



St Johns Lane Car Park

Those who use the car park off St Johns Lane will I hope notice a considerable improvement to accessing the Car Park, having been partially resurfaced as a cost effective solution under a joint initiative with Devon County Council.



Annual Town Meeting

You are invited to attend the Annual Town Meeting in the Town Hall., Bovey Tracey on Wednesday 23rd March 2016, starting at 7.00pm. Please come along to see and hear about what has been happening in the Parish over the last 12 months. This will include an update on recent activities and reports from local organisations.

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Forthcoming Town Council Meetings

7th March 2016 (Finance, Resources and General Purposes and Planning Committees)
Council Chamber – Bovey Tracey

21st March 2016 (Full Council)
Town Hall – Bovey Tracey

23rd March 2016 (Annual Town Meeting)
Town Hall – Bovey Tracey

11th April 2016 (Recreation, Parks and Property and Planning Committees)
Council Chamber – Bovey Tracey

25th April 2016 (Finance, Resources and General Purposes and Planning Committees)
Council Chamber – Bovey Tracey

9th May 2016 (Annual Meeting)
Venue TBC

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New Town Website

January 2016 saw the official launch of a new and fresh website for Bovey Tracey, which will make it even easier for visitors to explore the range of shops, eateries, events and town attractions whilst providing essential information and news for local residents.

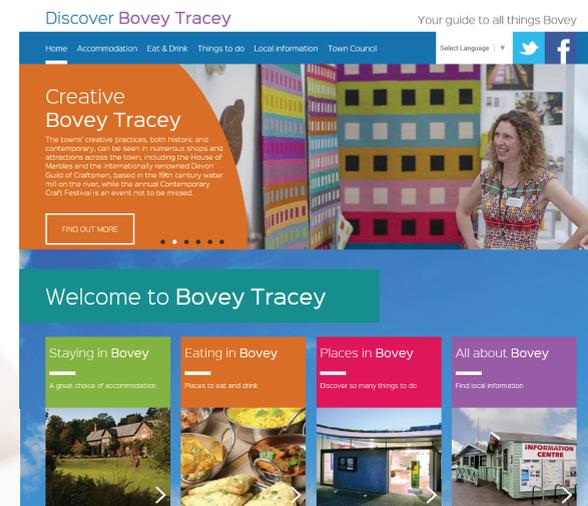
The new website can be found at www.boveytracey.gov.uk and will promote a comprehensive directory of all shops, places to eat, things to see and do and local services, as well as providing an easier interaction for Town Council information.

The brief was to make the existing website simpler to use, and more responsive to work with mobile phones and tablets, providing a focus on the town itself, ensuring that visitors to the site are able to easily find what they are looking for within a few clicks.

There is plenty still to come as we build a comprehensive directory of businesses and community organisations and therefore if you operate a business or provide a service within the parish and haven't already been contacted, please sign up via the web form available on the homepage (www.boveytracey.gov.uk) We welcome any feedback on the new website, suggestions for improvements and the reporting of any issues [just e-mail the Town Clerk via info@boveytracey.gov.uk](mailto:info@boveytracey.gov.uk).

Social Media

The Town Council has joined the world of Social Media, launching Facebook and Twitter pages for town council news and events. The creation of Facebook and Twitter accounts allow the town to broaden the reach of corporate messaging and communicate with larger targets of people who rely on social networking as their primary source of news and information. It is hoped that the social media will be used to supplement the town's website and assist with distributing news and information, council initiatives, ratepayer notifications and emergency announcements and will help to improve the Council's digital presence. Please take a moment to "Like" the new Facebook site which can be found by searching Bovey Tracey Town Council and to follow the Town Council on Twitter @BoveyTraceyTC.



Hospital League of Friends

The Hospital League of Friends is desperately seeking new volunteers to assist with the teas and refreshments when the hospital reopens.

Anyone interested please contact **Jean Elliott on 01626 833642.**

Bovey Tracey Hospital League of Friends Annual General Meeting will take place on **19th April at 7.00pm** at the Methodist Hall. The Guest Speaker will be Mr Pat McDonagh.



Young Citizens of the Year Awards 2016



Nominations are now being accepted for Young Citizens of the Year Awards. Do you know of a young person, or small group that have overcome challenges in their own lives or have been able to make a significant difference to others in their community? Are they aged between 7 – 18 years old and live in Bovey Tracey or Heathfield? If so, nomination forms are available at:

- SPAR, Bovey Tracey
- Brimley Post Office
- Heathfield Post Office
- Bovey Tracey Library
- Bovey Tracey Town Council Offices

Complete online at
www.boveytracey.gov.uk/Young-Citizen-of-the-Year
Closing date for nominations: 29th February 2016

Town Hall and Community Hub Building – Update

In January 2016, contracts were finally exchanged on a 999 year leasehold arrangement of the Town Hall with Dartmoor Whisky Distillery Ltd. The Town Council will continue to occupy the ground floor offices and Council Chamber etc for a period of up to 5-years whilst plans progress on the new Community Hub Building. The Planning Authority (Teignbridge District Council) has recently approved the application for a change of use and Listed Building Consent, which gives the project the green light for work to start.

The Town Council has been successful in being awarded a grant for funding to help as a catalyst to progress the development of the Community Hub Building on the Old Thatched Inn site. A Steering Group has formed, involving Town Councillors, Devon Communities Together and Village SOS to progress the development of a Funding Strategy, Business Plan and Consultation Strategy. Further updates and minutes of all meetings will be available via a dedicated section of the website www.boveytracey.gov.uk/Community-Hub-Building/Town-Council/



CCTV – Skate park

CCTV went live in January 2016 at the Skate park, Mill Marsh Park in Bovey Tracey. It is envisaged that the future monitoring will be undertaken as part of the Town Council's existing agreement with Newton Abbot Security Trust.



Christmas Lights

I'm sure you will all agree that the town lights this year were fantastic, which was made all possible by the kind donations of the businesses in the town, namely:

Spice Bazaar	Animals in Distress	Hairwaves
Arnolds	Thomas's of Bovey	Angel Home Care
Clare's Preserves	Allan B Matthews	Mare & Foal Sanctuary
The Bell Inn	Dolphin Hotel	BT Medical Practice
Pinks Place	Lloyds Bank	Loughtons IFA
Dartmoor Garages Ltd	Dolly Tub Launderette	Devon Guild of Craftsmen
Coombes and Sons	Complete Estate Agents	Old Cottage Tea Shop
The Copper Kettle	Clive Parker Opticians	Choys of Bovey
Bovey Handloom Weavers	Rowcroft Hospice	New Image
Kingsteignton Vet Group	Serendipity/Past & Presents	Moorgate Veterinary Group
BDF	Chamberlains	De Traceys
WBW	Contemporary Craft Shop	Bim Photography

A big thanks also goes out to Louise from the Old Cottage Tea Shop and her customers who managed to collect donations throughout the year to the sum of £505.00. Also, thanks must go to local resident, Mark Baker, for once again donating the town's Christmas tree for another year.

Befrienders – 20 this year!

Riverside Surgery Befrienders is an organisation that provides transport to patients registered at the surgery, aiming to make sure that those who would find it difficult to attend due to infirmity, mobility problems, lack of personal transport, etc. can get to their appointments. As well as the surgery itself, we also serve local hospitals such as Newton Abbot, Torbay and Exeter.

It's now 20 years since a group of volunteers came together to set up the organisation, and to this day it is still run entirely on a voluntary basis. As most volunteers join us when they are already at retirement age, there is always a need for new volunteer drivers to replace those who leave, and to help manage our increasing demand. If you think you can help, and would like to know more, please contact **Jim Ferguson on 01626 832850**, or email me at jwwj.ferguson@tiscali.co.uk