

HONITON

TALK OF THE TOWN

THE NEWSLETTER OF HONITON TOWN COUNCIL

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MAYOR VIVIENNE ASH & DEPUTY PETER FLEMING OFFICIALLY INSTALLED

On a sunny evening at the beginning of June, invited guests gathered at St Rita's Centre to see Cllr Vivienne Ash installed as the Town Mayor and Cllr. Peter Fleming as her Deputy.



In her speech Cllr Ash reflected on the tragic news last year of the death of the Mayor, Cllr Chris Tratt. She went on to look at the various achievements of the Council during the year and its plans for the future and she thanked everyone concerned – Councillors, Council staff and the general public – for their help and support. She finished by saying how much she was looking forward to her year as Mayor and the opportunity to work with her Deputy Mayor.

TOWN COUNCIL CELEBRATES WITH HONITON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

At its meeting in June the Town Council was pleased to welcome two groups of students from Honiton Community College.

The Mayor presented the termly awards for outstanding achievement to ten students identified by the school. Each student received a certificate and a gift token in recognition of the work they have been doing at school.

At the same time the Mayor took the opportunity to congratulate the Ten Tors team from the Community College, giving each a certificate from the Town Council to recognise their achievement at this year's event.



▲ Honiton Community College "achievers"



Honiton Community College "Ten Tors Team 2009" with the Town Mayor and principal Mr. Tyson

◀ Both Community College photographs by Archant.

DON'T FORGET....

Hot Pennies will be held on Tuesday 21st July 2009

The Town Crier, accompanied by the Mayor and local dignitaries will walk down the High Street, carrying the garlanded pole with a gloved hand on top, proclaiming that “no man may be arrested so long as this glove is up” reminding us all that everyone who historically came to the annual fair could do so without fear of being arrested for their debts.

The first “hot pennies” will be thrown from the balcony of the former Assembly Rooms above the Old Pannier Market and then the procession will follow the garlanded pole to a number of local pubs from which pennies will continue to be thrown to the waiting children.

The pole will be kept on show for the remainder of “fair week” at the last public house.



Charter Day is being held this year on Saturday 25th July 2009

Charter Day is the day in the year when the town celebrates the granting of the Charter to hold a street market, making Honiton one of the foremost market towns in the area.

Following on from the week of celebrations two years ago to mark the 750th anniversary of the charter, Charter Day sees the town taken over by a mediaeval theme with traders, councillors and shopkeepers dressing up in the spirit of the event.

This year there will be entertainment all day on the forecourt of St Paul's, including the ever popular Town Crier competition – this is your opportunity to show just how well you can project your voice across the High Street!

A charity stall market will be held in Northcote Lane, giving you the opportunity to support your favourite local charity.

Other plans for the day include a charter run, a band concert and picnic in the Millennium Green, Montgomery's Art Café, a charter walk, a food fayre and a cricket match.

There will be ample places to find food and drink – from the local pubs, cafes and restaurants as well as within St Paul's church.

And at the centre of everything will be the street market – now celebrating 752 years.

Honiton Show—6th August 2009

Although not a Town Council event it is the annual event of the Honiton & District Agricultural Society which is the largest one-day show in the country. The Town Council are in attendance and Councillors are available to answer queries and give details of the projects that are currently being undertaken by the council.

Town Council Website— www.honiton.gov.uk

Please make use of our website and if you have any suggestions for improvement or items that you would like to see included please let us know via the office on 01404 42957 or via email to infodesk@honiton.gov.uk. The staff are more than willing to assist you.

Town Clerk & Assistants ►



TIME TO TRY HONITON MARKET?

Honiton market is one of the oldest established markets in the area and has traded continuously since 1257.

The Town Council took over the management of the market at the beginning of the year, seeing it return to town control after over thirty years in the care of East Devon District Council.

We are pleased to see that all the traditional traders have remained with the market – but the Town Council is also now looking to reinvigorate this essential part of the town for the benefit of residents and visitors alike. New enquiries are being followed up and the Council is looking at ways to invest in some traditional market stalls for those who want to use them.

Whether you have a fledgling business or an all-consuming hobby, the market could be the place to sell your wares. Stalls are reasonably priced at £7 for a half pitch (6ft x 8ft) and £14 for a full pitch (12 ft x 8ft) and the Market Manager would be happy to talk through options with you. If you don't have your own market stall you may be able to hire one for the day from the Council - these are reasonably priced – and we will even put it up and take it down for you!

For more information call the Town Council office on 01404 42957.

And, of course, if you don't have anything to sell – we'd be delighted to see you visit us to buy – the variety is amazing and well worth a visit.



Market days are happy days in Honiton!

COUNCILLORS MEET THE PUBLIC

Members of Honiton Town Council are always anxious to be available to the residents of the town to be able to discuss both current problems and future plans. All Town Council meetings are widely publicised, are open to the public and now have the facility for questions from the public but the Councillors also like to be able to find opportunities to meet up with people in less formal circumstances.

At the beginning of June twelve of the seventeen councillors were on duty on the forecourt of St Paul's church with information on the range of activities currently being considered and also available to answer individual queries. Despite the inclement weather, many people stopped to chat with the Councillors and aired their local concerns.

The Town Council will next be doing a "meet the public" event at Honiton Show in August.



ANNUAL GRANTS & NEW AWARD

Each year Honiton Town Council makes a series of grants to local organisations to help them with their work in Honiton. This year applications will be considered by the Council at its meeting in September.

Full details of the grant procedure together with an application form are available from the Town Council office or via www.honiton.gov.uk

This year for the first time a new award to celebrate young people and sport will be made as a memorial to the late Mayor, Cllr Chris Tratt. It has been agreed that this year the sports award, worth £300, will be given to the town's "unsung hero" who could be a coach, a manager or other person connected with a youth sports team. The winning "hero" will be presented with a certificate and small financial award, the remainder of the award being presented to his or her nominated team.

Nominations for the Memorial Sports Award should be made in writing by young people under the age of 18 and sent to the Clerk at the Town Council offices by 11th September. The nomination should give details of the "unsung hero" and why you think this person deserves to be recognised in this way.

MEMBERS

COUNCILLORS - St. Michael's Ward

M.R. ALLEN	50 Marker Way, Honiton, EX14 2EN	46755
J.J. AYRES	8 Queen Street, Honiton, EX14 1HB	07709 982580
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Mrs S.A. CASSON	2 Bramble Lane, Exeter Road EX14 1AS	45367
P.J. FLEMING	3 Glanvill Way, EX14 2GD	43388
M. McGUIRE	208 High Street, EX14 1AJ	46266
J.B. TAYLOR	The Annexe, Beechwood, Feniton, EX14 3ED	
M.J. TEARE	18 Cypress Close, EX14 2YW	46463
V.C. WHITLOCK	30 Rosemount Lane, EX14 1RJ	43959

COUNCILLORS - St. Paul's Ward

Miss V. ASH	3 Hillside, Combe Raleigh Honiton EX14 4TJ	42028
R.E. COOMBS	9 Hill Crescent, EX14 2HY	47347
J.P. CORKE	19 The Orchard, Otter Valley Park EX14 4PT	47437
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D FOSTER	17 Roundball Close EX14 2NU	07868 335612
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P. HALSE	Eddystone, Langford Road EX14 1QA	43854
Mrs V.A. HOWARD	Hale Farm Cottage Axminster Road, EX14 9TQ	47127
Mrs M.D. MORGAN	8 Kings Road, EX14 1HW	46933
Mrs L.Hargood	Town Clerk	42957
Mrs C. Bowles	Town Clerk's Assistant	42957
Mrs C. Batty	Town Clerk's Assistant	42957
Mr. T. Farebrother	Market Supervisor	
Mr. T. Lenton	Market Manager	