



OYEZ!

June 2014

News from your Town Council

New Deputy Town Crier



Mr Brian White has been appointed as Deputy Town Crier with immediate effect. He will act as deputy to Vonnie Chamberlain until May 2015. It is intended that he will then take over the position of Axbridge Town Crier when Vonnie steps down from the role which she will have held for 40 years.

Councillor vacancy

The May edition of Oyez! carried an advertisement for a vacancy on the council to be filled by co-option, following the resignation of Councillor John Albone. Nobody had come forward for this post by the deadline, but if anyone is interested in serving the community in this way the council will still accept applications up to the 14th July. Application forms and information on the post can be obtained from the Town Clerk (*contact details overleaf*)

Vacant allotments

There are two council allotments currently vacant. Anyone wanting an allotment and ready to take it up should contact the Town Clerk for further details (*contact details are overleaf*)

Second reservoir

Bristol Water's planning application for the construction of the second Cheddar Reservoir has now been passed by Sedgemoor District Council subject to a number of conditions, including the creation of a Community Benefit Fund.

Road closures in July & August

There will be road closures during July and August affecting West Street, High Street, The Square and St. Mary's Street to enable **Axbridge Remembers** and the **Somerset**

Showcase to take place. The closures apply to all traffic (except emergency vehicles), including local

residents and bicycles. Residents and businesses in the affected streets are asked to arrange that deliveries, collections, etc. do not take place in the affected periods, which are:

Sunday July 13th : 1pm to 5pm

(to enable the dress rehearsal of *Axbridge Remembers*)

Saturday July 19th : 1pm to 5pm

(to enable the performance of *Axbridge Remembers*)

Saturday August 23rd :

(to enable the *Somerset Showcase*)

8am to 11pm (The Square)

8am to 5pm (West Street, High Street, and St. Mary's Street)

Somerset Showcase

The Chamber of Commerce is again hosting the Somerset Showcase this year. The event will take place in the Square and its immediate vicinity on Saturday 23rd August.

As in previous years, this means the Square and surrounding roads will be closed for the day (*see the details above*). There will be access to Moorland Street and Town (formerly Meadow Street) car parks, both of which will be FREE for residents and visitors on the day.

Watch out for further details with next month's edition of Oyez!

Car park landscaping

The council has accepted a quote for gardening work to improve the verges on the Read's Garden side of the Town Car Park, and it is expected that the work will be carried out soon.

Town Clerk's office

Agreement has been reached with the Town Trust for the council to rent the Council Chamber in the Town Hall to provide suitable office space for the Town Clerk. This will bring to an end the unsatisfactory arrangement of the council's business and document storage being based in the Clerk's house.

Town Maintenance contractor

The Town Maintenance Contractor worked 13½ hours in May. 8½ hours were spent on works at the cemetery including removing and burning of rubbish, collecting pallets and materials for the composter, building the composter, repairing the lock on the shed and removing ivy from the steps.

2¾ hours were spent removing litter from the Furlong and ¾ hour from the car park. 1½ hours were spent collecting wood to place under the fire safes and moving the Clerk's desk from Cheddar to the Town Hall.



Axbridge Neighbourhood Plan

As a next stage in this project the Council's Neighbourhood Plan Action Group is holding a meeting to which those who have previously expressed an interest in helping with the preparation of the plan have been invited.

Anyone else who may wish to contribute is also welcome to come along to the meeting which will be held in the Town Hall at 7.30 pm on Monday 7th July.

Townsend eastbound slip road

The Clerk is to contact Somerset Highways to find out why a bank of earth has been placed on the verge of the slip road joining the bypass from Townsend, to establish what improvement works were taking place, and to draw attention to the ongoing lack of visibility as only a narrow strip of grass has been cut.

Axbridge Town Trust 50 Club

All winners of prizes will be contacted directly, and sent a cheque for their winnings. If you would like to find out who has won, then please take a look at The Town Trust notice board outside Axbridge Town Hall for the latest winners. All queries to Alan Mortimore, clerk to The Town Trust 01934 732687.

Council information

Oyez! is intended to provide a summary of the main points of immediate public interest from the council's business each month. Other information about the council and its work is available from:

THE TOWN HALL NOTICEBOARD:

The noticeboard on the front of the Town Hall (on the Post Office side) contains a list of councillors and

their contact details, times of meetings and meeting agendas, as well as much other information.

Space on the noticeboard is limited, but much more detailed information is available online at:

THE COUNCIL WEBSITE:

The Town Council's website can be found at:

www.axbridge-tc.gov.uk

The website contains much information about Axbridge for both residents and visitors. Clicking on *Residents information* and then on *Town Council* brings you to a page with detailed information about the council and its work including:

- A list of councillors and officers
- Council policies
- Agendas, reports and minutes of council meetings
- Committees and advisory groups

Past editions of Oyez! Can also be found on the *Residents information* page.

Volunteer drivers wanted

Mendip Community Transport is looking for more volunteer drivers to transport elderly, frail and disadvantaged people to medical appointments at a variety of hospitals. They will help cover your insurance situation whilst working with them and re-imburse costs with a competitive mileage rate.

- *Do you have a day, a morning or afternoon to spare?*
- *Would you like to do something worthwhile?*
- *Would you like to help make a difference to people's lives?*
- *Do you own your own car?*

If you are interested contact Mike Forbes or Mike Curtis on 01749-330100 for details and an application form.

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 21st July

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

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