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News from your Town Council

Defibrillator training

A nurse from South West Ambulance Service will give training in the use of the defibrillator on Tuesday 31st May from 7 to 8pm in the Town Hall. Anyone interested in taking part should contact Axbridge Pharmacy (tel. 01934-733230) to put their name on the list.

New community radio station

A new local community radio station called Sedgemoor FM has opened, and will include local news. Further details can be found on its website:

<http://www.sedgemoorfm.co.uk/>

Microchipping dogs

It is now a legal requirement to get your dog microchipped, and to keep your details up to date on the contact database.

Axbridge Museum

The official opening of the museum for the 2016 season took place on 2nd April. This was successful, with a large number of visitors. The first exhibition of the season is about the history of the WI in the area.

Dates this summer

Two important events to note this summer . . .

- **Sunday 12th June:** The Queen's Birthday - a family tea party event in the afternoon, followed by music in the early evening.
- **Saturday 12th July:** Axbridge Fun Day on The Furlong

Axbridge Town Trust

100 Club latest winners:

- 1st = number 19 (£100)
- 2nd = number 4 (£50)
- 3rd = number 1 (£25)

The Town Trust's ongoing projects include:

- improving sound proofing in the Town Hall
- improving the wall lights in the Town Hall with LEDs
- improved security using CCTV especially for the Council Chamber
- improved fire protection for the Council Chamber with smoke alarms
- Revision & updating of licence agreements for events or furniture in the Square

Town Maintenance Contractor

The maintenance contractor worked 6½ hours in March including:

- 5 hours litter picking on the Furlong & car parks
- 1½ hours in the cemetery fixing signs & removing rubbish

The contractor is to repaint the finger sign in the Square when weather permits.

Mayor Making

The Annual Council Meeting and Mayor Making will be held in the Town Hall on Monday 9th May. The Hall will open at 7.30 pm and the ceremony will begin at 8.00 pm. Councillor Ian Laken has been nominated as Mayor for 2016-17, and Councillor Pauline Ham as his deputy.

Election

The election for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon & Somerset will be held on Thursday 5th May between 7 am & 10 pm. Find out more about the candidates on the *Avon and Somerset PCC Election 2016* website.

Safety improvement at Cross

Somerset CC has included works to improve pedestrian safety in crossing the A38 at Cross in a list of minor highway improvements being planned.

Police report

The police crime report for March for Sedgemoor North East area showed 2 house burglaries, 5 non-dwelling burglaries, 7 cases of criminal damage and 5 thefts from motor vehicles.

Composting

Somerset Waste Partnership is continuing its partnership with compost bin manufacturers Straights Ltd to provide competitively priced home-composting equipment to local residents. Home composting is the best option for garden waste.

The price is £17.98 for the smaller bin (rrp £39.00) and £19.98 for the larger (rrp £49.00). For full details see www.getcomposting.com

Drop in centre

Drop in sessions on adult social care are held from 10 am to 1 pm on the last Tuesday of every month at Axbridge Surgery. Drop in to ...

- get advice on staying independent, healthy and well
- find out about local services and community groups
- discover support available to carers
- find information on volunteering opportunities

For more details go to the website:

www.somersetchoices.org.uk

Allotments

Some allotments are likely to become available in the near future. Anyone interested in having an allotment should contact the Town Clerk for more information (*contact details below*)

Bus shelters

Council has noted the dirty state of the town's bus shelters. Whilst the support of the Guides has been welcomed in the past it was agreed that regular maintenance, including cleaning of the roofs was needed.

Picnic benches

Council is costing a project to place two picnic benches in the lay-by on the by-pass.

Town Crier

The post of Town Crier remains vacant following the retirement of Vonnie Chamberlain last year. Anyone interested in taking on this important ceremonial post should contact the Town Clerk (*contact details below*) for further details.

Other matters . .

Some other items mentioned, noted or discussed at council in March included . .

- New bin for the Square
- Car park regulations
- Litter picking on main roads
- litter left by recycling teams
- fly-tipping
- end of year accounts
- appointment of auditor
- calendar of meetings for 2017
- monthly financial report
- play area & Furlong safety checks
- aerial runway in play area
- road signs
- inspection of trees which are the Council's responsibility
- production of the Council's Annual Report
- progress on the Axbridge Neighbourhood Plan
- Disabled parking spaces

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 of each month at 7.30 pm.

The next meeting will be on Monday 16th May

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

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