



Dog Fouling



DURING THE REGULAR collection of litter from the Recreation Ground, it is evident there is an increasing amount of dog mess not being picked up by dog owners. Dog mess is left on the open areas of the Recreation Ground particularly where cricket and football is played. The Town Council supplies six dog bins for people to dispose of their dog's mess and many people do use the bins, which are emptied twice a week.

It is the minority of people who act irresponsibly by not picking their dog's mess the Town Council is targeting. The main concern is the possible transmission of *Toxocora* to humans who come into contact with dog mess. Extensive research shows that many objects and surfaces can become contaminated with infectious *Toxocora* eggs which live in dog's faeces. This includes open spaces such as the Recreation Ground, thus exposing individuals to the possible transmission of *Toxocora*. In fact, prior to the playing of any type of game at the Recreation Ground, the playing surfaces have to be checked and dog dirt is regularly found, which irresponsible owners have failed to pick up.

At the Town Council's meeting in November, Councillors decided to give out the message that if matters do not improve over the next two months the Town Council will consider banning the exercising of dogs at the Recreation Ground. Our Town Mayor, Cllr Avril Kerswell said at the meeting "most dog owners are responsible people, but it is just a few spoiling it for the many that enjoy walking their dogs at the Recreation Ground."

So the message from the Town Council to those people who do not pick their dog's mess, is **PLEASE PICK IT UP**, otherwise your lack of action may mean the exercising of dogs being banned for everyone at the Recreation Ground. **SO PLEASE PICK IT UP!**



Neighbourhood Watch Update

As soon there is firm news on the affects that police budget cuts may have for Bovey Tracey and Heathfield, our Neighbourhood Watch Forum will invite the local police team to a meeting at the Town Hall to present its neighbourhood policing plans for the 2011/2012 financial year.

If this occurs before the next edition of Quality Update, a notice will be placed in the Mid Devon Advertiser and at prominent positions in both communities.

Town Hall Consultation

AS REPORTED in September's Quality Update, there was to be two consultation events to consider the future of the Town Hall to be 'fit for purpose' to meet the needs of today's society. The Town Council, some two years ago, recognised there was need to consider undertaking this decision. Thus Teignbridge District Council were commissioned to provide a feasibility study and a concept plan to look at how the site could be redeveloped to provide access for disabled people, a more conducive and safer environment for users of the Town Hall and offices and to meet current Health & Safety requirements.

Both consultation events proved popular and many constructive comments were made regarding the initial concept plans for the possible redevelopment of the site. Since October, the Town Council has been considering the views of the residents who made comments and quite rightly there are residents for and against the proposal for a variety of reasons. However, the overriding view was that if the Town Hall is to be retained, and the alternative for a new building is prohibitively expensive, something has to be done to the current building.

The Town Council is now considering those views expressed, to determine if a better scheme can be produced to meet the needs to provide an enhanced building with improved access, which is also environmentally friendly, and to provide a building that is 'fit for purpose' for the next 50 years. Importantly, please note, the Town Council has not yet taken any formal decisions to progress the project beyond the current concept stage. It is planned to hold a further consultation event in February/March, which will provide a clearer proposal with costings and an outline business plan to support the project. All residents are invited to attend and also, as for the last event, will be informed of the date of the event through Quality Update, the Mid Devon Advertiser, the Town Council's website (www.boveytracey.gov.uk) and posters advertising the event throughout the Parish.

Candlelit Carol Service

THE Town's Candlelit Carol Service will take place at the Parish Church of SS Peter, Paul & Thomas on Monday 20th December commencing at 7.30pm to be followed by refreshments courtesy of the Church and your Town Council in the Church Rooms.



Dear Resident,

Such a lot has happened since I last wrote this article and my mayoral year is going so quickly.

The two Town Hall consultation days, which we had in October, were very well attended and many of you will have taken the opportunity to come and look around this historic building, learnt a lot more about the problems which we face and also give us your feedback as to your thoughts on this issue.

Since then, the Town Council has read through your comments very carefully and the next step will be to put forward a business plan to see if we can afford to tackle this project. As you can see from the article opposite, we will keep you informed.

Remembrance Sunday was exceptionally well attended and was a very moving and thought provoking occasion. The amount of poppies and wreaths at the war memorial signifies how much you all care about the people who have laid down their lives for our country in the past and also for those who are still fighting in the front line today. I know we will always remember them.

By the time you read this, the many organisations throughout the town, who planted a tree on Le Molay-Littry Way to commemorate our wonderful 750th Charter Celebrations this year, will have now planted daffodils around them. In the spring we should have a riot of yellow blooms along this road to brighten our days.

As Christmas approaches, the festive lights in the town will have been switched on and I look forward to the many functions which I shall attend on your behalf, but most of all I shall enjoy meeting as many of you as possible at the Carol Service on Monday December 20th at the Church of St Peter, St Paul and St Thomas of Canterbury. Merry Christmas everyone and a Happy New Year.

Avril J Kerswell Town Mayor



Books on Wheels

We desperately need

volunteers for this very worthwhile and rewarding service to take books to those unfortunate enough not to be able to get to the Bovey Library. Please contact Linda Griesiell on 01626 833348 if you feel you can help or would like to know more about what this would involve.

Bovey Tracey Town Council Meetings

Starting time 7.00pm
Public Speaking Period at the start of each meeting
24th January 2011
21st March 2011
Meetings are held in the Council Chamber
Town Hall - Bovey Tracey
Annual Town Meeting 30th March
Town Hall – 7.30pm

Christmas 2010 & New Year Refuse & Recycling Collection Dates

Normal Collection	Revised Collection
Friday 24.12.10	As normal
Monday 27.12.10	Wednesday 9.12.10
Tuesday 28.12.10	Thursday 30.12.10
Wednesday 29.12.10	Friday 31.12.10
Thursday 30.12.10	Tuesday 4.1.11
Friday 31.12.10	Wednesday 5.1.11
Monday 3.1.11	Thursday 6.1.11
Tuesday 4.1.11	Friday 7.1.11
Wednesday 5.1.11	Saturday 8.1.11
Thursday 6.1.11	Monday 10.1.11
Friday 7.1.11	Tuesday 11.1.11
Monday 10.1.11	Wednesday 12.1.11
Tuesday 11.1.11	Thursday 13.1.11
Wednesday 12.1.11	Friday 14.1.11
Thursday 13.1.11	Saturday 15.1.11
Friday 14.1.11	Monday 17.1.11
Monday 17.1.11	Tuesday 18.1.11
Tuesday 18.1.11	Wednesday 19.1.11
Wednesday 19.1.11	Thursday 20.1.11
Thursday 20.1.11	Friday 21.1.11
Friday 21.1.11	Saturday 22.1.11

Collections back to normal from 24th January 2011 Please make sure your bin is out by 7am on collection day.

01626 215838
recycling@teignbridge.gov.uk

Christmas Tree Recycling

The Free 'Christmas Tree Recycling Service' will run over the weekend of the 8th and 9th of January 2011 in the designated area in Station Road Car Park, Bovey Tracey. Trees can also be taken to local Recycling Centres.



Town Councillors' Contact Numbers:

Town Mayor – Avril Kerswell 832923
Deputy Mayor - Robert Bray 835591
Bovey Councillors:
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Alan Griesiell 833348
George Gribble** 832764
Michael Harper 836227
Fernley Holmes* 833171
Avril Kerswell 832923
Anna Klinkenberg* 834328
Tina Richardson 835363
Heathfield Councillors:
Kelly Westbury 830494
Michelle Davey 836607
*District Councillor ** County Councillor
Town Clerk - Terry Westwood 834217



New Addition at the Heritage Centre

In October, through the generosity of a number of local charities, Devon County Council's Locality Budget through Cllr George Gribble, Teignbridge District Council Councillors' Community Fund through Cllr Holmes and Cllr Klinkenberg, Teignbridge Rural Aid and Bovey Tracey Town Council, Bovey Tracey Heritage Trust finally took delivery of an ex Great Western Railways (GWR) guards van known as a Toad. The plans are to use the Toad for additional exhibition space.

The Toad, which is 96 years old, was bought for £8500 from Mid Wales and is now located permanently at the Bovey Tracey Heritage Centre in St John's Lane, adjacent to the A382.

Mike Lang, treasurer of Bovey Tracey Heritage Trust said 'We have placed the Toad so it can be seen from the main road, so we hope people will come to the Centre to look at it and visit it properly and in turn, increase the footfall at the Heritage Trust'.

The Town Council offices will be closed for the Christmas period from 12.00noon on 22nd December reopening on 4th January 20.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Bovey Tracey Needs You! Town & Parish Council Elections 2011

AS HIGHLIGHTED in the September edition of Quality Update, it was anticipated there will be elections for Town and Parish Councils in May 2011. The date of 5th May 2011 has now been confirmed as the polling day for these elections. Following this article in September, a number of residents have expressed an interest in becoming a Town Councillor.



Are you interested in representing your community? Parish and Town Councils depend on local people taking an interest in what happens in their community; whatever their background and local people standing as councillors can bring a wealth of knowledge and community understanding into the existing Council.

If you are interested in becoming a Town Councillor for either the Bovey or Heathfield, or know of someone who might just need some encouragement now is the time to act. Being a Town Councillor provides the chance to make a difference, to shape the future of the place we live in.

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 Terry Westwood 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.



The Bovey Tracey Christmas Lights Committee and Bovey Tracey Town Council would like to thank the many businesses and organisations here in Bovey Tracey who have supported the 2010 Christmas Lights. Thanks also to Mark Baker for again supplying a wonderful Christmas Tree to the Town.

Please support your local businesses here in Bovey Tracey & Heathfield during this Festive Season. There is to be a Christmas Produce Market on Saturday 18th December from 8.30am to 3.00pm. Father Christmas will be visiting from 11.00am and there will be a free Christmas Tombola with any purchase from the market on the day. Look out for the posters.

A number of shops are also planning to open late on Thursday 23rd December. More details to be publicised soon around the Parish.