

Quality Update

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News from St Catherine's

St. Catherine's C of E VA Nursery and Primary School in Heathfield continues to develop and improve from the very positive Ofsted of November 2011 which graded the school as 'good with outstanding features'. The school continues to be a very successful part of the United Schools Federation, benefitting all of the children, parents, staff and community members of Heathfield and the surrounding areas that have a connection with the school.

Last year this continued improvement earned the school recognition from the Department for Education as being one of the top 100 schools nationally for sustained improvement in the last 3 years. For the school this recognition was significant and justified praise and was also reassurance that what is being achieved at St. Catherine's is having a significant impact on the children in the school and their progress, and consequently their future success.

The school continues to strive towards excellence in all areas. We have an international curriculum that develops children's understanding of the world around them. We work closely with all partner agencies for the good of the children and their parents and carers, including employing our own school counsellor. We promote shared learning opportunities between our federated schools so that children get the widest possible range of experiences that we can offer. We use ICT to support all of our learning and we are currently working hard to develop our own radio station called 'Radio USF'.

When it comes to thinking about 'what next' for St. Catherine's, there is a long list of what we want to do and achieve. We never stand still as a school or a federation. We always look to improve and move forward whilst also allowing time for good practise to be embedded and consolidated. We need to continue with the mission of raising numbers at the school and to this end we would warmly welcome anyone to have a look around the school at any time. We want to be the 'school of choice' for the local area.

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Thanks to Mrs Valerie Brimicombe, the Town Council's housekeeper, who has recently retired after 30 years' service. The Town Council is now looking for someone to replace Mrs Brimicombe.

If you are interested in the position, please call Terry Westwood, Town Clerk on 01626 834217, mornings only, for further information and details of the position

Bovey Primary School Autumn Update



Amid a busy autumn term at Bovey Tracey Primary School, pupils, parents and teachers enjoyed a week of banding together to beat the bullies! To mark National Anti-Bullying Week in mid-November, all children at the school became proud wearers of a blue wristband to

show their commitment to staying safe. Pupils and parents were welcomed to school on the first morning to the sound of the Year 6 band playing live in the playground, underlining the national theme.

Children used a blue fingerprint to sign up to a School Charter against bullying. They entered a competition to re-write the lyrics of a well-known pop song with anti-bullying lyrics, and also submitted questions for a quiz on cyberbullying to take home and complete with parents.

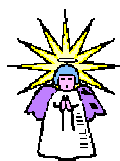
"The week reminded us all – staff, children, parents – to be alert to signs of bullying," said Headteacher Julie Dyer, 'but it also reassured us that we can rely on each other and work together to solve any problems.' Elsewhere, Years 4, 5 and 6 pupils joined up with National Trust warden Fred Hutt to help design and launch a special guide to the new Wray Valley Cycle Track, which passes through Bovey on its way to Moretonhampstead.

As part of their 'Recycles, Bicycles and Lifecycles' project, the children walked the track between Bovey and Lustleigh noting and photographing aspects of its railway history as well as all the nature to be found nearby. Fred judged each mock-up 'Visitors Guide to the Bovey Tracey Cycle Path' leaflets and selected one design which will now be published for visitors to enjoy and use.

With Primary admissions deadline not far away on 15 January 2014, Bovey Tracey School extends a warm welcome to all prospective parents weighing up where to send their child next autumn. 'We would be delighted to see any parents who want to come and see the school for themselves,' said Julie Dyer. 'Please contact the school on 01626 833257 to make an appointment. We're very proud of our school community, and we would love you and your child to be part of it.'

Candlelit Carol Service

THE Town's Candlelit Carol Service will take place at the Parish Church of SS Peter, Paul & Thomas on Thursday 19th December commencing at 7.30pm to be followed by refreshments courtesy of the Church and your Town Council in the Church Rooms. All parishioners are welcome to attend.



A Busy 2013

It has again been a busy year for Bovey Tracey Town Council. In early spring the section of the Wray Valley trail from Station Road car park, through Mill Marsh Park and Parke was completed. This has proved to be a very popular attraction for both walkers and cyclists. Devon County Council continues to work on linking the route to Newton Abbot and Moretonhampstead.

The Town Council, as in previous years, continues to support many events during the year including the Contemporary Craft Festival, the May Day Celebrations, the Historic Car Rally, Bovey Carnival and this year's 150th Bovey Tracey Horticultural Show. September saw Bovey Tracey Primary School's giant 'Brad' created for the Tour of Britain and featured on live television. Sports kit, T-shirts and a year's worth of lost property all helped 'Brad the Bovey Biker' stand out on the Town Council's playing field as the main event pedalled past. Work progresses on the Old Thatched Inn. The decision on the Town Council's application to de-list the building has now been successful. In June the Town Council agreed to work with Bovey Tracey Primary School to develop the Community Land adjacent to the Le Molay-Littry Way for a replacement school with some community facilities.

In July, the Town Council launched its new mosaic heritage trail. The 1.6-mile walk takes in the rich history of the town from ancient times to its present day role as a tourist town on the edge of Dartmoor. The town's links with pottery manufacture, granite quarrying at Haylor, railway history, local mining and the English Civil War are all depicted on nine colourful mosaics which are located at various places of historical interest throughout the town. The mosaics were designed by pupils at Bovey Tracey Primary School and created by Teignmouth based artist Michelle Greenwood-Brown.

Once again the Town was full of flowers this summer. Working with the local businesses in the town, the Town Council was able to provide 130 hanging baskets and 60 planted troughs located throughout the town, making the town more attractive to visitors and residents. In order to encourage more residents to use the businesses located in the town and to attract more visitors to the area, the Town Council is taking the leading role in the creation of the Regeneration Group for the town, working in partnership with the Bovey Tracey Business Association and the Bovey Tracey Information Centre Trust. Among the proposals being considered is the creation of a public open space in Fore Street and improved signage to assist visitors to the town. The Town Council also continues to financially support the Heathfield Youth Club and Bovey Tracey Youth Café.

As we come to end of 2013 an important occasion took place in November. On Sunday 10th November 2013 during the Remembrance Service at the Parish Church of SS Peter, Paul & Thomas of Bovey Tracey, the newly installed stained glass window depicting HM Queen Elizabeth's II Coat of Arms was officially dedicated.

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The commissioning of the window by the Town Council was in order to create a lasting reminder of Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations. It is thought that this is the only stained glass window, except for the stained glass window of the same design in Westminster Hall, to be commissioned in the country. The window was designed and created by Andrew Johnson, a well-respected stained glass artist based in Exeter. Her Majesty has also been informed of the window's installation and her office has replied to say she was pleased to see the photograph of the window.

The funds to cover the cost of producing this stunning piece of art came from a number of sources including Devon County Council's Locality Fund, supported by Cllr George Gribble, Teignbridge District Council's Community Fund, supported by Cllr Anna Klinkenberg, money raised during the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and from the family of the late Liz Westwood, who was an active member of our community and the church's family.



Bovey Tracey Town Council Meetings

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

20th January 2014
Community Centre – Heathfield
17th March 2014
Town Hall - Bovey Tracey

Town Councillors Contact Numbers

Town Mayor - Cllr Martyn Evans 830347
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Town Clerk - Terry Westwood 834217



The Town Council offices will be closed for the Christmas period from 12.00noon on 20th December reopening on 2nd January 2014.
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Skate Park

YOUNGSTERS and residents from Bovey Tracey had the chance to attend a consultation event about proposed new £75,000 skate park in November. Skaters and their parents visited Bovey Tracey Methodist Church Hall to look at and comment on draft designs for the facility, which will be housed in Mill Marsh Park.

The consultation proved to be very popular event with more than 100 people attending. It is the intention to commence building the skate park next spring. The majority of the funding will be from Section 106 money; cash provided by developers of new homes in the parish which can be used to provide new, or improve existing, recreational and play facilities.

As part of the event, the Bovey Skaters organised a sponsored skate, which raised in excess of £450.00 which will go towards the installation of the skate hub.

Bovey Tracey Information Centre

Vacancies for Volunteers

The Trustees of the Information Centre are looking to recruit more volunteers to assist with staffing the Information Centre. The volunteer's role is to be on duty for a session of two hours per week, to provide information and assistance to local residents and visitors.

There have been around 12,000 visitors to the Information Centre this year, and enquiries range from needing directions or accommodation, looking for ideas about what to do in the locality, walks or cycle rides, as well as asking for information about local events, activities and attractions. The Centre is staffed entirely by volunteers - can you help?

If you would like more information about what is involved, please contact Keith Heron on 01626 830397



Young Citizen of the Year Award 2014

BOVEY TRACEY TOWN COUNCIL is pleased to confirm that the Town Council is again promoting the Young Citizen Award for 2014. This is the third 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 2013 winners were Tyrone & Kerry McVeigh for their outstanding contribution to Macmillan Cancer fund raising.

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

Replacement Trees



Last August many parishioners were shocked by the vandalism to seven of the recently planted avenue of trees in Mill Marsh Park. During this year's National Tree Planting Week, the damaged trees were removed and replacements planted. Thanks to Max Bayle's Professional Tree Care Ltd for providing staff to help plant the replacement trees as their contribution to the project.

A number of local businesses and organisations, including the Carnival Committee, the Cromwell Arms and The Bell Inn, have contributed financially to the replacement of the vandalised trees in Mill Marsh Park. Several parishioners have also kindly contributed to the replacement trees including Mrs Lightfoot, Mrs Holman and Mr Baker. The Town Council would like to offer their thanks for this kind gesture.

Christmas & New Year Waste Collection Dates

Normal Collection Day	Revised Collection Day
Monday 23rd December	As normal
Tuesday 24th December	As normal
Wednesday 25th December	Friday 27th December
Thursday 26th December	Saturday 28th December
Friday 27th December	Monday 30th December
Monday 30th December	Tuesday 31st December
Tuesday 31st December	Thursday 2nd January
Wednesday 1st January	Friday 3rd January
Thursday 2nd January	Saturday 4th January
Friday 3rd January	Monday 6th January
Monday 6th January	Tuesday 7th January
Tuesday 7th January	Wednesday 8th January
Wednesday 8th January	Thursday 9th January
Thursday 9th January	Friday 10th January
Friday 10th January	Saturday 11th January

Collections are back to normal as of Monday 13th January 2013

Christmas Lights 2013



Bovey Tracey Town Council would like to thank the many businesses and organisations in Bovey Tracey for financially supporting this year's Christmas Lights and to Mark Baker for supplying the Christmas Tree for Union Square.

Thanks also go to Louise & Val from The Old Cottage Tearoom for raising over £700.00 towards the costs of the light by holding various fund raising events over the past twelve months.