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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2011

A Note for Your Diary

YOU ARE invited to attend the Annual Town Meeting in the Town Hall, Bovey Tracey on **Wednesday 30th March 2011**, 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.

Part of the evening will also feature a short illustrated presentation on the various events that took place during the 750th Charter Celebrations held in 2010.

BOVEY TRACEY TOWN COUNCIL

IS SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR THE HONORARY TITLE OF

REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LORD OF THE MANOR OF BOVEY TRACEY for 2011

THIS IS awarded annually at the Town Council's Annual Meeting on 9th May 2011 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 31st March 2011 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

Bovey In Bloom 2011

Entry forms for the Bovey Tracey in Bloom competition are now available to collect from the Cottage Tea Rooms, Brookside Café, the Information Centre and the Town Hall or download a copy from

www.boveytracey.gov.uk/news.php

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

Interested in the future of Bovey Tracey?

Have your say at our 3 fun forum days

Drop in anytime and talk to us – Free refreshments available

Tell us what you think of **Bovey Tracey** as a place to live, work, play and visit. This is your chance to let us know what's good, what's not so good and what could make it even better.

Members of the Town Council, Teignbridge District Council, Bovey Tracey Youth Café, the Police and the NHS will be there to hear your views and discuss the Parish Plan and other projects.

Saturday 5th February 2011
10.00 am – 12.30 pm Methodist Hall, Le Molay Lilthy Way, Bovey Tracey
1.30 pm – 4.00 pm St Catherine's Primary School, Heathfield, bring your ideas for the new Bovey Tracey Heritage Trail
Heritage Trail Drawing Mosaic Workshop with Charter Mosaic Artist Michelle Wilcox.

Wednesday 9th February 2011
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm Bovey Tracey Primary School for pupils & parents.
Heritage Trail Drawing Mosaic Workshop with Charter Mosaic Artist Michelle Wilcox.

Tuesday 15th February 2011
4.00pm – 7.00pm Methodist Hall, Molay Lilthy Way, Bovey Tracey

Sharing ideas, shaping the future

COME ALONG to one of our fun forum days to find out what has been happening in Bovey Tracey & Heathfield over the past 7 years, since Bovey Tracey's first parish plan was published and get involved in planning for the future of the Parish. What do you like about living and working here? What would you change?

Enclosed with this edition of Quality Update is an invitation to attend the Fun Forum Events being held as the first part of a community led planning process for Bovey Tracey. Following these events, the next stage will be workshop-based, which is planned for 9th March in order to try and understand the views of residents and businesses about how the town should grow and change in the future. What new community facilities are needed and where should these be? How and where can new homes and jobs be provided?

At the event on 15th February, from 5.30pm onwards, there will be a specific session for local businesses to attend in order for their views to be heard about operating a business here in the parish and their needs for the future.

Using the work collected from the drop-in sessions, the workshop, along with local knowledge as well as the existing Parish Plan and District Wide Plan, we will then work to identify key issues for the parish, how we might address them, what this will involve and where impacts may be felt. Please come along to one of our drop-in sessions or alternatively contact Ros Eastman (01626 215747) or email: forwardplanning@teignbridge.gov.uk to register your interest and to find out more.

Dear Resident,

Well, our white Christmas has been and gone and I hope you managed to get about safely during the prolonged snowy period. On the first morning, walking carefully into town, it was so nice to see everyone helping each other and talking to one another with a smile. There was a huge sense of community spirit, you could almost touch it.

Christmas Day for me started with a visit to our Hospital where I dispensed gifts from the staff, then on to Tracey Vale residential home and finally Tracey House. Everyone was in good spirits and certainly enjoyed the festivities. At this point I must say a big thank you to all the staff who gave most of their Christmas Day to help those in need and care. We really do appreciate all your kind efforts.

I shall look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the consultation events on our new parish plan, but in the meantime, due to a variety of reasons, we have not yet made any further progress on the Town Hall developments, but will hopefully be able to report back to you within the next few months.

I hope that 2011 will be a good year for all of us and of course there will inevitably be changes to come. Not least of all with the elections on May 5th, so if you feel that you can contribute time and energy for Bovey Tracey, perhaps you might like to stand for your local council. You can get details from our Town Clerk (please see overleaf for contact details and more information on the forthcoming elections..

In the meantime I wish you a belated Happy New Year.

Best wishes
Avril J Kerswell - Town Mayor

Bovey Tracey Town Council Meetings

21st March 2011 & 9th May 2011

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 30th March
Town Hall – 7.30pm

BOVEY TRACEY HALF MARATHON & FUN RUN
SUNDAY 3RD JULY

Visit: www.boveytracey.gov.uk/events.php
to download your entry form



2011 PRECEPT - £148,855.00

AFTER CAREFUL consideration members of Bovey Tracey Town Council have set its precept for the next twelve months starting on 1st April. The precept is the amount of money required by the Town Council to undertake its various services on behalf of residents.

These include the management of Mill Marsh Park, the Town Hall, the Cemetery, the Recreation Ground, Play areas, Allotments and other open spaces in the Parish. For the past three years the precept has been maintained at £148,855. This year's total precept will again be the same at £148,855. This relates to an annual total charge of £50.32 per year for a Band D property. Last years Band D charge was £50.33.

The Town Council, in these difficult economic times, is very keen to keep the precept at the same level, with no increases, but to still ensure the service it provides is maintained to the current standards. In order to maintain a balanced budget, the Town Council will be reviewing all areas of its expenditure to ensure parishioners are being provided with an efficient and 'value for money' service.

Teignbridge District Council (TDC) provides an annual grant towards the maintenance of the Bovey Tracey Town Cemetery. This is currently £4185.00 per year. Regretfully, as part of TDC's current cost cutting exercise, this grant will cease from next year. Therefore, in order to address the loss in income, the Town Council has agreed to increase all costs relating to the cemetery by 10% from 1st April 2011. This is a regrettable decision, but the increase in fees is necessary to start to negate the loss of the burial grant from TDC and to maintain the Cemetery to its current standard.



The Bovey Tracey Players

Presents

Dick Whittington & WonderCat

A traditional pantomime written by David Wood. Great fun for all the family during half-term, taking place in the Town Hall from 23rd to 26th February 2011. Doors open at 7.00pm, matinee on Saturday 26th, doors open 1.30pm. Tickets are £7.50 for adults and £4.50 for under 16's and are available from: Arnolds - Brimley Post office Or call the Box Office on 01626 835644.

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Fairtrade Fortnight 2011 28th February – 13th March

MILLIONS OF PEOPLE around the UK will be showing off their passion for Fairtrade for two weeks. The aim is to get more people excited about Fairtrade and the difference our every day choices can make; from the power of your pineapple to the transformation stirred up by your cup of tea. So far 7.5 million people in the developing world - farmers, workers, their families and communities have benefitted from Fairtrade, but there is a long way to go as Fairtrade accounts for a tiny percentage of world agricultural trade.

The Bovey Fairtrade Town group is hosting their third Fairtrade Primary schools conference on the morning of 7th March in the Town Hall, following their success in being awarded a national award for its Best National Media Campaign during Fairtrade Fortnight 2010 to promote Fairtrade. Primary schools from the area have been invited and are sending representatives. There will be lots of fun and activities about Fairtrade cotton and we hope to welcome a cotton producer from Mali, who can really bring the Fairtrade message alive.

Please also visit the Fairtrade market stall at Bovey Tracey's Produce market in Union Square on 26th February 2011 from 8.30am to 1.00pm which has a wide range of Fairtrade food and crafts available for sale.

Bovey Tracey needs to reapply for Fairtrade Town status later this year and we need more businesses, shops, restaurants to sign up to stocking or using Fairtrade products if we are to retain our status. For further information please contact Liz Westwood (Tel 01626 836107)

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 Klinkenberg* 834328
Tina Richardson 835363

Heathfield Councillors:

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

Bovey Tracey Needs You! Town & Parish Council Elections 2011



AS YOU may have read in the past two issues of Quality Update, the next local election for your Town Council of Bovey Tracey and Heathfield will be on 5th May 2011.

Are you interested in representing your parish? We will be needing people on the Town Council, who will be prepared to commit time each month to represent the interests of local people and businesses

The Town Council is the first level of local government and represents the Parish of Bovey Tracey & Heathfield. Because you either live or work in the Parish your views, concerns and opinions are important. By being a town councillor you will be doing something positive to help others.

If this is something you are interested in, there is still plenty of time for you to consider standing for election. The probable publication date of the Notice of Election, which triggers the start of the nomination process, is around Friday 25th March. The deadline for the receipt of nominations is 12.00noon on Monday 4th April. 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 of what is involved in being a town councillor and answer any other questions you may have.

**Bamber Black's
Carnival Quiz & Chips**

Dolphin Hotel - Bovey Tracey
Tuesday 29th March 2011
starting at 7.30pm

£10.00 per team of four,
To include entrance fee and chips.
For entry details contact Louise on
01626 833430

Carnival Bingo
Town Hall - Bovey Tracey
Monday 18th April 2011
Doors open 6.30pm
'Eyes Down' at 7.00pm

Support Your Local Businesses

IN THE CURRENT difficult economic climate, please try to continue to support the many local businesses in the parish along with Bovey Tracey's Produce Market held fortnightly on Saturday mornings in Union Square. Dates for the market for the next three months are:

**February 12th & 26th - March 12th & 26th
April 9th & 23rd - May 7th & 21st**

