



# OYEZ!

October 2016

*News from your Town Council*

## Bristol Water pipeline project

Council has met again with Bristol Water and their contractors. Road works are now due to start mid-November, with 5 day working, traffic lights on the A371, an inspector available on site, signage either side of the Town and warning signs on Upper New Road and the A38. A temporary order will be sought to prevent parking on the north side of Jubilee Road for the duration of the works to help ease the inevitable congestion. Plans for the A371/A38 junction do not now include any physical junction changes and members expressed concern regarding the current traffic management plans which would include the temporary closure of the slip road south from the A38 onto the A371. A 30mph restriction would be in place. Bristol Water was meeting Somerset Highways again and would keep the Council informed.

## Houlgate Way development

Following a packed public meeting held on the 10th October the council met to consider its recommendation to Sedgemoor District Council on the planning application for a major housing development on Houlgate Way. Council advised Sedgemoor that it objected to the proposed development on 9 grounds including:

- Impact on the character of the area
- non-compliance with planning policy
- Environmental issues & effect on the landscape
- Traffic generation & highway safety
- The neighbourhood plan in preparation
- Effect on infrastructure

The council's full report to Sedgemoor is too long to include here but it can be found, together with other comments, by going to:

[www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/planning\\_online](http://www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/planning_online)

and entering the planning application number 02/16/00030

## Mendip View proposal

Members considered a pre-application consultation on residential development on this site in Cheddar Road which is largely within the development boundary. Should an actual planning application be forthcoming, the Town Council's policy on the process of publicising and considering very large planning applications would apply.

The council advised the agent that the Town Council feels it would be appropriate to submit an application for residential development on this site, to include affordable housing, subject to the Council reserving the right to respond to matters in the usual ways, in accordance with the planning process.

## Axbridge Neighbourhood Plan

The Axbridge Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire is being distributed to all households in Axbridge at the beginning of November.

Please complete and return your questionnaire by taking it to the Post Office, the Chemist or posting it through the Town Hall letterbox.

Further copies of the questionnaire can be obtained from the Post Office or Chemist, or at the Town Hall stall on Market day on 5th November. Alternatively you can complete the questionnaire on line by going to [www.axbridgenp.co.uk/survey](http://www.axbridgenp.co.uk/survey). Please have your say!

Questionnaires should be completed and returned as soon as possible but no later than 4th December 2016.

## Remembrance service

The Remembrance Day service will be held at the War Memorial and in St. John the Baptist church on Sunday 13th November at 11 am.

## Axbridge Town Trust

The results of the October 100 Club draw were:

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| ● 1st winning number | 59 | £100 |
| ● 2nd winning number | 66 | £50  |
| ● 3rd winning number | 77 | £25  |

## Car park works

Essential tree work will take place in the Town Car Park on Thursday 17th November. This will necessitate the closure of the spaces around the central reservation and a couple of spaces around the left hand corners of the car park. Notices would be displayed in good time - please do not park on these spaces on that day.

## Civic awards

Civic Awards nomination forms are enclosed with this addition of Oyez. Remember if there is someone you would like to nominate as having made an outstanding contribution to the community please return your nomination form by 16th December by leaving it at the Chemists, Post Office or Surgery, or sending it to the Town Clerk (address overleaf).

The Civic Service will be held on Sunday 26th February.

## Christmas trees & lights

The Christmas Trees would be put up on Sunday 27th November which should include new lights on the small trees in HighStreet/West Street.

Father Christmas in The Square will be held on Saturday 17th December. Details of registering children for the present list will be displayed locally and in the next Oyez.

## Axbridge Day

It has been proposed not to hold the fun day next year, but to have an Axbridge Day which would be similar to this year's event to celebrate the Queen's Birthday. It was suggested that this be an annual event, as would the Fun Day in future years.

## Many thanks to . .

Edith Channon who is standing down after many years of organising the distribution of Oyez to every home in the town, and managing the distribution team.

Thanks also to Lynne Jarman who is taking over the role, assisted by Claire Freestone and with support from Dave Moore and Vicky Izzard.

## Town maintenance contractor

The Town Maintenance Contractor worked 7.5 hours during August, including:

- Litter picking on the Furlong and in the car parks
- Clearing the cemetery gate and removing the rubbish
- Spraying the footpath at Marron Close
- Cleaning the bench at West Street.

## Voices of Axbridge Archive

The South West Heritage Trust is delighted to announce that the Voices of Axbridge archive is now available for research at the Somerset Heritage Centre.

The archive was officially handed over at a ceremony at Axbridge Town Hall attended by the Mayor, the Voices of Axbridge project team and an archivist from the Heritage Trust. Maggie Tur, the project leader, paid tribute to the hard work, dedication and good humour shown by the project volunteers, and commented that this was where the team's job finished and the work of the Archives Service started.

The archive consists of over 100 interviews (with full transcripts) with Axbridge people, giving a very detailed picture of life in the town in times past, as well as a snapshot of life in the 21st century. Interviewees included 18 of the town's former mayors, local business people, older residents and Civic Award winners.

The collection has now been catalogued and can be consulted at the Somerset Heritage Centre in Taunton. The Heritage Centre is open Tuesday to Friday and the morning of the second Saturday of the month. Visitors are warmly welcome to come to listen to these fascinating interviews.

For more information about visiting the Somerset Heritage Centre go to :

[www.swheritage.org.uk/somerset-archives](http://www.swheritage.org.uk/somerset-archives)

## Community health fund

The Housing, Health and Wellbeing group within Sedgemoor District Council has funding to support communities or community groups to deliver health and wellbeing projects. We are inviting communities to bid for funds up to £2000, through the Community Health Fund to help improve the health of our residents. Any group interested can find information at [www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/communityhealthfundgrants](http://www.sedgemoor.gov.uk/communityhealthfundgrants)

## Other matters . .

Other matters raised or discussed in Council this month include:

- New telephone contract
- Financial monthly report
- Play area & Furlong safety check log
- Public convenience log
- Public convenience maintenance & locking
- Condition of road surface in High Street & Hippisley Drive
- Condition of pavement in St Mary's Street
- Planting locations for spring bulbs
- Purchase of plastic barriers
- Request to place a memorial bench on the Furlong

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 normally held in the Town Hall on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7.30 pm.  
*The next meeting will be on Monday 21st November at 7.30pm*

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](mailto:vicky.brice@axbridge-tc.gov.uk)

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

The Town Council's website is at: [www.axbridge-tc.gov.uk](http://www.axbridge-tc.gov.uk)

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