



# OYEZ!

October 2018

*News from your Town Council*

## Cheddar Library

The recommendations following a review and consultation about the future of the Somerset Library Service have been published. Nineteen existing library buildings are recommended to be retained by Somerset County Council. This includes seven libraries, including Cheddar, that were initially earmarked for change in this year's consultation but are now recommended to remain Somerset County Council operated libraries.

A further 15 libraries are likely to close, and alternative means of delivering library services in those communities sought. If the recommendations are approved Cheddar will not be in this group.

The final decision on these recommendations will be made on 5th November.

## Fit For The Future

### Working for a healthier Somerset

Somerset County Council wants to encourage and help people to live healthier, longer lives by helping them to stay well and prevent illness in the first place. Over the last few years people have told them that they want health and care services to be better coordinated in the heart of the community and centred around their needs, with the right staff with the right skills in the right place to help them when they need it.

If you are interested in finding out about or contributing to *Fit For The Future*, a project aimed at developing these ideas, you should go to:

[www.fitformyfuture.org.uk](http://www.fitformyfuture.org.uk)

There are a number of drop-in meetings about the project. A meeting in Axbridge has already been held, but other dates and locations can be found on the website.

## Council website

The Town Council is redesigning its website and it is hoped that the new improved version will be implemented within 6 weeks.

## Men's Shed

Members noted a suggestion to set up a Men's Shed in Axbridge. A meeting for those interested in getting involved will be held, but anyone interested should watch out for further information or contact the

Town Clerk (*contact details overleaf*). Land would be needed on which to build a shed/roundhouse, and the Clerk will contact Sedgemoor District Council about availability of a suitable site.

## Well-being Day

The Council noted that a successful Wellbeing Day was held in Axbridge on Saturday 13th October.

Simon Rose, the manager of The Lamb, would like to extend his thanks to the committee who organised Axbridge Wellbeing Day: it was a very successful event. He would, hopefully, like to be more involved with the event next year. Communication errors, for which he was totally to blame, meant that he was unaware of the expectation for the day. The Lamb is always very supportive of all Axbridge events and he hopes to be able to bring a wider audience to Wellbeing Day next year.

## Museum

The museum will close for the winter on 31st October, and will re-open for the new season on 1st April 2019.

## Grant fund allocation

Council agreed that the grant fund of £400 for 2018/19 be allocated as follows:-

- Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance £250
- Weston Hospice Care (already agreed) £50
- Mendip Community Transport £50
- Sedgemoor Citizens Advice £50

## National Care Leavers Week

*Stepping Stones* is a scheme which aims to provide accommodation and support to young people who are coming out of care.

To find out more about 'Stepping Stones' including information on allowances, training and support and discounts package - Call **0800 587 9900**, visit [www.fosteringinsomerset.org.uk](http://www.fosteringinsomerset.org.uk) or come to an information evening: [www.fosteringinsomerset.org.uk/events](http://www.fosteringinsomerset.org.uk/events).

## Summary of Highway Works

The Mayor summarised some of the recent work undertaken by Somerset Highways as a result of a site meeting with the Town Council. This includes:

- the installation and refurbishment of 20mph roundels
- the new bollards on the verge in Old Church Road
- the re-lining work at Townsend
- speed recording in West Street/High Street.
- The new replacement bollard in the Square is being addressed.

The officer involved had been thanked for her hard work in progressing these matters.

## Request for a speeding meeting

A resident has contacted interested parties with a view to hosting a meeting to discuss and consider how

best to address speeding issues in the Town. Whilst members appreciated his offer to coordinate this, it was felt that it would be more appropriate to invite him (together with a couple of representatives from the West Street/High Street group who also wanted to meet with members) to a meeting of the Highways Advisory Group.

### White lining at Townsend

Two lines painted in error at Townsend junction, which further confused drivers over priorities there, have now been corrected.

### Town maintenance contractor

The Town Maintenance Contractor worked 7 hours in September. Tasks carried out included:

- litter picking on the furlong and car park
- clearing the hedges and gullies.
- Removing wood edging from play area.

### Water trough & pipes at allotments

Purchase of a new water trough and associated piping, to be placed by the allotment car park was proposed. Council agreed that a 4ft trough be purchased together with the service box, associated piping and accessories.

It was also noted that the current gate is in a poor state of repair, and Council agreed that a new metal gate be purchased, to be fitted by the Town Maintenance Contractor.

### Allotment available

There is now a vacant allotment available. Anyone interested in renting an allotment should contact the Town Clerk (*contact details overleaf*).

### Chairman's Award

Members were pleased that Beverley Davies has received the Somerset County Council Chairman's Award for her work in the community. The Deputy Mayor attended the awards ceremony.

### Draycott road closure

The closure of the A371 at Draycott will continue from 10th November for 124 days to enable works for a replacement water main to take place.

### Axbridge Town Trust

100 Club October winners:

- 1st winning number (£50) = 3
- 2nd winning number (£35) = 72
- 3rd & 4th winning numbers (£25) = 10 & 56
- 5th & 6th winning numbers (£20) = 84 & 19

### Axbridge Pageant

Many children took part in the 2010 Pageant, some with their parents, some with other groups such as the school, the Guides and the Junior Saxons. Others took part with the popular children's drama group Young ACT which is not functioning at present as it has no leader. Axbridge Community Theatre would like to start the group again but has not so far found a leader to run it. The Pageant Committee would also like to see ACT succeed in this as it would help it meet its responsibilities under child protection laws, and get as many children involved in the Pageant as possible. The committee would like to hear from anyone who might be interested in taking on this leadership role, or who might feel able to work with others to get this local facility working again. If you might be interested, contact John Kendall in the first instance on 0777 099 8731 for more information.

### Other matters . . .

Other matters raised or discussed in Council in October included:

- Sedgemoor Local Plan
- Fencing on The Furlong & the allotments
- Axbridge Community Partnership
- Neighbourhood Plan Group
- Speeding in Houlgate Way
- Large lorries trying to use High Street

**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 19th 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

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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