

Quality Update

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Bovey Tracey Skate Park

Come and join us at the Sponsored Skate and Fun Day Event on Saturday 28th September 2013, from 11.00am to 2.00pm at Grey Cars Yard, 6/7 Daneheath Business Park on Heathfield Industrial Estate,

We are holding a Sponsored Skate and fun day with consultation opportunities for the new proposed skate park for Mill Marsh Park. All the family are invited to come along to have a look at what is being considered for the location and design of the skate park and the younger members of the family can get involved in the sponsored skate.

You can skate, scooter, use your bike, roller blades, skate board, whatever you would use at the skate park its your choice. Everyone who takes part will receive a medal and if you raise the most sponsorship money there are two free cinema tickets to be won! Or just come for the fun. There is a Bouncy Castle, face painting, BBQ and an Attractions Draw to win a family day out as well as tombola.

There will be demonstrations by Bovey Skate Group, who will also be happy to give your children some pointers! We will also have the initial draft design of the skate park available for viewing and we welcome your feedback and comments on it. If you wish to talk about any of the proposals, members of the Bovey Skate Group, their parents as well as Bovey Tracey Town Councillors will be available to discuss your thoughts, ideas etc. So please come along and support us on Saturday 28th September, to have your say and enjoy a fun day.

If you would like to help or you would like a sponsorship form, for more information on the event please contact Sarah Fowler on 01626 834427. All proceeds from the event will be used towards the cost of providing the skate park.

Thanks to Grey Cars for hosting this event and to the Pro Cycle Centre and Green Machine BMX in helping to part sponsor this event.



Riverside Surgery Befrienders

Could you answer "YES" to the following questions?

- Are you a car owner/driver?
- Do you have some free time to spare?
- Do you live in or within 6 miles of Bovey Tracey?
- Do you want to do something that will really benefit your local community?

If so, then you could become a driver for the Riverside Surgery Befrienders. We are a voluntary organisation that provides transport to and from the Riverside Surgery, local hospitals, and other healthcare locations such as dental practices. We serve the needs of those who cannot easily get to appointments by themselves, usually because of age or infirmity, lack of access to public transport, etc.

All mileage and other expenses are paid, so you won't be out of pocket. Although we ask you to give your time for free, there is no fixed or minimum commitment. Volunteers have to agree to undergo a Criminal Records check, which is now obligatory for this kind of activity, but this also costs you nothing. All we ask is that you are reliable, trustworthy and willing to help those who rely on us. In turn, you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are part of a valuable local service, and one which is greatly appreciated by those who use it. Interested? Want to know more? If so, please contact Jim Ferguson on 01626 832850 or e-mail jwwj.ferguson@tiscali.co.uk

Bovey Tracey Primary School – Open Afternoons

During the Summer Term, exciting changes were made to our Early Years learning environment, which we would really like to share with prospective parents and children. On the afternoons of Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th September, from 1.45pm - 3.15pm, we are holding open afternoons for parents with pre-school children. These events offer the opportunity to see the classrooms, find out about our Early Years curriculum and provision and talk to staff. Please put these dates on your calendar!

Replacement Trees

A number of local businesses and organisations, including the Carnival Committee and the Cromwell Arms, have kindly offered to sponsor the replacement of the vandalised trees in Mill Marsh Park. The Town Council would like to offer their thanks for this kind gesture. If any other business or organisation would also like to consider sponsoring the replacement of the trees, please contact the Town Clerk.

Rural Skip Service

Station Road Car Park - Bovey Tracey
Saturday 2nd November. 10.00am to 4.00pm. This service is for bulky household waste only & TV's.

Trees Vandalised

VANDALS have destroyed six of our newly-planted trees worth £400, in Mill Marsh Park. The incident took place late on Saturday night of Carnival Day, Saturday 3rd August, or early on the following Sunday morning.

The area had been full of revellers expecting a carnival fireworks display which the organisers had cancelled at short notice owing to a lack of sponsorship.

The row of 18 Acer 'Emerald Green' trees, were planted six months ago as part of the Wray Valley Trail by Devon County Council and Bovey Tracey Town Council. The six trees were snapped in half and brought to the ground.

Cllr George Gribble publicly stated "We've put out plea for further information in the hope the culprits can be found." To date, no one has come forward to the police with any information. If you have any information on who was responsible, please call Devon & Cornwall police on 101 and state the crime number JA/13650. The Town Council will replace the trees in the autumn.



Angry Cllrs. Tony Allen (left) and George Gribble at the scene of the vandalised trees.

Bovey Tracey Town Council Meetings

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

23rd September 2013
4th November 2013
Town Hall - Bovey Tracey

Old Thatched Inn (OTI) Update

Representatives of the Town Council recently met with the Assistant Designation Advisor for English Heritage (EH) regarding the progress of the de-listing of the OTI. The officer was able to see the extent of damage to the building and was sympathetic to the Town Council's views that the architectural significance of the building has now been lost and the building should be considered for de-listing.

The next stage is for EH to produce a report, which will be available mid-September, outlining the facts and proposals regarding our application. There is then a three week consultation period for the Town Council and other interested parties to respond to it. Following this consultation, all replies will be taken into account along with EH's proposals, which will then be forwarded to the Secretary of State for Sport & Culture to make a final decision by mid-December on our application for the de-listing of the OTI. The Town Council is sorry it is a drawn out process, but that is the process involved.

Remembrance Service



THE Annual Remembrance Service will take place at the Parish Church of St Peter, St Paul & St Thomas of

Canterbury Bovey Tracey on 10th November 2013 at 10.30am. Please note this is the main Service of Remembrance in Bovey Tracey where the Two Minutes Silence is observed at 11.00am.

The service will be followed by a further Act of Remembrance, at the Town's War Memorial in Town Hall Place at 11.30am. This service includes the laying of wreaths in memory of those brave men and women lost during the two World Wars and subsequent conflicts.

Remembrance Day At 11.00am on 11th November there will be a short Act of Remembrance at the Town's War Memorial.

Police and Crime Commissioner to Visit Bovey Tracey

TONY HOGG, the new P&CC for Devon & Cornwall, is willing to take up an invitation to come to Bovey Tracey later in the year or early next year for a public event to discuss policing and criminal justice system issues in our area. Residents are again invited to contact Cllr Tony Allen about any matters they would like to be included in a session with Commissioner Hogg and their preferred format for the event (i.e. "Question Time" with other panellists, presentation and discussion on neighbourhood policing or on addressing rural crime, working with other bodies to promote public wellbeing). Your suggestions would be welcomed. Contact Cllr Allen please by letter care of the Town Hall or by email to bowdens.nhw@btinternet.com



Tour of Britain 2013 Devon Stage – 20th September Sidmouth to Haytor

For this year's Devon Stage of the Tour of Britain, the professional cyclists will start in Sidmouth and cover 85 miles (137km) of tough terrain and make history as they tackle the testing climb up to Haytor from Bovey Tracey in the first ever summit finish of the race.

Come and join the crowds at the 10th Anniversary of the UK's largest free-to-view sporting event. To plan where to watch the event or to check out the route in detail, visit www.southwestourofbrtain.co.uk

IMPORTANT RACE NEWS

It is anticipated the riders will reach Bovey Tracey around 2.20pm and the finish on Haytor at 2.30pm. Therefore to set up to facilitate the finish of the event, the road from Bovey Tracey to Haytor (B3387) will be closed from 9.00pm on Thursday 19th September until 7.30pm on Friday 20th September..

If you would like to watch the finish of the event there will be a Park & Ride available from Parke. No camping is being allowed on Haytor Down for this event. For further Park & Ride information, road closure details and official walking routes please visit:

www.southwestourofbrtain.co.uk

Town Councillors Contact Numbers

Town Mayor - Cllr Martyn Evans 830347
Deputy Mayor – Cllr Eoghan Kelly 830369

Bovey Councillors:
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Tina Richardson 835363
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Town Clerk - Terry Westwood 834217

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Sponsored Skate
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Come and Join Us

Bovey Tracey Car Parking Update

Within Goal 1 (Economic Prosperity) of the Teignbridge District Council Plan, it states that Teignbridge District Council (TDC) will consider that their car parking charges are at an appropriate level to ensure that local businesses are not being disadvantaged compared to other areas of the county. In addition, TDC continues to review the operation and delivery of their car parking service to ensure it is 'shaped' to support and promote the local economic vitality of towns and villages within the District.

This year, in an effort to sustain frozen Council Tax levels, TDC has increased car parking charges by 5% on the bottom line. In doing so and in meeting the District Council's corporate goals, TDC have included some innovative new options for customers using car parks across the district.

TDC offers some of the cheapest car parking charges in the County. This now includes free Sunday parking to encourage Sunday trade and a reduction in some of the annual permits on offer across the district as well as introducing an option to pay for an annual permit by a monthly direct debit. This allows further discounted choices rather than the daily rate for regular users of the car parks.

TDC has simplified the charging levels and changed the times paid for to offer better value for money in some locations.. There is now an annual permit available for £30.00 to enable users to park from 4pm until 6pm and from 9.00am to 10.00am. This is in response to requests from both residents and traders for cheaper options to park when returning home and also to promote trade in the less busy hours.

The request for free parking is always challenging as the revenue from parking goes to support other services delivered by TDC. To assist businesses, there is now a new opportunity for traders to offer to customers, who spend money in their business, a discount on parking. All of the car park machines now offer a parking pay back option, with a stub ticket to be taken to any participating store to receive a discount on the parking. This can be taken up by individual stores or as a group option. For further information on these new options please call TDC Car Parking Services on 01626 215870.

On-street enforcement in the Parish has been carried out on behalf of Devon County Council by TDC since 2008. Bovey Tracey, on average, receives a daily visit by a Civil Enforcement Officer. In addition to the daily visit, on occasions officers also patrol in the evenings where there have been complaints made about inconsiderate parking by parishioners.

Officers are trained to deliver a balanced approach to enforcement and for the most part this seems to have been accepted as a positive approach. Although not always seen in a positive light, it is hoped the presence of an officer does promote responsible parking.