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SEPTEMBER
News from your Town
Council



Walking Bus Shelter

Concerns regarding the installation of the walking bus shelter for Axbridge First School in Axbridge

Town Car park were raised by residents. Once a proper plan for the shelter and its location has been created, the information will be made publicly available.

Axbridge & District Museum Trust

It appears that, as feared, the Museum is not meeting its financial targets and will have to look at ways of increasing revenue for next year. A volunteer is still needed to run the Friends of Axbridge Museum, who help raise funds for the museum. Anyone who is interested should contact Robin Goodfellow on 01934 732874.

Axbridge & Wedmore Surgery

The Patient Participation Group Newsletter is now available from both surgeries. The practice website at www.axbridgewedmoredoctors.co.uk provides information about surgery opening hours, the services available, the management of minor illnesses and much much more.

Farmers' Markets

The Carnival Committee gave thanks for the use of the stall to raise fund by the sale of raffle tickets. The stall is available for use by non-profit community organisations in the town. If your organisation would like to use the stall, please contact John Albone on 01934 732573.

Church Reports

The new Church's Youth Worker, Jo Slade, is now in post, and is working with local schools to establish relationships. The Harvest Service at the Methodist Church had been both well attended and very successful, providing a great response for the charity "Somewhere to Go".

Axbridge Town Twinning Association

Having made several unsuccessful attempts over the years to kick start an active twinning association with Houlgate, the Association has formally ceased. The remaining fund of c.£2440 had been passed to Axbridge Parochial Charities - to be ring fenced for youth projects.

Axbridge Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber is holding a networking event on Tuesday 11th October at 6.30pm in the Oak House: more details at www.axbridgechamber.co.uk. There will also be a Trafalgar Night dinner, with speaker, in the Town Hall on Friday 28th October, with tickets available soon from Chamber members.

Budget

The Town Council will be looking to set its budget for the 2012/2013 financial year shortly and will be considering draft figures at the next meeting.

Website

The Town Council website at www.axbridge-tc.gov.uk is full of information for both residents of and visitors to Axbridge, from the What's On section, showing events in the Town, to the Town Council section, where you can find out what your Council is doing for you.

Youth Services

The Sea Cadets are very keen on setting up a unit here, which would cater for both boys and girls, and are working on this with the support of the units in Bristol and Weston Super Mare. A management committee is to be set up as soon as possible, followed by the new unit in the very near future.

Finances

A total of £350 was made in grant applications to Age Concern Somerset, Cheddar Valley Railway Walk, Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance, Sedgemoor Citizens Advice Bureau and Victim Support Somerset.

Play Area

The Leisure and Recreation Advisory Group had considered a request for a shade in the play area. Sadly it has been agreed that such a shade would not be practical. Various remedial work to the play area is to be carried out. The new perspex will be fitted to the Youth Shelter shortly and the base concreted in.

Highways

A new replacement litter bin has finally been installed in the lay-by on the bypass. The Town Council need to replace a dead tree in Axbridge Town Car Park. A replacement tree will be planted shortly.

Diamond Jubilee

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee is in 2012. Following on from the very successful Royal Wedding event this year, the School and the Sports and Social Club are investigating the possibility of holding a similar event for the Jubilee. The idea of commemorative mugs or coins, as for previous such events, was also discussed.

Allotments

A leaflet identifying injurious weeds is to be made available to all tenants in an attempt to reduce the current infestation on the plots. The remit of the Cemetery, Allotment and Open Spaces Advisory Group was agreed. An arboricultural report is to be prepared by Sedgemoor District Council on the state of the Horse Chestnut trees in Chestnut Avenue.

Town Maintenance Contractor

The Town Maintenance Contractor worked 14.75 hours for the Town Council in August, which included work on the footpath between Chestnut Avenue and Jubilee Road, on the Furlong, Starrs Close, Car Park, and also weeding the Square.

Axbridge Renewable Energy

There is now widespread support from government and other bodies for renewable energy schemes, at both household and community level. To look at ways of using this support in Axbridge, the Sustainable Axbridge Network Group (SANE) will be holding an introductory meeting at The Roxy at 7.30pm on Monday 10th October. The meeting will feature displays, resources and videos from the Centre for Sustainable Energy, an independent charity that shares knowledge and practical experience in this area. Email info@sustainableaxbridge.org.uk or phone 01934 733762.

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 07884 264033 vbrice@axbridge-tc.gov.uk

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