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May 2014

News from your Town Council

Axbridge Remembers

Information wanted

The organisers of *Axbridge Remembers* (the events on July 19th to mark the centenary of The First World War) are gathering information about Axbridge men and women involved in the war.

Does anyone amongst your family or friends have stories and memories about those people? They'd particularly like to find out more about the ten men on our war memorial: Arthur Durbin, Harry Francis, Percy Hancock, Archibald Arthur James, George Land, Victor Arthur C. Lèche, Charles Lintern, Richard Ambrose Offer, Percy Roe, George Coomer Weare, but stories about any men or women from Axbridge who served in or were affected in any way would be welcome.

Please contact David Parkin (01934 733762, email: davidhparkin@uwclub.net) or John Kendall (01934 732103, email: jk.axbridge@gmail.com)

Road closures

To enable the dress rehearsal and the afternoon performance of *Axbridge Remembers* to take place there will be road closures affecting The Square, High Street, West Street and St. Mary's Street. The closures will take place between 1.00 pm and 5.00 pm on Sunday 13th and Saturday 19th July, and will apply to all traffic.

Town Councillor vacancy

Following the resignation of Councillor John Albone there is a vacancy for a town councillor - see the notice overleaf.

Police report

PCSO Mike Shaw gave a report to council. He reminded residents to remove valuables from vehicles and leave nothing on view. He also mentioned a problem of anti-social behaviour on The Furlong caused by children kicking footballs against properties and was looking at options to address this.

Inspector Pritchard advised on changes to the police service and confirmed that Cheddar Police Station building would close in 2016 but confirmed that local officers would still be working from a base in this area.

The Furlong play area

The Council approved expenditure to improve the facilities in the children's play area on The Furlong by:

- Repairing the safety surface for for the see-saw, multi-play unit and arch see-saw
- Maintenance work on the top gate, arch see-saw and aerial runway

The "slider" part of the outdoor gym equipment, which has never been fit for purpose, is to be replaced by the suppliers with a different piece of equipment called the "kayak".

The Council approved a recommendation that the play area should be a No Smoking Zone and that "No smoking" signs be put up there.

Vandalism on The Furlong

The problem of damage to the guttering on the changing rooms has started again. Parents whose children use the Furlong are asked to ensure their children understand the dangers and consequences of damaging property.

Parking in High Street & West Street

Council has noted complaints about illegal and inconsiderate parking in these streets. Parking on double yellow lines is illegal at any time, as is parking on the pavement.

Axbridge Museum

- The museum has been fortunate to secure an Arts Council grant for the provision of digital educational and storage devices.
- The Roll of Honour scheduled as part of the First World War *Axbridge Remembers* will be displayed downstairs in the Museum.
- The Museum is still short of volunteer Custodians. Anyone interested in helping out in this role is asked to leave their contact details on 01934-733208

Coffin Lane campaign

A sponsored walk from Compton Bishop to Cheddar to raise funds for the campaign is to be held on Saturday 7th June. For further information go to:

www.coffinlane.com or

www.facebook.com/pages/coffin-lane-campaign

By-pass safety

Council has noted that parking on the verges off the by-pass by the Sea Cadets building is becoming a safety concern - the situation will be monitored, and drawn to the attention of the management committee.

The state of the verges by the Townsend and Shute Shelve is to be drawn to the attention of Sedgemoor District Council as a safety issue as overgrown vegetation is impeding the view of drivers.

Town maintenance contractor

The Town Maintenance Contractor worked 12 hours in April. 7 hours were spent at the Furlong including litter picking, removal of hedge cuttings, strimming the cricket net area, weeding the hedge and removal of barbed wire and posts. 1.5 hours was spent at Townsend trimming the hedge and strimming, 1.5 hours at the cemetery burning and removing rubbish, 1 hour strimming Starrs Close and 1 hour dealing with litter and the hedge in the town car park.

Disabled parking

The council has agreed, initially, not to set time limits for vehicles displaying a blue badge in the council's car parks so that they are not disadvantaged when new regulations are applied to Moorland Street Car Park. The effect of this decision will be monitored.

Membership of committees

Council reviewed the membership of its committees and advisory groups, and its representatives on other bodies. There is a list of all these groups and their members on the council website at:

www.axbridge-tc.gov.uk

Free-cycle event

There will again be an opportunity to "free-cycle" at this years Axbridge Fun Day on Saturday 12th July.

Bristol Water pipeline project

Bristol Water are investigating 'no-dig' correction techniques to cure leakage from the new pipeline, to avoid extensive excavations and inconvenience. Some members expressed dismay that the work has taken so long, although it was accepted that the earlier bad weather had been a factor.



COUNCILLOR VACANCY - NOTICE OF CO-OPTION

AXBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL
has a
VACANCY
for a
TOWN COUNCILLOR
TO BE FILLED BY CO-OPTION

Subject to an election not being called Axbridge Town Council will consider filling by co-option a casual vacancy for a councillor at its meeting to be held on

MONDAY 16th JUNE, 7.30pm at AXBRIDGE TOWN HALL

If you are interested in serving the community in this way and want to become a candidate for co-option please contact the Town Clerk for an application form and further details (also available on the website www.axbridge-tc.gov.uk and in the Post Office)

Completed application forms must be submitted to the Clerk by

MONDAY 9th JUNE

Information on eligibility, the role of the Town Council and its schedule of meetings may be obtained from the Clerk

If you are interested in this role please contact the Town Clerk, Mrs V Brice

2 Woodview Road, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3NF

07884 264033

vicky.brice@axbridge-tc.gov.uk

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

The next meeting will be on Monday 16th June

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:

07884 264033 vicky.brice@axbridge-tc.gov.uk

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