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July 2013

News from your Town Council

Blackberry Carnival

The Blackberry Carnival will take place on Saturday 21st September. The theme for this year's carnival will be 'Moviemanía'.

Reservoir track closure



Bristol Water are carrying out maintenance work on the reservoir embankment, and this involves drilling. Because of this the gravel track round the south of the reservoir will be closed for 4 weeks from July 8th. The tarmac track on the north side is unaffected.

Town Council office

The Town Council has no office and is seeking office space in the town. If anyone is aware of spare office space which might be suitable please contact the town clerk (*contact details overleaf*)

Day trips to Bristol



Withdrawal of subsidy by the county council has meant that we no longer have a bus service to Bristol. Axe Vale coaches are now making limited provision by running a day trip on the second Thursday of each month. This is a day-trip, not a bus service, and there is a flat return fare of £5 per passenger. This applies to all passengers (*ie. adults, children and senior citizens*). The coach picks up in Cheddar, Axbridge and Shipham and runs to Lewins Mead near Bristol bus station. Times from and to Axbridge are:

The Square *dep.* 9.13 am (*Houlgate Way 1 min. later*)

Lewins Mead *arr.* 10.06 am

Lewins Mead *dep.* 1.55 pm

The Square *arr.* 3.00 pm (*Houlgate Way 1 min. later*)

Further details from Axe Vale coaches, telephone 01934-750321

Home library service



Did you know that anyone living in Somerset who is unable to visit a library can receive a free home delivery service?

The Royal Voluntary Service (formerly the WRVS) and Somerset County Council's Libraries Service are working in partnership to deliver books, DVDs and talking books from your local library. This service is available to anyone who cannot easily visit a library.

The Home Library Service Manager will match you to a local volunteer, who will pick up your books from the library and deliver them to you at a time that suits you.

For more information contact us on 0845 3459177 or visit www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries.

Cheddar reservoir 2



Following their first round of consultations earlier this year Bristol Water have refined their proposals for the new reservoir.

They have sent a leaflet about this to all local residents, but if you have not got a copy you can find it at the website given below.

If you have any queries or comments about the Cheddar Reservoir Two project, you can contact Bristol Water in the following ways:

Call: Freephone 0800 169 6507 (during office hours)

Email: enquiries@cheddar-reservoir-two.co.uk

Visit: www.cheddar-reservoir-two.co.uk

Write to: FREEPOST CONSULTATION RESPONSE
(no further address or stamp required)

Please let them have your comments on their preferred proposals by 31 July 2013.

AONB Young Rangers



The Mendip Hills AONB Unit is recruiting 15 young people aged 12 to 13 to join its popular Young Ranger programme for 2013-2015.

The two year programme provides a fantastic opportunity to find out about protected landscapes through

activities taking them out in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

From September, they meet one Saturday per month (except July, August and December) to learn about the Mendip Hills and participate in outdoor activities. They can gain recognised qualifications such as First Aid and navigation.

The AONB Partnership subsidises the scheme so places can be offered at £100 per Young Ranger for the two year programme. This covers all activities and provides a Young Ranger uniform.

The Mendip Hills AONB is promoting the scheme through schools, but also encourages young people to apply direct (by Wednesday 31 July). The application form, and further information, is available at:

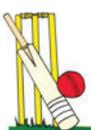
www.mendiphillsaonb.org.uk

Axbridge Active Living

Axbridge Active Living will complete its first year with a beetle drive on 31st July. It will then close for the summer, re-opening on Wednesday 4th September.

The committee would welcome more volunteers to help run the events. If you feel you can spare time to help on occasional Wednesday afternoons please contact Vicky Brice (*contact details below*)

Cricket nets



The cricket nets on The Furlong have not been used for some time and are deteriorating. The council is minded to remove the nets in September and tidy that part of the field. If any group does wish to use this facility in the near future they should contact the town clerk urgently.

Fly-tipping on The Furlong

The dumping of hedge cuttings on The Furlong was mentioned last month, but there have now been reports of hardcore and old tyres being dumped there. Fly-tipping of this kind hugely reduces the quality of a community facility like The Furlong. Penalties for fly-tipping include a heavy fine which would include the full costs of investigation, prosecution and cleaning of the site.

Childrens play area

Parents are asked to make sure that children know that they should not play ball-games in the children's play area on The Furlong. Ball-games in that area could be dangerous and cause an accident to children using the play apparatus there.

The slides have also been made unusable at times by the spillage of sticky drinks and smoothies on them.

Dogs on The Furlong



There have been temporary posters displayed on The Furlong recently as a reminder that this is a sports and recreation area where it is essential that dogs must be kept on a lead. The

council is now installing some permanent signs there to emphasise the importance of this for the health and safety of people using the area.

It could happen here . . .



AXBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

INVITATION TO TENDER GRASS CUTTING CONTRACTS

Axbridge Town Council is inviting tenders for grass cutting and associated works at the following locations:

1. The main part of The Furlong recreation field
2. Axbridge Cemetery and the children's play area on The Furlong

If you are interested in tendering for this work, please contact the clerk for further details and a copy of the schedule of works. Tenders should detail the contract price for the financial year 2013/14, and include a copy of the public liability insurance cover.

Deadline for receipt of tenders by the Clerk:
12th August 2013

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Residents are invited to attend Town Council meetings to raise issues or just to listen. Matters may be brought to the Council's attention via the Town Clerk.

Meetings are held in the Town Hall on the 3rd Monday each month at 7.30 pm
The agenda is displayed in advance outside the Town Hall and on the website

The Town Clerk, Mrs Vicky Brice, can be contacted by phone or e-mail:
07884 264033 vicky.brice@axbridge-tc.gov.uk

The Town Council's website is at: www.axbridge-tc.gov.uk