



# BUCKFASTLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

**14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018 - KEY MESSAGES**

- 1. Dementia Awareness** – Mary Sherwood of Dementia Friends provided a training session. The aim is to make all of Teignbridge “dementia friendly”. Mary can provide free training for any groups requesting it.
- 2. Community Christmas Lunch** – Ben Catrall has kindly agreed to act as coordinator for this event. More volunteers are still needed. A notice will be put in the December news sheet.
- 3. Hello Summer 2018** – A report on the summer’s activities was tabled and is available on the Council website. Most events were well attended and feedback was very positive. In 2019, more activities will be designed for a wider age range (to include pre-school ages) and some will offer a series of workshops resulting in a finished product (e.g. metalwork and woodwork). There will be outreach to the school, food bank, and family worker to ensure disadvantaged families are encouraged to participate.
- 4. Citizens Advice Outreach Service** – The volunteer who provided this service has now moved away. The Council would like to continue it as it brings over £100,000 per year into the community through benefits claimed. It is seeking a volunteer to train to do this (over 9 months).
- 5. Town Ranger** – Ray Staines has been engaged on a permanent basis as the new Town Ranger.
- 6. Development at Barn Park** – information on this development was received late so Dartmoor National Park have been requested to extend the deadline for commenting to December 12<sup>th</sup> in order to allow for adequate community consultation on this important housing proposal. Documents can be viewed at the Town Hall.
- 7. Retail issues** – Shops in town report that business is down and there is concern that the proposed relocation of the Farmers Market at Tuckers to Buckfast Abbey will make the situation worse by creating an out of town retail outlet. The Council is meeting with the Abbey to discuss this and will report back to the community.

Full minutes will be available on the website after the next Town Council Meeting.

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