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News from the JULY Town Council Meeting



AXBRIDGE PAGEANT FESTIVAL 27TH - 30TH AUGUST

Rehearsals are in full swing!

If taking part, please make every effort to attend. Tickets sales are going well - and may be ordered at the website <http://www.axbridgepageant.org.uk/> or by calling 07931 638681.

Road closures have been agreed for West Street, High Street, The Square, St Mary's Street, Moorland Street and Meadow Street for the 3 days of performance (12 noon until 11pm) and for the Dress Rehearsal on 22nd August (10am until 8pm) with access for emergency vehicles. Please bear this in mind when ordering deliveries!

Car Parks will be unavailable (except for disabled drivers) with limited parking on Houlgate Way. Additional field parking is planned.

126 Bus will be re-routed with stops on the bypass.

No Parking in The Square from Thursday 26th - Tuesday 31st August as stage and seating will be erected.

Volunteers sought to help with stewarding and back stage work. Interested? Please contact helpers@axbridgepageant.org.uk or call (as above) and leave your name and number

Pageant Performances - will run from 3pm to 5pm each day, with evening entertainment and a party in the Square on the Monday evening (see separate leaflet)

Sorry for any inconvenience caused but **enjoy** this "not to be missed" **Axbridge event.**

COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Council has a vacancy following the resignation of Councillor Mrs Isaac - due to work pressures. A notice will be displayed on the notice board giving

residents the opportunity to call an election. Otherwise the Council will be able to co-opt a new member. Watch this space!

MEMORIAL SEAT CHESTNUT AVENUE

A proposal for a memorial bench at Chestnut Avenue on land owned by Homes in Sedgemoor has met with opposition from neighbours. The family has looked at alternative options and now hopes to plant a **tree** in the Churchyard instead. The Council felt it was a shame that the proposed bench met with such opposition, having expressed its support, but wished the family well in its endeavours.

AXBRIDGE FUN DAY

The Fun Day on 17th July was a resounding **success**. The Council thanked the Sports and Social Committee for their hard work in organising the Fun Day, who also wished to thank all its helpers - from setting up the marquee to clearing the site. Axbridge Guides, once again, rolled up their sleeves and helped out.

FURLONG

The Council has removed a lot of the **soil** from the site, with the remaining soil forming a bank, which will be seeded in due course. The Council will look to working with the landowner to clear the ditch to improve drainage.

The **ball-wall** is now in place but is not to be used until the grassed area in front of it has taken root, nor is the unit to be used as a climbing frame. Please **DO NOT WALK** on this grass

The perspex in the **youth shelter** has been removed - at least until its repair can be arranged. The youth shelter must be respected if it is to continue to remain.

There are instances of petty **vandalism** on the Furlong. The police are aware of the issues and youngsters are encouraged to use the facilities as they are intended.

AXBRIDGE IN BLOOM

The competition is being organised by Dennis Bratt with the result being made known at the Farmers' Market on 7th August.

TOWN DESIGN STATEMENT

Volunteers are still sought to help with this project—after the Pageant is over! Please contact Baz Hamblin 733939 if you would like to help.

POLICE WARNING

Several distraction **burglaries** have taken place in the area. Whilst an arrest has been made, residents are encouraged, as always, to be vigilant when answering their door to strangers and to ensure that their houses and cars are locked up when unoccupied.

WALKING TOUR OF AXBRIDGE

This tour is on Friday 30th July at £5 per head. Anyone interested in attending and learning about the Town and its history should contact John Page on 01278760986. The tour will also include a look at some of the old rarely-seen town documents - all proceeds go to the museum.

SOMERSET SHOWCASE

The next Somerset Showcase is being organised by the Chamber of Commerce - to be held in May 2011.

TOWN CRIER

The Town Crier is representing the Town at several events - photos on the website!

HINKLEY POINT PROJECT AND ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT

The Stage 2 consultation has begun and is available online www.edfconsultation.info/ Consultation deadline is 4th October 2010. The Council is writing to Tessa Munt, MP, reiterating its objections to National Grid's proposals for overhead pylons.

CONTINGENCY AND EMERGENCY PLAN

The Council has set up a small group to consolidate information on emergency planning to better assist the community in times of trouble.

PAVING SLABS, AXBRIDGE SQUARE

These are scheduled to be repaired during September. Somerset Highways will be reminded of September events in the Square- **Farmer's Market** (Sat 4th), **Fair** (Wed 22nd - Sat 25th) and **Blackberry Carnival** (Sat 25th)

ALLOTMENT INSPECTION

An annual inspection of the allotments will

take place in the Autumn. The allotments are in demand and the Council will need to give notice to any tenants not working their allotments properly.

LITTER

The Town Maintenance Contractor is litter picking throughout the Town. The Youth Service will also be asked to address the amount of litter around the youth club.

CIRCLING THE SQUARE LEAFLET

The Council will look into the re-printing of these leaflets showing walks around the Town.

CHANGING ROOM AND FURLONG MANAGER

A small increase in the hours worked by the Changing Room and Furlong Manager has been agreed.

REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS - CHANGES

If you are on regular medication the doctor may agree for you to obtain a repeat prescription without needing to see the doctor in surgery. In this case you can request your prescription in one of the following ways:

By Post: Send your ticked counterfoil to either surgery address (Axbridge or Wedmore

Prescription Box: Drop your ticked counterfoil into the box at either surgery

FAX: Send your written request to either surgery. Wedmore fax number is 01934 713799. Axbridge fax number is 01934 733488.

Electronically: Online services via [EMIS Access - for more details: http://www.axbridgewedmoredoctors.co.uk/prescriptions_p2358.html?a=0](http://www.axbridgewedmoredoctors.co.uk/prescriptions_p2358.html?a=0)

Prescriptions can be collected from: Axbridge Surgery, Wedmore Surgery and Local Pharmacies - Axbridge, Wedmore and Cheddar. 48 hours' notice is needed to process repeat prescriptions.

**RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND MEETINGS (3RD MONDAY EACH MONTH), TO RAISE ISSUES OR JUST TO LISTEN. MATTERS MAY BE BROUGHT TO COUNCIL'S ATTENTION VIA THE TOWN CLERK MRS VICKY BRICE
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