



Annual Town Meeting

You are invited to attend the Annual Town Meeting in the Phoenix Hall, St John's Lane, Bovey Tracey on Wednesday 29th March 2017, starting at 7.00pm.

Please come along to hear what has been happening in the Parish over the past 12 months. This will include reports from local organisations and there will be an opportunity to ask Councillors questions you may have or discuss issues facing the Parish. There will also be presentations to this year's nominees for the Young Citizens of the Year.

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Forthcoming Town Council Meetings

29th March 2017 (Annual Town Meeting)
Phoenix Hall – Bovey Tracey

3rd April 2017 (Recreation, Parks & Property and Planning Committees)
Council Chamber – Bovey Tracey

24th April 2017 (Finance, Resources and General Purposes and Planning Committees)
Council Chamber – Bovey Tracey

Monday 8th May 2017 (Annual Meeting)
Phoenix Hall – Bovey Tracey

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Extension to library opening hours

For some time BLAST (Bovey Library Action Support Team) has been keen to further improve the library service in Bovey Tracey. With plans to extend opening hours, this has now become possible.

Over the next few weeks the library team will draw up a questionnaire with some suggestions for additional hours. Do please look out for this and respond with your suggestions. This will be an opportunity for you to comment on when you would like to have the library open at a time that is convenient for you.

To manage the additional hours, the library will install a self-service machine and recruit volunteers. Perhaps you would be interested in becoming a volunteer? If you would like to help in this way, then do please contact the Library Supervisor (Mrs Jackie Paxman).

Community Centre - Update

Plans to build a new community centre in Bovey Tracey have taken a major step forward with the appointment of a Devon firm of Architects to lead the design process. Peregrine Mears Architects, based in Exeter and Barnstaple, were selected from 11 firms who applied via an open tender process.

A timeline for the design phase of works has recently been agreed. A Facebook page for the project will shortly be published by the appointed architects and will be updated regularly.

Pictured at the site are the Town Mayor, Councillor Tony Allen and Peregrine Mears celebrating the project launch.



Hospital League of Friends – AGM

The AGM for the Hospital League of Friends is a public meeting open to all and will take place at 7.00pm on 25th April 2017 in the Methodist Hall. One of the key items for discussion will be an update on what is happening concerning the Bovey Tracey Hospital site. Please attend if you can and share your views.

Allbeit a little late, but a HUGE thank you to those who contributed to the Christmas Lights once again.

Loughton's, Moorgate Vets, BDF, WBW, Devon Guild, Coombes & Son, Mare & Foal Sanctuary, Dolly Tub Launderette, Arnolds, Bovey Tracey Medical Practice, Quality Dental Care, Dartmoor Garages, Choys, Pinks Place, Timothy John's, De Traceys, Allan B Matthews, Hairwaves, Complete, Lloyd Maunder, Serendipity, Clive Park Opticians, The Bell Inn, Angel Home Care, Inner Light Coffee Shop, The Copper Kettle, Spar, Rowcroft Hospice, Daisy Chain, Lloyds Bank, Bovey Handloom Weavers, Carnival Committee, Spin a Yarn, Old Cottage Tea Shop, Dolphin Hotel and Clive Kedgley (Pinks Place).

A separate thanks to Mark Baker for once again donating the town's Christmas tree.

Half hourly bus service

Earlier this year, the timetable for the Stagecoach route 39 bus has been enhanced to give a half hourly service between Bovey Tracey and Newton Abbot. In addition to the existing Exeter to Newton Abbot service calling at Union Square Bovey Tracey, at 14 minutes past the hour for much of the day, there is now also a bus leaving at 44 minutes past the hour each hour from 9.44am to 6.44pm on Mondays to Fridays, and also on Saturdays with minor variations. The corresponding return journey leaves Newton Abbot at 15 minutes past the hour arriving at Union Square at 40 minutes past the hour from 10.15am to 6.15pm. For further details please visit www.stagecoachbus.com.



Welcome to Martyn Evans & Sally Morgan

The December by-elections saw Martyn Evans elected as Bovey Tracey Town Councillor (Bovey Ward). Martyn previously held a seat on the Town Council between September 2009 and May 2015. Martyn has recently retired and is a member of the Dartmoor Search and Rescue Team and is also a voluntary Community First Responder with the South West Ambulance Trust.



At the same elections Sally Morgan was elected as District Councillor for the parish of Bovey Tracey. Sally's contact details can be found via www.teignbridge.gov.uk/article/22494/Morgan-Sally



Representative of the Lord of the Manor of Bovey Tracey

Bovey Tracey Town Council is seeking nominations for the honorary title of **REPRESENTATIVE OF THE LORD OF THE MANOR OF BOVEY TRACEY** for 2017/18. This is awarded annually at the Town Council's Annual Meeting on Monday 8th May 2017 to a Bovey or Heathfield resident, who in the opinion of the Town Council, for whatever reason, has made a significant voluntary contribution to the Parish of Bovey Tracey over the past 10 years and should be publicly recognised for those actions. If you know of someone who should be considered for this award, please contact the Town Council Office for a nomination form and the criteria for nomination.

Completed nomination forms should be returned by 17th April 2017 to the Town Clerk.

Green Man Spring Festival

The Town Council in conjunction with Grimspound Border Morris Group will this year be organising a Spring Festival which will take place in the town centre on Saturday 29th April 2017.

Further details in relation to activities on the day will be released soon and updates will be posted on <https://www.facebook.com/BTgreenman/> A road-closure will be in place for the duration of the day.



Fairtrade Fortnight

Bovey Tracey is a Fairtrade Town with an already impressive range of local shops and businesses which promote Fair Trade products. The Town Council is currently working towards refreshing the town's campaign and subsequent renewal of the existing status, which kicks off with Fairtrade Fortnight taking place from 19th March and a fairtrade event will also take place on Saturday 25th March 10.30 - 12noon at the Methodist Hall Bovey Tracey.

