

Honiton

QUALITY TOWN COUNCIL

TALK OF THE TOWN

THE NEWSLETTER OF HONITON TOWN COUNCIL

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THE BEEHIVE ACHIEVES CHARITABLE STATUS

A major milestone was achieved on 13th October when Members of the Town Council voted to proceed with granting a 10 Year lease of The Beehive, Honiton's Community Centre, at a nominal value of £1 to the Honiton Community Complex with charitable status. This will exclude the three Town Council offices, but the Town Council will pay a proportional charge for the rooms and shared facilities plus hiring costs for meeting rooms. The terms of the lease and service agreement were also agreed to protect the asset. The decision was made after considering professional advice from solicitors, the district valuer and VAT specialists.

Town Mayor, Cllr Peter Halse commented that "We have a wonderful facility within this Town, one that we have needed for a very long time. The building and facilities within are absolutely superb and it is good to see so many organisations within the Community using them. In my opinion this Town Council has made the right decision and ensured that the building is run by the people of Honiton for the people of Honiton. I am very grateful for the Directors, past and present and the many volunteers who have already made the Beehive such a success. Their enthusiasm and commitment is worth commending. I also want to thank the Councillors, The Town Clerk and officers for their persistence in what has been a very long process"

The Beehive, opened in April this year. The building is operated by a company set up by Honiton Town Council and is currently run by volunteers. Since the opening many and varied events have taken place in the centre. A rock oratorio "Christ Crucified", The Plymouth Military Wives Choir and international violinist Tasmin Little all played to capacity audiences. Children's puppet shows, youth theatre, comedy, one-man shows and music of all kinds have all brought visitors from far and wide. In addition The Beehive has hosted it's first fashion show and first craft fair. But the chief use of the centre has been by community groups. Six different dance groups use the building every week, a new community choir has started up, the café-bar hosts a monthly quiz and an acoustic night, tea dances have begun and Honiton Community Cinema show their monthly film. All in all, since April, about 60 different community organisations have booked The Beehive with 20 doing so on a weekly or monthly basis. Looking ahead, the purchase of cinema equipment will complete the last major aspect of fitting out giving the prospect of more films and live streaming of national shows with The Beehive becoming fully established as a thriving hub of activities and events for the town and whole area.



Plymouth Military Wives Choir



Recent Craft Fair

FIREWORKS AND BONFIRES

Firework displays should be enjoyable and spectacular occasions – but they obviously need some responsible planning. The good news is that there is straightforward guidance to help you. If you are organising a major public event, you will clearly need a robust and detailed approach to planning as well as professional involvement. If you are holding a local firework display, such as those organised by many sports clubs, schools or parish councils, you still need to plan responsibly, but the same level of detail is not necessary or expected. Below are some tips and guidance to help you.

Before the event:

- Think about who will operate the display. There is no reason why you should not light a display yourselves provided it only contains fireworks in categories 1, 2, 3. However, category 4 fireworks may only be used by professional firework display operators; in untrained hands they can be lethal
- Consider whether the site is suitable and large enough for your display, including a bonfire if you are having one. Is there space for the fireworks to land well away from spectators? Remember to check in daylight for overhead power lines and other obstructions. What is the direction of the prevailing wind? What would happen if it changed?
- Think about what you would do if things go wrong. Make sure there is someone who will be responsible for calling the emergency services
- Make sure you obtain the fireworks from a reputable supplier
- If the display is to be provided by a professional firework display operator make sure that you are clear on who does what especially in the event of an emergency
- Ensure you have a suitable place to store the fireworks. Your firework supplier or local authority should be able to advise
- If you plan on selling alcohol the bar should be well away from the display site

On the day of the event - recheck the site, weather conditions and wind direction

- Don't let anyone into the zone where the fireworks will fall – or let anyone other than the display operator or firing team into the firing zone or the safety zone around it
- Discourage spectators from bringing drink onto the site
- Don't let spectators bring their own fireworks onto the site

If you will also have a bonfire at the display then you should:

1. Check the structure is sound and does not have small children or animals inside it before lighting it
2. Not use petrol or paraffin to light the fire
3. Have only one person responsible for lighting the fire. That person, and any helpers, should wear suitable clothing eg a substantial outer garment made of wool or other low-flammable material.
4. Make sure that the person lighting the fire and any helpers know what to do in the event of a burn injury or clothing catching fire

- Never attempt to relight fireworks. Keep well clear of fireworks that have failed to ignite

The morning after -

Carefully check and clear the site. Dispose of fireworks safely. They should never be burnt in confined space (eg a boiler)

And don't forget...

Always check the requirements of your insurance company to ensure you remain compliant with your insurance policy. Your insurer may require notice of the event, copy of a risk assessment etc. Check your policy to be sure.

TOWN COUNCIL VACANCY - ST MICHAEL'S WARD

The period for the receipt of notice requiring an election to fill the above vacancy has now expired. No such notice was received and therefore an election will not be held.

Honiton Town Council will need to fill the vacancy by co-option and would like to invite applications from suitably qualified candidates.

Those interested should forward their application to the Town Clerk, Honiton Town Council, The Beehive, Dowell Street, Honiton, EX14 1LZ by noon on Monday 1st. December 2014, following which applications will be invited to attend the meeting of the Town Council on 8th. December 2014, in order for introductions to be made prior to voting taking place.

Applicants are requested to include in their letters of application their reasons for wishing to become a Town Councillor and a brief curriculum vitae.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR HONITON

In 2011 the Government introduced Neighbourhood Planning. This means that communities can draw up a plan for their area. The plan gives the community more of a say in the development and use of land in their local area.

As the local authority closest to the community in Honiton, the Town Council is the body responsible for producing the Neighbourhood Plan. To do this the Town Council will be asking people what the priorities should be for the next 10 to 15 years and will be working closely with local organisations, groups and all sections of the community.

More information on how to be involved with this project will be available in the next few months. If you would like to register your interest at this stage please contact the Town Council on 01404 42957 or towncouncil@honiton.gov.uk.

JACKIE WADSWORTH JOINS THE COUNCIL

When a recent vacancy on Honiton Town Council arose Jackie Wadsworth a local girl who has lived and worked in the town all her life jumped at the opportunity to represent the people of Honiton and get involved. After submitting her application she was invited to attend a Town Council Meeting where she was co-opted as a Honiton Town Councillor.



Sitting on the Planning and Finance Committees Jackie also represents the Council on Honiton Senior Voice, is a member of the Credit Union and is keen to involve herself with a dementia group planning to start in the new year. Not resting on her laurels during retirement, Jackie is also the main carer for her husband and mother, looks after her two dogs - Woody and Molly and is a part-time Avon representative! Jackie would like to listen to your views and help where she can.

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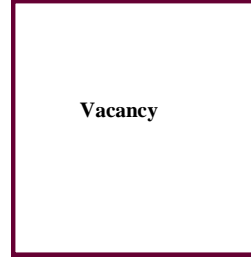
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