

Community Land Consultation Gets Underway

During October 2012 the Bovey Tracey Town Council will be carrying out the promised public consultation on the future of the Bovey Tracey community land along Le Molay-Littry Way. The consultation is being managed for the Town Council by the independent Rural Community Council for Devon.

Residents have already identified a number of possible future uses of the land, and the most popular of these have been included as options in the questionnaire that is being sent to all households in the parish of Bovey Tracey (including Heathfield) from 8th October. Each questionnaire will be given a unique identifier for control purposes and will allow for responses from members of that household (up to six) aged 11 and over.

The land in question is an important asset for Bovey Tracey, and the Town Council wants to find out which options for its future use would be most supported by the community. The various options each have different implications for the parish, and the questionnaire is designed to allow residents to give their feedback on these, to help with the future decisions that will need to be taken.

The Town Council wishes to make it clear that an hydrographical survey is currently under consideration for the whole area, and any final decisions on the future use of the land will be subject to the findings of that survey and advice from the Environment Agency..

A public open event will be held on **Saturday 13th October between 10.00 a.m. & 1.00 p.m.** at the Bovey Tracey Methodist Church Hall, where residents can talk over any issues they may have regarding this piece of land, or ask for further information, or even drop off any completed questionnaires.

The closing date for submitting completed questionnaires is:

Wednesday, 31st October 2012.

There are the nine 'drop off points' for completed questionnaires as shown below:

Bovey Tracey Post Office

Brimley Post Office

Heathfield Post Office

Bovey Tracey Information Centre

Bovey Tracey Primary School

St Catherine's Primary School

Bovey Tracey Library

The Riverside Doctors' Surgery

Town Hall Office

The questionnaire may alternatively be completed on-line by visiting the following website at www.suffolkacre.org.uk/ppg and enter your unique questionnaire code to access the survey.

The decision about the future of the community land is an important one for the whole parish. The Town Council therefore encourages all residents please to complete and return their questionnaires by the due date in order to help establish the preferred option for its future use. The Town Council will report on the findings of the questionnaire later in the year.

Le Molay Littry-Way

Community Land Consultation

Saturday 13th October

10.00am to 1.00pm

All parishioners of Heathfield & Bovey Tracey are invited to come along to an open public event where residents can ask questions or talk over any issues they may have regarding this piece of land. You can also drop off your completed questionnaire.

Bovey Tracey Methodist Church Hall

Le Molay-Littry Way – Bovey Tracey

Dear Resident

Since the last Quality Update in May a lot has been happening in the parish mainly in relation to preparing for the upcoming promised public consultation on the future of the community land. Further details on this consultation process are provided opposite. Also contained in this edition of the Quality Update is an update on the progress the Town Council has made in looking at options for the Old Thatched Inn site. More details on this exciting project are provided overleaf.

It is with sad regret that recently a prominent member of our community, passed away after a long illness. Liz Westwood who had a lengthy career as a nurse died of cancer at the Exeter Hospice on Thursday 20th September.

Liz dedicated much of her free time, since moving here in 1999, in helping community groups in Bovey Tracey and Heathfield. Recently Liz's passion for our heritage resulted in her publishing the book, Bovey Tracey Rediscovered, a collection of rare postcards and photographs of Bovey Tracey and Heathfield. A further valuable contribution to recording Bovey's heritage.

Liz's passion for Fairtrade resulted in her being instrumental in Bovey Tracey receiving Fairtrade Town Status in 2008. In 2010, with the help of the Bovey Tracey Fairtrade Town Steering Group, she won the National Media Campaign Award for promoting Fairtrade Fortnight.

Liz was also instrumental in influencing the provision of regular youth work in Heathfield. Up to 2009, she worked as a street worker with the Teenbridge Project each Tuesday night providing a safe haven for the young people to come and chat about their problems whilst sharing a hot drink. This work encouraged Devon Youth Service to recognise there was a need for a youth hub and this resulted in the establishment of the Heathfield Youth Club. Liz was also a governor at St Catherine's school for a number of years.

Liz's enthusiasm, commitment and personality will be missed by many.

Anna Klinkenberg – Town Mayor

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

Old Thatched Inn Update

A BOVEY Tracey Town Council (BTTC) sub-committee (Old Thatched Inn Advisory Committee) comprising a number of Town Councillors, the Town Clerk, a representative of Bovey Tracey Information Centre trustees and two local architects was set up during the summer to explore the options open to the Town Council for the Old Thatched Inn (OTI) site. Visiting speakers included TDC's Conservation Officer, and a representative of TDC's Property Services. Summary minutes of these meetings are publicly available for viewing at www.boveytracey.gov.uk.

Following these meetings exploring the design of the building to replace the OTI, Councillors were asked at the Full Council meeting on 17th September 2012 to decide which of two rebuild options should be pursued as recommended by Old Thatched Inn Advisory Committee.

BTTC decided not to progress the original option of rebuilding the OTI to its previous exterior design, nor to incorporate retaining the three partially remaining stone walls.

In preference, BTTC agreed to a rebuild option that would involve demolishing the existing structures, including the three stone walls, replacing this with a new single storey building realigned to be set back from the highway. This new building would incorporate the Town Council office, the Council Chamber (to be additionally used as a community space), the Bovey Tracey Information Centre, and external public conveniences. The new building would be entirely within the existing OTI site footprint.

Key factors supporting this option were that the Town Council has been advised by TDC's Conservation Officer that English Heritage may be amenable, for cost and structural reasons, to allowing the demolition of the remaining structures of the listed building as part of a BTTC planning application for the above purposes. BTTC has undertaken a number of structural surveys of the remaining structures which supports a full demolition. Further, the Environment Agency has been consulted on these proposals and has indicated its likely support in principle to the project.

BTTC will now proceed with finalising the design and features of the building, prior to submitting a planning application to TDC. When the plans and costings for the project have been prepared and published, prior to BTTC deciding whether to continue to proceed with this option, the Town Council will hold an exhibition to invite questions and feedback on the proposals from residents.

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Bovey Tracey Town Council Meetings

Starting time 7.00pm
Public Speaking Period at the start of each meeting
12th November 2012
Town Hall - Bovey Tracey
21st January 2013
Community Centre - Heathfield



The Bovey Tracey Players

Presents

The Long and the Short and the Tall

By Willis Hall & Directed by David Wilson. 'A tense thriller set in the Malayan jungle in World War 2.'

Bovey Tracey Town Hall; Wednesday 24th to Saturday 27th October at 7.30pm
Tickets at £7.50 available from: Arnolds the Ironmongers and Brimley Post Office.

Faster Broadband

It has been announced that Bovey Tracey has finally been included in BT's plans to bring faster broadband speed to Bovey Tracey, especially for business users, allowing download speed to increase dramatically. Broadband speeds will increase to up to 80 mbps from the existing 7mbps. People will be able to download several things at once without affecting speed.

Faster broadband will greatly improve existing user lives by allowing them to download BBC iplayer, send emails, play games such as war craft and download photos etc., all at the same time! This will provide a much more positive future for users of broadband in Bovey Tracey.



Young Citizen of the Year Award 2012/2013

BOVEY TRACEY TOWN COUNCIL is pleased to confirm that the Town Council is again promoting the Young Good Citizen Award for 2012/13. This is the second year that the Town Council has run this award to acknowledge and recognise the achievements of young people in Bovey Tracey and Heathfield that might otherwise go unrecognised. This includes youngsters that have overcome challenges in their own lives and have still been able to make a significant difference to others in their community.

The 2011/12 award attracted 9 high quality entries and the winner selected by the judging panel was Patryk Lawrynowicz from Heathfield. Since his arrival in the parish, he had shown exceptional qualities by becoming a valued member of his school, being elected Head of House by his peers, and being a volunteer at Heathfield Youth Club three evenings a week for 2 years. As a "Senior Member" he helps and encourages the younger children at the Youth Club.

Details of this year's award and nomination forms are now available to collect from Bovey Tracey, Brimley & Heathfield Post Offices, Bovey Tracey Library and the Town Council office. Copies can be downloaded from www.boveytracey.gov.uk



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 11th November 2012 at 10.30am. You are invited to join the congregation along with the Town Council, members of the Royal British Legion and many local uniformed and non-uniformed organisations for this important occasion. 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.

Please note, as Remembrance Day falls on a Sunday there will be no formal gathering at the War Memorial at 11.00am..



Rural Skip Service

Station Road Car Park - Bovey Tracey
Saturday 27th October 2012.

10.00am to 4.00pm. This service is for bulky household waste only & TV's.

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