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March 2015

News from your Town Council

Mr Brian White

Council received with sadness news of the sudden death of Brian White. Brian had spent the last few months supporting the Town Crier as her deputy, and was due to take over her role when Vonnie Chamberlain retires in May.

Civic Service & Award Ceremony

The Mayor, Councillor Peter Yusen, on behalf of the Town Council, wishes to express his appreciation of those individuals or groups who contributed to the preparation and presentation of the Service, Ceremony and refreshments afterwards. The full Church of residents and guests appreciated a colourful Ceremony supported by the choirs and appropriate music.

Council elections

Election Day, Thursday 7th May will see not only a General Election but local ones as well. This will include elections for Axbridge Town Council.

Anyone interested in standing for election should obtain eligibility details, nomination papers, etc. from the Town Clerk (*contact details overleaf*), or by going to the Sedgemoor District Council website at:

<http://www.sedgemoor.gov.uk>

The Sedgemoor website includes a link to the Electoral Commission site from which nomination forms, etc. can be downloaded.

Completed papers must be delivered by hand to the Returning Officer at Sedgemoor District Council by 4pm on 9th April.

Dates for your diary

Some dates to note for the rest of the year are:

COUNCIL MEETINGS

These will continue to take place on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7.30pm in the Town Hall with the following exceptions:

- The May meeting will take place on Monday 1st June because of the timing of the election
- The June meeting will consequently be delayed until Monday 22nd June
- The December meeting will be brought forward to avoid Christmas week - date to be confirmed later.

OTHER EVENTS

- General and local elections - Thursday 7th May
- Mayor Making - Monday 18th May
- Axbridge Fun Day - Saturday 11th July
- Somerset Showcase - Saturday 5th September
- Harvest Service - Sunday 13th September
- Remembrance Service - Sunday 8th November
- Santa in the Square - Saturday 19th December

Sea Cadets

The Axbridge Sea Cadets continue to grow. In order to widen the membership it is to be renamed as the Axbridge and Cheddar Valley Sea Cadets Unit, and as a training ship it is to take the name TS Goathland.

Mayor Making

The Annual Council Meeting and Mayor Making will take place on Monday 18th May at 7.30pm in the Town Hall. This event is open to all residents of the town. Councillor Mrs Jennifer Trotman has been nominated as Mayor for the coming year, and Councillor Mike Taylor as Deputy Mayor.



Cllr. Ms Jennifer Trotman



Cllr. Mike Taylor

Town maintenance contractor

The maintenance contractor worked 3.5 hours last month, mostly on the Furlong and the car park. It was noted that 2 hours of this was spent on removing litter.

Moorland Street car park

Following protracted legal processes the council has now agreed to proceed with the purchase of the car park on Moorland Street.

Bristol Water pipeline project

Bristol Water is to undertake further pipeline construction in the area with a pipeline from the Cheddar treatment works to the waterworks at Rowberrow. The 11km pipeline is at the planning stage, and local consultation will take place when this is complete.

Other matters

Some other matters mentioned or discussed at council this month include:

- Appointment of internal auditor
- Mayor's allowance
- *Voices of Axbridge* grant request
- A new format for the council's Annual Report

- New door bell for Town Clerk's office
- Review of Furlong and Play Area safety & maintenance logs
- Review of the public convenience maintenance log
- Financial monthly report
- Use of the Community Stall in April
- New agreement for outsourcing of payroll administration
- Support for Axbridge Carnival
- The Town Crier's honorarium
- Bollards at Townsend
- 40 mph limit planned for Cross Lane
- Poor state of local road signs
- Pot holes on the A371
- State of car park and roadway at the allotments

Dog fouling

The Town Clerk reported receiving further complaints from residents about the extent of dog fouling. Stickers are available to put on recycling bins as a reminder of the law on this - these and dog poo bags will be available on the community stall at the Farmers' Market.

Axbridge Active Living

Axbridge Active Living is enjoying its Spring Programme! If you are over 50 and fancy meeting up with friends, and making new ones whilst enjoying the entertainment, please come along for afternoon tea and cake from 2-4pm in Axbridge Town Hall (small cost of £2.50) and enjoy the activities on offer. We meet on alternate Wednesdays, with our programme as follows:

Wed 1st April	Easter Bonnet making!
Wed 15th April	Boccia (indoor boules)
Wed 29th April	Organza Flowers with Yvonne
Wed 13th May	Jo - A Taste of Yoga

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 20th 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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or by post to PO Box 1184, Axbridge, BS26 2WJ

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