



## Bovey Tracey makes Fairtrade Town Status!



BOVEY TRACEY is now officially a "Fairtrade" town. The status recognises towns which help developing countries in the world by promoting Fairtrade products. Bovey Tracey becomes the 14<sup>th</sup> community in Devon to achieve this status.

The official launch of Bovey Tracey as a Fairtrade Town was held at the Brookside Tearooms, Bovey Tracey on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October. Fairtrade campaigner Liz Westwood has spoken of her delight that Bovey Tracey has been awarded Fairtrade status. Liz who is Chair of the Bovey Tracey Fairtrade Steering Group, said: *"This is a very proud moment for the Bovey Tracey Steering Group. We have received some good feedback from the Fairtrade Foundation on our work to achieve this status. Now it's important that we continue the momentum to promote Fairtrade."* *"Fairtrade is important because it changes lives. It seeks to guarantee a better deal for farmers and workers in the developing world who struggle to provide for their families."*

Councillor Dorreen Black, Town Mayor, who received a framed certificate recognising the award on behalf of the Parish said: *"This is a great honour for the town and parish of Bovey Tracey and Heathfield. These places will now be recognised as helping to promote Fairtrade products. I would like to pay tribute to the local Fairtrade Steering Group who have worked extremely hard and stayed committed to achieving this status. I would also like to thank all the people, churches, businesses and organisations that now use Fairtrade items as a result of this campaign and I would encourage more to take part"*.

The Council and the Bovey Tracey Fairtrade Steering Group will continue to promote Fairtrade in the town and extend on the work which has taken place as the status has to be applied for every year. There will be regular Fairtrade stalls in various venues including a monthly market stall at the Bovey Tracey Producers' Market. There are also plans to produce a Fairtrade Directory listing all businesses and organisations that support Fairtrade in Bovey Tracey and Heathfield. The use of two or more Fairtrade products is required to be included in this publication. For further information call Liz Westwood on 01626 836107



Liz Westwood presenting the framed certificate to Town Mayor Cllr Dorreen Black

## Letter from the Mayor

Dear Residents,

Since being elected as Town Mayor in May I have been busy in the Parish. The Craft Fair in Mill Marsh Park was a huge success as was the French Market held on the same weekend. Many thanks to all the hardworking people behind the scenes for putting this together.

On 28<sup>th</sup> June I attended the opening of the Bowls Club's new pavilion which was opened by Lord Clifford. The building was achieved by much fund raising by the committee and members so congratulations to them.

The Carnival was held in August and the whole week's events were well attended with procession day being dry thank goodness, as the Deputy Mayor Michelle Davey and I were in an open topped car! I must admit I felt a bit like the Queen, waving to everyone on both sides of the route. Huge thanks to the Carnival Committee for their sterling work in organizing the whole event.

The annual Flower and Vegetable Show went ahead despite the appalling weather. The exhibits in the show tent were amazing considering the poor summer we have had this year so thanks go to the committee, members, exhibitors and helpers for their hard work. The hanging baskets and boxes in the town looked wonderful and cheered us all up. Many thanks to Ron and the team for looking after the flowers and also to the Rainbows of the Girl Guides for growing the sunflowers for the round tub in the bottom car park.

In September I presented the prizes for the Bovey & Heathfield in Bloom Competition so congratulations to the winners and all the entrants. Our thanks go to the organizers and the judge for this event and also to the sponsors, Boyce's of Manstree and Jeffery's.

We are now designated a Fair Trade town with many businesses both in Heathfield and Bovey backing this project, so look out for the Fair Trade signs around the Parish. This project helps the producers of quality goods in poorer countries of the world to earn a living wage for their owners and workers. Many thanks go to Liz Westwood for organizing the project.

We are coming up to Christmas so we are thinking of the Christmas lights to 'light up the town' over the festive season. It is hoped that local businesses will still support the provision of the lights even in the present economic climate and that local people will support our many small businesses in our Parish.

Dorreen Black  
Town Mayor

The Town Council & Bovey Business Club  
Invites Local Businesses to

**Bovey Business Futures**  
**An Open Meeting for all Businesses**  
**in Bovey and Heathfield**  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Town Hall – Bovey Tracey**  
**From 5.30pm**

THE Bovey Business Club and the Town Council are working together to look at how local businesses across the Parish can work together to increase sales, save money and encourage more visitors. They held a very successful first event in September, when 30 business owners and managers identified common issues, and came up with some exciting ideas to address them together. The next step is to involve as many businesses as possible, so, they are inviting owners and managers of all businesses in Bovey and Heathfield, large and small (including those based at home) to an open meeting in November.

If businesses work together, they can achieve a great deal for themselves and for the town, and it may not take long to succeed. Here are just some of the "quick wins" suggested so far:

- save money through the bulk buying of newspaper advertising,
- have a link to your business on the Town Council's website
- Provide CCTV for businesses in Heathfield.

Whereas we do have contact details for many businesses in the Parish it is also recognised there are many residents who work directly from home that we have no details of.

If you own or manage a local business and would like to be come to the meeting, please email [events@boveybusiness.org.uk](mailto:events@boveybusiness.org.uk), or leave a message on the booking line, 0845 468 0869.



**The Bovey Tracey  
Players**

Presents

## Blue Remembered Hills

A play by Dennis Potter.

22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October

Nightly at 8.00pm

Tickets available from:

Arnolds - Brimley Post office

Or Box Office: 01626 835644

## Remembrance Service



THE Annual Remembrance Service will take place at the Parish Church of St Peter, St Paul & St Thomas of Canterbury (the Top Church), Bovey Tracey on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2008 commencing at 10.30am. **Please note the new time.**

The service will be followed by an official Act of Remembrance at the Town's War Memorial in Town Hall Place with the laying of wreaths in memory of those brave men and women lost during the two World Wars and subsequent conflicts.

## 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

## Pottery Workshop Benches Update

As reported in the May edition of Quality Update during last year Bovey Tracey Youth Action organised 10 successful pottery workshops, led by local artist Taja. As a result of these work shops, participants made a series of decorative tiles to be used as part of six scenes to show Bovey's heritage on six curved benches. These include the old railway the pottery kilns and the Parish Church of SS Peter, Paul & Thomas of Bovey Tracey.

The first bench was put in place in May and a further four have now been added in Mill Marsh Mill, all of which provide a perfect view of the park.



## Bovey in Bloom 2008



**DESPITE** the rather wet summer, the Town still looked magnificent with 120 hanging baskets and over 80 floral boxes. We have received many compliments from visitors to the Town on how beautiful the Town looked. Bovey Tracey is becoming famous for its summer floral decorations. Our thanks go to the many businesses in the Town who have supported the Town Council by purchasing a hanging basket or floral box. Without their continued support, we could not "Fill Bovey with Flowers"

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at the Brookside Tea Rooms, courtesy of Robin and Mark, the presentations for the annual Bovey in Bloom Competition were held. The overall winner for the Rose Bowl was Mr & Mrs Cooksey for their garden at Lowerdown. Thanks also go to our sponsors Jeffrey's and Boyces of Manstree. The other winners were

Small Floral Garden	Mrs Newsom Gregory
Large Floral Garden	Mr & Mrs Cooksey
Best Public House	Dolphin Hotel
Best Hanging Basket	Brookside Tearooms
Best Allotment	Terry Heale
Best Tea Rooms	Brookside Tearooms

The organising committee would like to see more entrants for 2009. All you have to do is complete an entry form sit back and watch your flowers grow. Judging takes place in July 2009 and the presentations are in September. There are many beautiful gardens in Bovey Tracey and Heathfield. So please think about entering one of the categories next year. Entry forms will be available from March 2009. Details of where you can pick one up will be given in the next issue of Quality Update.

## Bovey Tracey Information Centre

Due to popular demand, the Information Centre will remain open for the winter season. The opening hours from 2<sup>nd</sup> November will be Tuesdays 11.00 to 1.00, Fridays 1.00 to 3.00, Saturdays 9.30 to 1.30 & Sundays 10.00 to 12.00noon. Telephone: 01626 832047.



The Information Centre, located in Station Road car park, provides a single point of contact where visitors and local residents can access a variety of information relevant to Bovey Tracey and the surrounding area, particularly Dartmoor National Park.

## Bovey Tracey Town Council Meetings

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

**MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2008**

**MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2009**

**MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2009**

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

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2009**

**STARTING AT 7.30 IN THE TOWN HALL**

## Helping Local Organisations



**AT** the last Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> September, the Town Mayor Cllr Dorreen Black presented two grants of £750 each to Bovey Tracey Football Club and Bovey Tracey Swimming Pool. Both grants are to be used towards the costs of improving the changing facilities at the swimming pool at the Recreation Ground and the new changing facilities for the football club at Mill Marsh Park.

## Charter Celebrations 2010

Planning for the 750<sup>th</sup> Charter Celebrations to be held from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> July 2010 is well in hand. The main day to celebrate the anniversary will be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July both in the Town and on Mill Marsh Park.

A number of exciting and historical events are planned. It is intended to re-enact the meeting and procession of the Bovey Tracey Court Leet, to hold a Town Criers Competition along side a traditional food market in Fore Street.

On Mill Marsh Park the Charter Fair will be held to reflect both Bovey's past and its present. This day long event will include a Civil War re-enactment by the Sealed Knot, archery demonstrations, a Victorian Flower Show to name just a few events planned already. It is hoped there will also be a military band performing in the afternoon.

To close the celebrations on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>, AJ's Big Band will be playing in Mill Marsh Park and the evening will close with a fireworks display.

The Town Council will be shortly have a designated Charter Celebrations section on [www.boveytracey.gov.uk](http://www.boveytracey.gov.uk) where all information regarding what events are planned and the timetable will be available.