



# Quality Update

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## What's on at your Heathfield Community Centre

### Crafts for Everyone

Monday's from 10.30am to 12.30pm



### Tuesday is Bingo Night

Doors open at 6.30pm **EYES DOWN** at 7pm on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November and 9<sup>th</sup> December

### Wednesday Coffee Mornings (fortnightly)

10.00am to 11.45am; 22nd October, 19th November, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December

### Wednesday Youth Club

6.00pm to 7.30pm. Ages 5 to 15. Come and play or just chill out.



### Dance Group Every Thursday

School Aged Children 4.30pm to 5.30pm

### Movie Afternoons

Every first Saturday of the month for young people aged 5 to 11 years. 12.00 noon to 2.00pm



**"The Heathfield Arms"** is open every evening except Wednesdays and is also open lunchtimes on Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays from 12.00noon to 2.00pm. Come and meet your friends in Heathfield's first bar.

For further information on booking the Community Centre for private parties etc.  
call 01626 834420

IF YOU WISH TO HELP OUT AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE EITHER BY JOINING OUR COMMITTEE OR BY HELPING TO RUN A GROUP THEN PLEASE CONTACT THE CENTRE ON 834420

## Two New Bus Shelters

It is hoped that by the time you read this edition of Quality Update, two new bus shelters will be in place on Battle Road. These two new shelters are to replace the bus shelter located near to Old Newton Road and the bus shelter near to the traffic lights on Battle Road. Both shelters have been vandalised. The total cost of replacing and installing the bus shelters is £15,000.

The Town Council is planning to use parts of the old shelters to repair the bus shelter adjacent to the Post Office. As financial resources become available, it is planned to replace this shelter as well.

## Heathfield Update

AS WE end our first year and begin our second year as your local councillors we would like to share with you our progress to date.

A public consultation which was well attended by the residents of Heathfield raised 4 main concerns;

- **Play parks** – Following a direct approach made by the Town Council to Teignbridge District Council, we are working with the District Council to improve the quality of the play areas in Heathfield.
- **Youth** – At present the Town Council continues to try and secure the necessary funding and support that Heathfield, as well as Bovey Tracey, is entitled to receive from Devon Youth Services.
- **B.C.T** – We have been able to build up lines of communication with the board of directors so we can work together to manage any concerns raised by you the residents.
- **Bus Shelters** – Two have now been purchased at a cost of £15,000 and are waiting to be installed.

Kelly and Michelle also attend many other meetings and events, in addition to council meetings to ensure Heathfield receives the recognition it deserves and has a voice. Also, they are both actively involved in the local community. In addition to their role as councillors, Michelle is currently the Deputy Mayor of the Town Council, Chair of the Community Centre and is an active member of the Friends of St. Catherine's School. Kelly is the local Youth Club Leader, is Chair of the Friends of St. Catherine's School, a member of the Community Centre committee and a Governor of St. Catherine's School.



After their first year as Councillors, both Kelly and Michelle feel they are taking big steps towards making Heathfield the place you would like it to be. Michelle said "We both know it takes time to get there and how frustrating that can be, but we are at least heading in the right direction. Real progress is being made although often behind the scenes, which we realise doesn't make it visible progress to residents. But rest assured we continuously strive for a better future for Heathfield. Kelly added "Heathfield finally has its voice and it is being listened to". If you have any problem, big or small please do not hesitate to contact Michelle or Kelly. They are your two councillors so please use them.

## HEATHFIELD EDITION

### 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.

**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

**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.

**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.

**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**

**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, Chairman of the Council and 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 the Town Mayor Cllr Dorreen Black