

Dear Resident

With the festive season approaching, I have been thinking back over the activities and roles the Town Council is currently involved with.

Your Town Council is still endeavouring to get the right kind of support from Devon Youth Service for the young people of the parish. There are many organisations in the parish providing a huge range of activities for our young people. But young people need a place to 'chill out'. This is where the Youth Café provides an important role in our parish life for young people. So my thanks go to the team involved in running the Youth Café.

The five new decorated benches in Mill Marsh Park, built by local artist Taja and local residents, young and old, are an asset to the park. As mentioned in October, Bovey Tracey gained Fairtrade status, with thanks to Liz Westwood, and we can support them by looking for the Fairtrade symbol in the shops and purchasing their good quality merchandise.

I give my thanks to businesses in the town who have contributed to the Christmas lights this year and hope, during the present economic downturn, that we will all support all our local businesses in the 'THINK LOCAL' campaign being promoted by the Western Morning News

I would like to congratulate Cllr George Gribble on being awarded the "A Councillor Who Has Made a Difference in Devon" for councils up to 10,000 residents from the Devon Association of Parish Councils. An honour for Bovey Tracey and well done, George!

In this festive season we must not forget our armed forces serving in Iraq and Afghanistan who many of whom will spend their Christmas away from their loved ones. This was brought into focus on Remembrance Sunday at the Parish Church of PPT when some 430 people packed the Church to pay their respects to the fallen of two world wars and subsequent conflicts and for the wreath-laying ceremony afterwards at the War Memorial.

As I write this, the Town Council is waiting to hear if it has been successful in regaining its Quality Status, one of the first in the country and hopefully, this will be a well deserved Christmas present for the parish.

Please don't forget to come along to the Christmas Evening Market on 22nd December

I, personally, would like to wish everyone in the parish a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year – and that 2009 proves to be a good year.

Cllr Dorreen Black
Town Mayor



Bovey Tracey at Christmas

**COME TO BOVEY TRACEY'S
CHRISTMAS EVENING FARMERS
& PRODUCER'S MARKET
AND LATE NIGHT SHOPPING**

Union Square – Bovey Tracey

**Monday 22nd December 2008
From 5.00pm to 7.30pm**

This event has been organised by Bovey Tracey Farmers and Producer's Market, Bovey Tracey Town Council with the support of local businesses in and around Bovey Tracey.

This special evening market will offer local products for Christmas including local fresh produce, fresh beef lamb, pork and game (if available). Fairtrade gifts and food, fresh fish, cakes, cheeses and locally grown plants plus much, much, more!!!

Mulled wine & mince pies along with a hog roast will be tempting visitors with carol singing and live music providing the festive spirit. Chudleigh & Bovey Tracey Rotary Club will be there with Father Christmas as will Silverwings Falconry with their bids of prey. Many shops and cafes are also staying open late offering you the chance to do some late night Christmas shopping.

For further information telephone
Marion Carpenter 01626 834109

Candlelit Carol Service



THE Town's Candlelit Carol Service will take place at SS PPT (the Top Church) on Wednesday 17th December commencing at 7.30pm to be followed by refreshments courtesy of the Church and your Town Mayor Cllr. Dorreen Black in the Church Rooms.



*Cllr Gribble receives his award from
Town Mayor Cllr. Black*

Heathfield Bus Shelters

GOOD NEWS. After several months negotiating with the District Council and Devon County Council, it has now been possible to provide two new bus shelters on Battle Road at Heathfield for a total cost of £15,000. The delay was caused by the need to seek the necessary permission to place the lower bus shelter on land owned by the District Council and to confirm with Devon County Council that the footpath was wide enough for the other bus shelter to be sited at the junction of Battle Road and Old Newton Road.

The decision to replace the two bus shelters was as a result of the 'Have Your Say' event at the Community Centre held in October 2007. Many residents who attended the event asked for this to be done.

The Town Council is considering various options on what to do with the bus shelter by the Post Office. This shelter, and the two which have been replaced, have been consistently vandalised. Therefore, it was hoped the two new shelters are less susceptible to damage. Regrettably however, in only a short space of time, someone has already vandalised the shelter on Battle Road located nearest to BCT.

Anti Social Behaviour

THIS is a very important matter needing your help. It has been reported that there are a very small number of young people in the Cannon Road area of Heathfield and around Lower Fore Street in Bovey Tracey who are involved in anti-social behaviour, which in turn is upsetting quite a number of residents. This behaviour cannot be tolerated by our communities.

The Town Council and police would like your support in dealing with this matter. If you or a member of your family either experiences this bad behaviour or witnesses any incidents please call the police and report the incident immediately. The Town Council and the police fully appreciate this takes time and effort, but if we wish to remove this unacceptable behaviour from our streets, we must, as a parish, work together to deal with it. If you suffer from or witness any antisocial behaviour please call the following:

**IF AN EMERGENCY 999
TO REPORT AN INCIDENT: 08452 777444**

**VISIT
www.boveytracey.gov.uk
TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE SURVEY
See over for more details**

Bovey Tracey Town Council Meetings

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

MONDAY 26TH JANUARY 2009

MONDAY 23RD MARCH 2009

Meetings are held in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Bovey Tracey

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH 2009

STARTING AT 7.30 IN THE TOWN HALL

Bovey Tracey's Christmas and New Year Refuse and Recycling Collections

NORMAL COLLECTION DAY	REVISED COLLECTION DAY
Wed. 24.12.08	As normal
Thursday 25.12.08	Saturday 27.12.08
Friday 26.12.08	Monday 29.12.08
Monday 29.12.08	Tuesday 30.12.08
Tuesday 30.12.08	Wed. 31.12.08
Wed. 31.12.08	Friday 2.1.09
Thursday 1.1.09	Saturday 3.1.09
Friday 2.1.09	Monday 5.1.09
Monday 5.1.09	Tuesday 6.1.09
Tuesday 6.1.09	Wed. 7.1.09
Wed. 7.1.09	Thursday 8.1.09
Thursday 8.1.09	Friday 9.1.09
Friday 9.1.09	Saturday 10.1.09

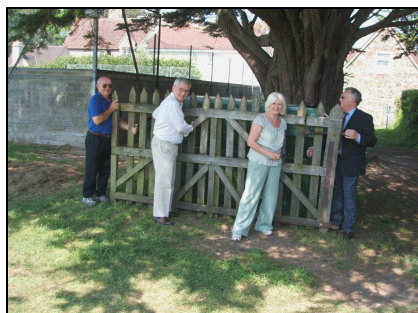
All collections back to normal week commencing 12th January. Any queries please telephone 01626 215838

Christmas Tree Recycling



The Free 'Christmas Tree Recycling Service' will run over the weekend of the 3rd and 4th of

January 2009 in Station Road Car Park, Bovey Tracey.



Who said Councillors don't do any work?

Your Town Councillors' contact numbers:

Town Mayor – Dorreen Black 834297

Deputy Mayor – Michelle Davey 836607

Bovey Councillors:

Tony Allen 836239

Robert Bray 835591

David Elphick 832125

Alan Griesiell 833348

George Gribble 832764

Michael Harper 836227

Fernley Holmes* 833171

Avril Kerswell 832923

Anna Klinkenberg* 834328

Sally Morgan*/** 830257

Tina Richardson 835363

Heathfield Councillors:

Kelly Westbury 830494

Michelle Davey 836607

*District Councillor ** County Councillor

Town Clerk - Terry Westwood 834217

Recycling Christmas Cards and Wrapping Paper

Find out how to recycle your Christmas cards and wrapping paper.



POTENTIALLY there will be more than one million Christmas cards delivered in Teignbridge area during this coming festive season. Let's do our bit to keep them out of landfill and to help protect

our woodlands by recycling them.

The Woodland Trust has announced that they will once again be running their Christmas card recycling scheme in the New Year. Between 2nd January and 31st January 2009 you will be able to take your cards to W H Smith, Tesco or Marks & Spencer.

Plain paper Christmas cards, without glitter and foil, can be placed in your black recycling box. Small amounts of plain wrapping paper will be accepted in your black recycling box. However, please make sure all tape, ribbons and bows are removed. Foil wrapping will not be accepted.

Don't forget to buy recycled Christmas cards and wrapping paper, or send e-cards, go to www.recycledevon.org for a great range of free e-cards. Or you could try gift bags or boxes instead of wrapping paper. A funky gift bag or box can then be re-used for another occasion.



The Town Council offices will be closed for the Christmas period from 12.00noon on 23rd December reopening on 5th

January 2009. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

On Line Survey

AS PART of the Town Council's continuing policy to engage further with parishioners, a new facility has been added to the Town Council's website – www.boveytracey.gov.uk.

The current survey is in relation to the Town Council starting to set its priorities for spending over the next three years. The Town Council will be setting the precept for 2009 – 2010 this coming January.

The precept is the annual figure the Town Council spends on running the Parish. This money is raised through the Council Tax. The cost for a Band D property for this year is just under £50.00 for the year. To help set the right priorities, we would like to know what matters to you in the parish of Bovey Tracey. The Town Council currently spends in excess of £150,000 on local initiatives.

We really hope you will take a few moments to complete this new online survey and let us know your views. By referring to the Quality Update editions for May and October along with the Town Council minutes, both can be found on the website, it will give you an idea of some of our current activities.

Time and again local residents have come up with brilliant insights and ideas that we have been able to take forward and make a difference for everyone. So please tell us what you think. Help us to better meet your needs in the months and years to come. We would appreciate your completed online surveys before the 5th January 2009. Thank you so much for helping us.

Parish Plan – The Next Five Years

THE Town Council produced a Parish Plan in 2004. Since then there have been two updates, the recent being this September. The Town Council was planning to undertake a full review of the Parish Plan during 2008, with a view to setting achievable priorities for the next five years.

Since the original Action Plan was produced in 2004, the Town Council has achieved a great deal in delivering various projects to meet the needs of parishioners identified through producing the Parish Plan. These include improved play facilities, provision of CCTV and better communications with parishioners.

The Town Council postponed the planned review due to the proposals by the Boundary Committee for a Unitary Devon. Until their decision is published on 31st December 2008, it is difficult to make any plans for the parish. This is because the Town Council maybe asked to take on more responsibilities for example street or toilet cleaning. Therefore it would be appropriate to consult with parishioners to determine if those additional responsibilities should be in future part of the Town Council's work. The next Quality Update will provide further information on the proposals for the next Parish Plan Review.

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