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News from your Town Council

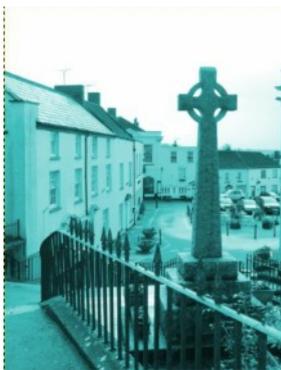
Axbridge Fun Day

This year's Axbridge Fun Day will be held on the Furlong on Saturday 12th July.

April council meeting

Because the usual date for the meeting will be a bank holiday, the April council meeting will be held a week earlier than normal, on Monday 14th April, at the usual time of 7.30 pm in the Town Hall.

Axbridge Remembers



A well-attended public meeting was held in the Town Hall on March 9th to introduce *Axbridge Remembers*, a whole community event planned for Saturday 19th July to mark the outbreak of the First World War. Those who attended contributed ideas and stories of the period, and most signed up to take part in the event as performers or backstage.

The event will consist of two parts. The first, in the afternoon, will be an outdoor promenade performance in the Square, portraying life in Axbridge in 1914 and the effects of the war. The evening event in St John's Church will include music, poetry, readings and displays reflecting wider aspects of the war.

If you are interested in taking part or helping or contributing in any way, but were unable to get to the meeting, or if you would like to know more, contact John Kendall on 01934-732103 or by e-mail at jk.axbridge@gmail.com

Cross Lane speed limit



The council has agreed to ask Somerset County Council to introduce a 40 mph speed limit on Cross Lane between the A38 and Townsend roundabout, and on the Townsend slip roads to and from the by-pass. This had been discussed in light of the Coffin Lane campaign, and was felt appropriate for this narrow stretch of road.

Somerset Levels Relief Fund

Council considered a request to make a donation towards the relief fund set up to protect the Somerset Levels better against flooding in the future. The council decided it was unable to contribute at this time, but would publicise details for any residents wishing to make individual donations.

The Royal Bath & West of England Society has launched two funds - a Somerset Levels Relief Fund for the long-term improvement of drainage in the Levels, and A Farmers Fund to assist farmers whose land has been damaged. Information on both funds can be found at:

<http://www.bathandwest.com/somerset-levels/258/>

New Mayor & deputy

Councillor Peter Yusen, the current deputy mayor, will become the new mayor of Axbridge for 2014-15. He will be installed at the Mayor Making ceremony to be held in the Town Hall on Monday 12th May. Councillor Mrs Jennifer Trotman will be installed as deputy mayor.



Cllr. Peter Yusen



Cllr. Mrs Jennifer Trotman

Police report

PC Wills reported to Council on some recent incidents in the town. These include breaking into sheds at the allotments and vandalism on the Furlong. Council discussed the objectives it would like the police team to focus on this year and agreed on anti-social behaviour (requesting increased police presence, especially in the Furlong), and speeding through the town late at night.

Public conveniences

The public conveniences in Moorland Street are to be redecorated. The external walls will be painted in a cream/magnolia colour, with brown woodwork and black door furniture. The procedures for cleaning are also to be reviewed, particularly the arrangements for high level and deep cleaning.

Cricket nets

The Cricket Club is keen to re-install the cricket nets on the Furlong, both for their use and as a community facility. Some work has already been undertaken to bring this about, and the council will cut back hedging and trim grass to clear the site. Boards will be installed to prevent hedgehogs becoming entangled in the netting.

Bench at Townsend

The bench by the bus stop at Townsend has now been repaired.

Civic Awards board

A new, permanent board, similar to those listing past Mayors of Axbridge, is to be installed on the wall of the Town Hall to record permanently the names of those who have gained a Civic Award.

Axbridge Museum

The museum will re-open for the 2014 season on 1st April, but there will be an official opening ceremony with the Mayor, at 10 am on Saturday 5th April, during the Farmers' Market.

Speed cameras

Fixed safety cameras will soon be switched back on in Somerset after Somerset County Council agreed to sell the cameras to Avon & Somerset Constabulary for £1 each.

The Chief Constable and the Council have now agreed the police will take responsibility and ownership of the cameras and operate them on the highway network on the proviso that no costs whatsoever are incurred by the County Council.

Recycling dates after Bank Holidays

The table below shows the dates of recycling & refuse collections where bank holidays affect the normal pattern:

Usual collection day	Revised collection day
Easter	
Good Friday 18 April	Saturday 19 April
Easter Monday 21 April – Friday 25 April	All collections one day later, including Friday pick-ups on Saturday 26 April
May	
Early May Bank Holiday Monday 5 May – Friday 9 May	All collections one day later, including Friday pick-ups on Saturday 10 May
Spring Bank Holiday Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May	All collections one day later, including Friday pick-ups on Saturday 31 May
August	
Summer Bank Holiday Monday 25 August – Friday 29 August	All collections one day later, including Friday pick-ups on Saturday 30 August

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 usually held in the Town Hall on the 3rd Monday each month at 7.30 pm
Because this will be a bank holiday in April the next meeting will be on Monday 14th April
The agenda is displayed in advance outside the Town Hall and on the website

The Town Clerk, Vicky Brice, can be contacted by phone or e-mail:
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The Town Council's website is at: www.axbridge-tc.gov.uk