospital to the state of the art and purpose built Community Hospital in Newton Abbot. As part of the consultation they are also asking local people what new services they would like to see brought to the community in the vacated hospital space.

Since the start of the consultation residents have been able to share their thoughts and views on the proposals online, by completing and return a freepost leaflet that is available in GP surgeries, libraries or children's centres, or by attending one of the public meetings that was held in January and early February. Further, local residents should have or will soon receive a leaflet through their doors to complete and return via a Freepost address.

If you haven't attended one of the public meetings or already shared your feedback via the website or a leaflet please visit www.tsdhc.nhs.uk. On the website you will also be able to find a consultation document and a whole host of information that sets out the proposals and the reasons for change in more detail. If you require further information please call 01803 210500.

Do you live in the ancient Borough of Bovey Tracey?

ON 6th May 2013 Dr. Frances Billinge will lead THE MAYOR'S RIDING walk to beat the bounds of the Borough of Bovey Tracey as they were in the 16th century. There is no known map of our early Borough so this walk is based on evidence from the Domesday survey, Charters, Subsidy Rolls and Church Rates.

The walk will start from the Heritage Centre, St John's Lane at 1.45 and trace the boundaries through the oldest parts of the town. At the end of the walk refreshments will be served in the Heritage Centre at approximately 4.00 pm.

BOVEY TRACEY TOWN COUNCIL

IS SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR THE HONORARY TITLE OF

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LORD OF THE MANOR OF BOVEY TRACEY for 2013

THIS IS awarded annually at the Town Council's Annual Meeting on 20th May 2013 to a Bovey or Heathfield resident, who in the opinion of the Town Council, for whatever reason, has made a significant voluntary contribution to the Parish of Bovey Tracey over the past 10 years and should be publicly recognised for those actions.

If you know of someone who should be considered for this award, please contact the Town Council Office for a nomination form and the criteria for nomination or download a copy from www.boveytracey.gov.uk. Completed nomination forms should be returned by 15th April 2013 to:

The Town Clerk
Bovey Tracey Town Council
Town Hall – Bovey Tracey – TQ13 9EG
For any further information, please contact
Terry Westwood – Town Clerk
01626 834217 – mornings only

Prestigious Award for Neighbourhood Watch

THE TOWN COUNCIL is pleased to congratulate Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) on being awarded a Queen's Diamond Jubilee Volunteering Award for the significant impact it has made nationally during the Queen's reign. NHW is one of the largest voluntary organisations in the UK focusing on deterring and reducing crime in communities including here in Bovey Tracey.

The Town Council is represented on the Bovey NHW Forum by Cllr Tony Allen, who is always pleased to hear from anyone wishing to set up a scheme for their particular neighbourhood. Contact details are bowdens.nhw@btinternet.com or c/o the Town Council office.



Community Path

WORK CONTINUES by Devon County Council to progress the Wray Valley Trail a community path between Moretonhampstead and Bovey Tracey. Phase one of the scheme between Pound Lane, Moretonhampstead and Steward Wood was completed in April 2011. Phase two of the scheme in Bovey Tracey from Station Road, through Mill Marsh Park to the A382 at Hole Bridge is well underway and the Contractor, E&JW Glendinnings of Ashburton is on schedule despite adverse weather conditions throughout.

A new underpass below the A382 at Hole Bridge has already been constructed to provide a safe crossing from Mill Marsh Park to Parke, along with a new parking lay-by and connecting footpath on the A382. The existing pedestrian crossing over the A382 is being improved for use when the River Bovey is in flood. Good progress is being made installing the path through Mill Marsh Park.

Phase three of the trail will see maintenance works take place on the existing permissive path open through the Parke estate from Hole Bridge to Wilford Bridge that once formed part of the dismantled Moretonhampstead branch line. As well as work to maintain the existing surface the existing drainage will be cleared to improve any wet areas. Phases two and three are planned to be opened together at the end of March.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2013

A Note for Your Diary

YOU ARE invited to attend the Annual Town Meeting in the Town Hall, Bovey Tracey on Wednesday 27th March 2013, starting at 7.30pm.

Please come along to see and hear about what has been happening in the Parish over the past 12 months. This will include an update on the activities of the Town Council and reports from local organisations and primary schools.



Fairtrade Fortnight 2013
25th February to 10th March 2013



The Bovey Tracey Players

Presents

Aladdin

The Bovey Tracey Players are presenting the Pantomime, 'Aladdin' written by Ben Crocker, previously of the Northcott Theatre, Exeter, The show is directed by a new Director, Joan Lowe, who has a lot of experience directing shows in the north of England, before moving to Devon.

This popular show will be presented at Bovey Tracey Town Hall from Wednesday 20th to Saturday 23rd February 2013 at 7.30pm, with a matinee on Saturday 23rd at 2.30pm.

Tickets at £6.00 for an adult and £4.00 for young people under 16 are available from Arnold's, Bovey Tracey and Brimley Post Office. The Box Office number is 01626 835644.

Bovey Tracey Town Council Meetings

Starting time 7.00pm
Public Speaking Period at the start of each meeting
18th March 2013
Annual Council Meeting
20th May 2013
Town Hall - Bovey Tracey

2013 Precept - £188,855

AFTER CAREFUL consideration, at its meeting on 21st January 2013, the Town Council set its precept for the next twelve months starting on 1st April 2013.

The precept is the amount of money required by the Town Council to undertake various services on behalf of residents. These include the maintenance and management of Mill Marsh Park, the Town Hall, play areas, allotments, the cemetery and other open spaces within the parish. The Town Council also financially supports the work of Bovey Tracey Youth Café and Heathfield Youth Club as well as providing a significant contribution to the Christmas lights and Bovey Tracey in Bloom. Due to continuing strong and effective financial management by the Town Council, we have been able to maintain the precept at £188,855 for the next financial year.

As you are probably aware, the Town Council is proposing to now build a new community building on the Old Thatched Inn site. A progress report on the plans for the new building is provided separately within this edition of Quality Update. As happened last year, £40,000 of the precept is being specifically allocated towards the building cost of the new building.

Heathfield Community Centre

HEATHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE at Cannon Road, Heathfield, is available as a venue for activities, events, meetings and family parties.

On the ground floor is a hall, kitchen and small room for hire, whilst upstairs there is an area with its own kitchen, to which there is access by stairs or lift and is suitable for conferences, meetings etc. There is ample parking outside for more than 20 cars.

The centre is run by a small group of volunteers who would like to invite more members of the community to help them keep the centre open. We are looking for people to join the committee, carry out maintenance, organise activities and to generally support the centre. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th April 2013, starting at 7pm and is open to all. If you are interested in helping us, please either phone 01626 834420 or email; heathfieldcommunitycentre@btconnect.com

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Bovey Councillors:

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Ulli Arnold	833376
Bob Ashby	832388
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Robert Bray	835591
George Gribble **	832764
Steven Leigh	07792 016120
Avril Kerswell	832923
Tina Richardson	835363
Mark Tregoning	835193

Heathfield Councillors:

David Elphick	832125
Eoghan Kelly	830369
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Town Clerk - Terry Westwood	834217

Old Thatched Inn Update

AS REPORTED in the last edition of Quality Update, the decision was taken by Councillors at its Council Meeting on 17th September 2012 not to progress the original option of rebuilding the Old Thatched Inn, but to demolish the existing structures and replace with a new single storey building. The Town Council further decided to apply to English Heritage to have the site de-listed as it is felt the remaining structures, the three stone walls adjacent to the highway, have no architectural or historical interest. English Heritage has agreed the remaining cob built section can be demolished.

The Town Council has now finalised the design of the proposed new building and is currently working with the Planning Department at Teignbridge District Council to ensure the design approved by the Town Council is acceptable in planning terms. Once this matter has been resolved there will be a public exhibition of the plans in the Town Hall. The date of the exhibition will be widely publicised.

Community Land Update

THE RESULTS of the consultation undertaken by Bovey Tracey Town Council (B TTC) on possible future uses of the Community Land off the Le Moly-Litry Way, facilitated by the Community Council of Devon were received in December and are available for public viewing at www.boveytracey.gov.uk.

B TTC is still waiting for the results of the hydrographical study of the area, which will soon be available to the Town Council following some additional work being undertaken as requested by the Environment Agency. Data gained from this study will be used by the Environment Agency to assess the viability of this site for future possible uses.

Once this information has been received, and taking the consultation results into consideration, the Town Council will then be in a position to consider what next steps to take regarding the future of the Community Land.

On behalf of the Town Council, Town Mayor Cllr Anna Klinkenberg would like to thank all those who attended the public event at the Methodist Hall last October and who returned their completed survey forms for their interest and involvement in this community-wide consultation.

Mill Marsh Park

AS WIDELY reported in the media, the rain on late Saturday evening early Sunday morning on 24th & 25th November 2012, caused wide spread flooding throughout Devon. Whereas Bovey Tracey was not affected by flooding as bad as other areas locally, the River Bovey did overflow into Mill Marsh Park, which resulted in the play area being completely flooded.

The force of the water as it entered and left the play area caused some of the black safety surfaces in the play area to be lifted and disturbed the stone base on which these surfaces are laid. This has resulted in a lot of damage with four sections of the matting having to be replaced. Therefore, as this damage was classified as a Health & Safety issue, the Town Council was advised to close the play area.

Fortunately, the Town Council's insurance policy covers this type of damage. The insurance loss-adjusters have now agreed to the costs of undertaking the repair work, which, if weather conditions allow, will mean the play area should re-open in early March.

Christmas Lights 2012

The Town Council would like to thank the many businesses and organisations in the Town for financially supporting the 2012 Christmas Lights.

Grateful thanks again to local resident Mark Baker for supplying the Christmas tree for Union Square.