



# BURNHAM ON SEA AND HIGHBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER AUTUMN/WINTER 2011



## Some general information on how to contact us, and keep in touch with what we do.

Contact the Town Clerk at:  
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Somerset TA8 1LE  
Tel: 01278 788088  
e-mail: [townclerk@burnham-highbridge.org](mailto:townclerk@burnham-highbridge.org)



website: [www.burnham-highbridge.org](http://www.burnham-highbridge.org)

Here you will find agendas of all Town Council meetings, and the meetings of its committees (so that you can find out what is being discussed) and once approved, copies of the minutes from all our meetings.

All our agendas are also published on our public notice boards at the following locations:

- The Council offices in Jaycroft Road, Burnham
- The Princess (opposite the library) in Burnham
- The Community Hall, Market Street, Highbridge.

All council and committee meetings **are open to the public**, and provided that you give proper notice to the Clerk, you may address the council for three minutes on any issue of local concern.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act the Town Council's **Publication Scheme** can also be viewed on the Town Council's website. As well as details of your local Councillors and staff there is also a short section on history and some useful links to other sites. Please do check it out!

The Town Council is delighted to announce that it has now been re-accredited with Quality Status for a further four years. The Quality Parish and Town Council scheme is a government initiative for all town and parish councils in England whereby the Council is expected to demonstrate its competency in terms of electoral mandate, qualifications of the Clerk and the way in which it conducts its business and communicates with the community. It is currently only held by around a dozen parish and town councils in Somerset.

### Your Town Councillors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Contact</u>
P Burrige-Clayton*	North	780130
M Cox	North	781249
N Jones*	North	785905
Miss L Parkin	North	07739 909689
K Smout*	North	786003
Mrs P Pollard	North	780311
M Clarke*	Central & South	788826
D Davey*	Central & South	780591
P Young	Central & South	787616
P Harvey	East	238168
Ms K Lawson*	East	07881 750179
T Nicholls	West	793184
M Mansfield*	Burnham Marine	783271
Mrs P Burge	Highbridge	788134
Miss H Groves	Highbridge	07502 043594
W Hancock	Highbridge	786859
A Miller	Highbridge	784878
C Williams*	Highbridge	787274

### County Councillors

Mr John Woodman	Burnham S & H/B	07970235256
P Burrige-Clayton*	North	780130

### Other District Councillors

J Leach	Highbridge	01278 785379
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## the princess theatre & arts centre

Hello, please let me introduce myself, I'm Andy the new manager at the **Princess Theatre and Arts Centre** (previously known as the Princess Hall). I'm really excited

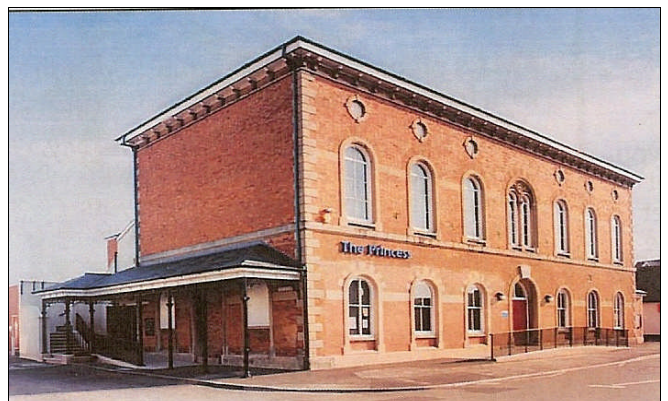


about the future of the Princess and along with the Princess Management Committee, and of course all of the Town Council, want to develop an arts centre that serves the community and offers local people the chance to see professional work.

The building is available to be hired by local groups, individuals and businesses. We have a variety of rooms that can cater for all kinds of events ranging from meetings and business conferences to performances. If you're interested in hiring the Princess please call **01278 784464** for more information or have look at our new website [www.princessesstheatreandartscentre.co.uk](http://www.princessesstheatreandartscentre.co.uk).

Here at the Princess we have a two strong team, myself and Craig, our new steward. In addition we receive great support from the Friends of the Princess group to whom we are indebted. They provide fundraising and volunteers to make sure our events can go ahead. If you're interested in joining The Friends please get in touch as any support is greatly appreciated. Being a Friend also brings excellent offers on tickets and invitations to special 'Friends Only' events. For more information on this please contact Brian Saunders on **01278 795611** or email him at [brian.saunders@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:brian.saunders@hotmail.co.uk).

We are pleased to report on the success of our first programmed performance since taking over at the Princess. The production, **CountryBoy's Struggle**, was a one-man show written by and starring Maxwell Golden and mixed hip-hop, performance poetry, physical theatre and comedy. All of the people who came along enjoyed an excellent evening of theatre. If you missed this performance please look out for other opportunities to visit the Princess as this is the first of many performances we plan to programme. Your support is very much needed and appreciated. Simply buying a ticket and supporting as an audience member will make all the difference. We look forward to seeing you soon.



## MARINE COVE GARDENS RESTORATION PROJECT

During the restoration of the gardens, much interest has been generated from local people and an increased number of volunteers have come forward. The group now have a volunteer maintained website [www.marinecove.org.uk](http://www.marinecove.org.uk) which details what is currently happening at Marine Cove. The project has seen the walling repointed offering local people to attend a hands on workshop, the pond has been relined and the cherub fountain that was lost has been recast. The Lion Head fountain was emptied of soil and has been relined as a second water feature. The pergola timbers were all replaced and the shelters repainted. The sundial has also been reconstructed and the introduction of new benches makes it an ideal area to take in this unique slice of history. All the work carried out in the garden was undertaken with the guidance of Sedgemoor's conservation officer, to ensure the work carried out was sympathetic to how the garden would have been originally in the 1920s. Part of the Heritage Lottery Funding was used to employ a Community Gardener to oversee the maintenance in Marine Cove and to work closely with the Friends of Marine Cove on specific events and to encourage both local people and visitors to the area to use the garden, whether through education or recreation.

The project is now opening up to fresh ideas and community gardener Jacqui Strong would welcome any local group/organization or society to get in touch with regards using the garden for future events. Its an area that deserves to be used and enjoyed by the people.



If you are interested in becoming a Friend of Marine Cove or volunteering at the garden there will always be opportunities to help with the project, not just with the maintenance – but assisting at events and helping make this community project succeed. More information can be found on the website or via Jacqui Strong Community Gardener – [Jacqueline.strong@sedgemoor.gov.uk](mailto:Jacqueline.strong@sedgemoor.gov.uk)

The gardens were officially opened in 1927 by J B Braithwaite. It was a grand event with hundreds of people watching and lined the Esplanade to watch the parade. This will be replicated at the re-opening—date yet to be confirmed.

### QUARTER OF CENTURY OF MEDICAL HELP!

Last year (2011) saw a comparatively little-known local organisation, the Burnham and Highbridge Medical Community Fund, reach its quarter century! It marked its 25<sup>th</sup> year and has raised a total of £250,000 since its formation!

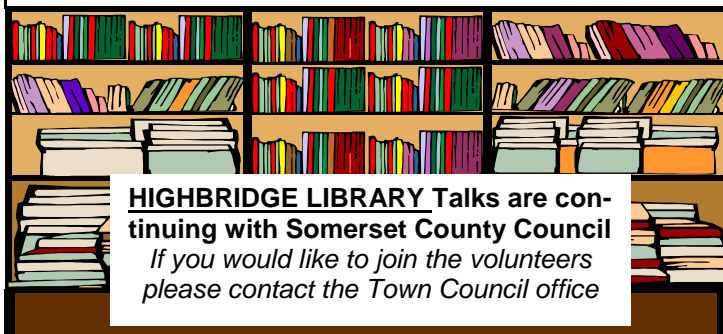
It was originally launched by a local doctor and the local newspaper news editor to raise some £3,000 to equip all local GP's with a "SAVES" attaché case to help render emergency aid when being called out to attend motoring or other accidents.



So successful was the appeal in six weeks that others joined the "duo" to keep the momentum going, AND IT CERTAINLY HAS for a series of events over the past quarter of a century it has been able to hand to local surgeries pieces of equipment which have proved invaluable to their patients.

But the Fund offers to pay for equipment in a patient's home too, and has provided funding for several care organisations in the area. With the first quarter of a century behind them, the Fund shows no desire to relax on its past achievements.

Applications for funding (obviously supported by your own doctor) can be made to the Chairman, Tom Ashton, tel: 01278 786726.



**HIGHBRIDGE LIBRARY** Talks are continuing with Somerset County Council  
If you would like to join the volunteers please contact the Town Council office

### Bank Holiday Household Recycling and Refuse Collection Day Changes

Unless we are informed otherwise your revised collection day will be the day after your usual day. Please put out before 7am on the day of collection.

For more information visit [www.recyclesomerset.info](http://www.recyclesomerset.info)

Highbridge Recycling Centre—Revised opening times

Mon 8am—7pm

Tues/Weds Closed

Thurs/Fri 8am—4pm

Sat 8am—4pm

Sun 8am—1pm



## **FIREWORKS**

## **DISPLAY**

## **7.30PM**



**FREE**

## **SUNDAY**

**FREE**



## **6 NOV 2011**



## **TO BE FIRED FROM THE JETTY BURNHAM-ON-SEA**

**PRE-CARNIVAL**

**A COLLECTION WILL BE MADE BY ROTARY CLUB  
IN AID OF LOCAL CHARITIES**