



# OYEZ!

March news from Axbridge Town Council

## MUSEUM

The Axbridge Museum will be officially opened on **4th. April** at 10.00 a.m.

## ACCESS THROUGH THE FURLONG

The Council has given conditional permission for a temporary access across the Furlong from the car-park at Penn Way to the rear of Axbridge Court. This is to allow movement of building contractors' vehicles. The access route will be fenced off, the ground surface protected and the area re-instated at the end of the process.

for the start of the new season.

## OLD BUTCHER'S YARD FOOTWAY

The Council was told that the Developers of the Old Butcher's Yard were due to meet Somerset Highways officers to agree the final design of the footway fronting the properties and leading into the Square

## YOUTH SHELTER

Councillors agreed to insure the newly erected Youth Shelter in the Furlong against damage.

## DOG MESS



Councillors expressed disgust at the amount of dog mess being left on footways in the town. Areas particularly bad are Houlgate Way, near the First School and Prowse's Lane.

Apart from the filth and obvious smell, this mess is a health hazard, particularly to young children.

It was also noted that some owners, having bagged up their dog's droppings, then leave the plastic bags littering the countryside.

If **YOU** own a dog please be responsible for clearing up **PROPERLY**.

## DAMAGED FENCE

The Clerk will seek an assurance that the damaged fence on the north side of the by-pass, designed to prevent falling rock from reaching the carriageway will be repaired as soon as possible.

## TOWN MACES

The Town Maces have been repaired and the Town Trust, whose property they are, have advised that great care needs to be taken in future use as they cannot be repaired again. The cost of making duplicates was considered unacceptably high.

## ROYAL MAIL

The Clerk reported that Royal Mail had expressed support for a new post box in Houlgate Way near the Surgery bus stop.

## **MEADOW STREET CAR PARK**

The Council was told that most of the final details of the proposed purchase had now been resolved or agreed and that applications for grant aid to reduce the Council's final financial liability were being pursued.

## **RECYCLING DEVELOPMENTS**

The Council was told that all recycling facilities have now been removed from the Meadow Street car-park, but that they could be returned to Axbridge if a suitable site can be found.

The site at Cheddar is also likely to be re-sited, but no change will occur until a new site, not necessarily in Cheddar, has been identified.

## **NUCLEAR POWER**

Residents who wish to comment on the possible siting of another nuclear power plant at Hinckley Point may do so online at:

<http://hinckley.point.edfconsultation.info.home>

## **CHURCH STEPS HANDRAILS**

Planning permission has now been given for work on new hand-rails at Church Steps. A new estimate of costs will have to be obtained and agreed before work can begin.

## **LENGTHSMAN**

The Council's Lengthsman, Andy Laken, spent much of last month's work time in layering hedges at the allotments.

## **MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYOR**

Councillors unanimously nominated Cllr. Mrs Jennifer Trotman as Mayor for 2009-10 with Cllr. Jeremy Gall as her Deputy. They will formally assume office in May.

## **POLICE MATTERS**

The members noted a general improvement in the parking situation within the Square. This was assumed to be as a result of more vigorous and consistent policing.

PC Tom Pether together with local councillors and Chris Betty from Somerset Highways would be touring the district to discuss highways matters within the district.

## **SOMERSET SHOWCASE**



The 2009 event will be operated by the Axbridge Chamber of Commerce on **29th. August**—the Bank

Holiday weekend.

## **ISSUES FOR THE COUNCIL?**

Residents wishing to bring matters to the Council's attention are invited to attend meetings — every 3rd. Monday of the month and to address the council in person.

Alternatively you may contact the clerk Mrs. Vicky Brice on:

**07884264033**

or by email:

**[vbrice@axbridge-tc.gov.uk](mailto:vbrice@axbridge-tc.gov.uk)**

## **COUNCIL AT FARMERS' MARKET**

The Council operates a Community Stall at every Farmers' Market. Any community group wishing to use it is asked to contact:

**Cllr. Paul Passey - 733373**

Those using the stall to promote groups or events must be non-profit making and must operate, generally, for the benefit of the town. Exceptions have been made for children and young people wishing to fund raise for good causes.