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ANNUAL REPORT 2013/2014

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(inc. Keynsham In Bloom Newsletter—
Spring 2014 and Keynsham Arts Spring
Newsletter 2014)



Keynsham Town Council, established in 1991, is based at 15-17 Temple Street, Keynsham. Keynsham Town Council is the only official body solely representing Keynsham residents with a wide and diverse work load as outlined in the following reports.



SERVICES

Many people are unclear as to what the Town Council actually does with tax payers money.

The Town Council currently provides the following services:

LEISURE AND SPORTS FACILITIES

Children's Play Areas at:-
Upper Memorial Park
Park Road
Lower Memorial Park
Downfield
Kelston Road
Teviot Road
Holmoak Road
Manor Road

Basketball facilities at
Teviot Road & Holmoak Road

BMX Track at
Keynsham Road
Football Pitches & Pavilion at
Manor Road
Skateboard Park at
Memorial Park

CIVIC AMENITIES

Cemetery and Chapel at Durley Hill
Bus Shelters (some)
Roadside Seats/Litter bins
Public Notice Boards
Maintenance of green footpaths within Keynsham town.

ACTIVITIES

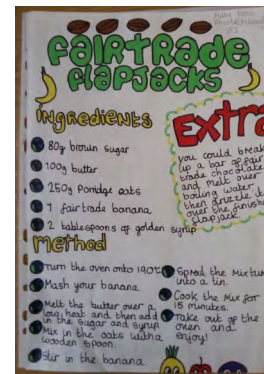
Grants for Voluntary Organisations
Keynsham Victorian Evening
Christmas Lights Display
Youth Service inc. TimeOut
Keynsham Music Festival
Community Arts Development
Keynsham Market
Keynsham In Bloom/South West in Bloom
Keynsham Good Citizen Awards

MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

There is also a certain amount of resources that has to be given over to running the Town Council including:

Democratic Services
Financial Management
Staff
Town Council Offices and Equipment
Information for Members and the Public

Keynsham Town Council liaises with B&NES Council on a regular basis on matters related to the Town.

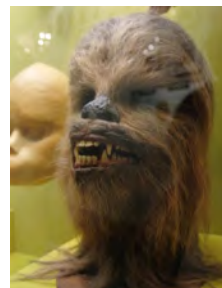


Fairtrade Fortnight

To raise awareness of Fairtrade Fortnight Wellsay School students were invited to take part in two competitions. The first was the weekly Literacy Corner which took the form of a word wheel. The winner was Megan, a Year 7 student, who found 66 words of three letters or more including the central 'A'. The second competition was to design a recipe book page featuring a favourite banana recipe – the banana campaign was the focus for Fairtrade Fortnight. The winner was Millie, a Year 7 student. She won a Fairtrade cookery book and some Fairtrade chocolate!

Wellsway Sixth Form Visit to New York

Sixth Form Media students from Wellsay School braved the snow to visit New York in the February holiday. Amongst the attractions visited the students enjoyed; the American Museum of the Moving Image dedicated to the art, history technique and technology of film, television, video and digital media; The



Museum of Modern Art including works of architecture and design, drawing, sculpture, photography, prints, film and electronic media; together with the usual landmarks and 'must see' tourist sights. Photographs courtesy of Mr Leader.



Royal Air Force Band Visit Wellsway School

Wellsway School were delighted to welcome the RAF Central Band together with gifted and talented students from within B&NES' Music Service to a brass workshop in February. The musicians rehearsed with the Band members before showcasing their talents in an afternoon concert performed to Year 7 students, brass and woodwind players and members of the Wellsway Band Scheme.

Two students spoke to Headteacher, Andrea Arlidge, after the event and said ... "We really enjoyed it because it was really well put together and in between the pieces of music we were given information about the musicians and where they came from. We would say to other students listen to a band from the Royal Air Force if you get the chance."

Arts Grants 2014

The Town Council has £5,000 of arts Grants funding to distribute in 2014. Town Council Arts grants application forms will be available between 21st April – 2nd May 2014, from Keynsham Town Council office, 15 – 17 Temple Street, Keynsham or downloadable from the www.keynsham-tc.gov.uk – grants web page.

For further information contact Dawn Drury, Deputy Town Clerk on 0117 9868683



Keynsham Memorial Park BANDSTAND Summer Programme 2014

DATE/TIME	PERFORMANCE
Sat 12th April 12.30-2.00pm	KLOGS
Fri 18th April (Good Friday) Time TBC	Churches Together 'Walk of Witness' organised by the Churches in Keynsham
Sun 27th April 3.00-5.00pm	Keynsham Brass Band
Sun 4th May 2.00-3.30pm	Elemental Theatre Group
Sun 11th May 2.30-4.30pm	ChoirJam
Sun 18th May 3.00-5.00pm	Midsomer Norton & Radstock Silver Band
Sun 1st June 3.00-5.00pm	Marshfield Band
Sun 8th June 2.00-4.00pm	First World War Centenary 2014 — Dodington Parish Band
Sun 15th June 2.30-4.00pm	Avon Fire & Rescue Band
Sun 22nd June 3.00-4.45pm	Bristol East & Kingswood Band
Sun 29th June 3.00-4.45pm (with interlude)	Bath Spa Band
Sun 6th July Noon-9.00pm	Keynsham Music Festival
Sun 13th July 3.00-5.00pm	City of Bristol Brass Band
Sun 20th July 5.00-6.15pm	Salvation Army—Hymns in the Park
Sun 27th July 3.00-5.00pm	Keynsham Brass Band
Sun 31st August 3.00-4.45pm (with interlude)	Bath Spa Band
Sun 7th Sept 3.00-5.00pm	Redland Wind Band
Sun 14th Sept 3.00-5.00pm	Midsomer Norton & Radstock Silver Band
Sun 21st Sept 12.30-2.00pm	KLOGS

For booking information and further details on performances please contact Keynsham Town Council on 0117 9868683 or email deputytownclerk@keynsham-tc.gov.uk

Keyford Dancing School—Watch out for future open weeks!

The Keyford Dancing School is now in its 40th year of teaching children and adults to dance in Keynsham and Saltford.

Pupils are able to enter examinations to gain qualifications up to a teaching standard, they also enter Medal Tests for the fun of performing, which they do regularly at the Keynsham Music Festival and other local events. The next Medal Tests are to be held on May 18th, in the River Suite.

This year after the forthcoming exam sessions all pupils, both young and old will start rehearsing for "The Show" which performed in November every 4 years at Broadlands Academy and is eagerly looked forward to be all participants.

During the February half term week the School invited pupils to bring a friend and to attend as many classes as they wanted to at no cost, this proved to be very popular and further open weeks will be planned in the future.

Each year the school supports Children in Need and last November £370 was collected at the Tapathon held in Fry Club.

Over the past 40 years, Patricia Veale and her teaching staff have taught thousands of local children Ballet, Tap and Modern, many of whom now bring their own children to the school, who's main base is The Fear Hall in Keynsham High Street.



"Keynsham Light Opera Group present two full scale musicals a year at Saltford Hall. Some of their members have recently formed a special singing group to perform at additional events and are delighted to perform at The Memorial Park bandstand. They have selected popular songs from the shows and from a range of other sources to offer you a wide range of well known musical numbers."

ASP Poetry Circle

Third Thursday of the month
Bring a couple of poems to share,
another poet's or your own.

Held at:
Kelston Entrance
Humanities Building
Broadlands School
St Francis Road
Keynsham
BS31 2DY
from 7.30 - 8.30 p.m.
See our website for
more info on
ASP Poetry Circle

<http://www.totallymaracas.btck.co.uk/ASPPoets>

STITCH & BITCH

Now on a Monday

Transition Keynsham Stitch & Bitch sewing group will now be on the 2nd Monday of each month (previously it was on Wednesdays) and in future will be rotating around different people's houses. For further details please email ericaisbrill@gmail.com

South West in Bloom 2014 Painting Competition

The theme for this year is

"Poppies"



Art should be a maximum of A3 in size and can be in any medium. On the back of each painting, put name and address
Please note submitted works are non-returnable!

The age groups are as follows:
Up to 6 years old
7-11 years old
12-16 years old
& adult entries

The exhibits should be sent to
Keynsham In Bloom
Community Group
c/o Keynsham Town Council
15 – 17 Temple Street
Keynsham
Bristol BS31 1HF

The best picture chosen from the entries will be sent as Keynsham's entry into the South West In Bloom Painting Competition

Closing date for entries is
Friday 4th July 2014

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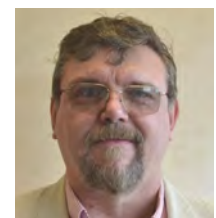
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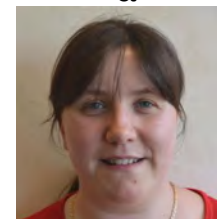
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Report by the Chairman of the Town Council

Councillor Clive Fricker

As our spirits begin to rise with the improving weather we can reflect on a year of tremendous progress in our town. An exciting calendar of events has been delivered through hard work in that special partnership between

Keynsham residents and the Town Council, both staff and councillors. There is a real determination to work as one community to ensure a good quality of life for everyone in all areas of the town. The community in action could be seen in a multitude of ways through the many and varied clubs and societies in our town. These came together on super occasions such as the KTC Grants Awards evening last July and the Networking Evening earlier in the year for local organisations to promote themselves to one another. Both of these events show even greater promise this year with Community Networking at Wellsay School which took place on 26 March and our Grants Evening to take place later in the summer. Two further excellent examples of a lively community could be seen in the Annual Music Festival in July and the Victorian Evening in November. Both events have further exciting plans for this year, the Music Festival week commencing 30 June and Victorian Evening on Friday 28 November.

Residents in their homes and streets expect to be safe and its good to see crime rates generally continuing to fall with Keynsham proving an ongoing safe place to live. We maintain our vigilance supported by effective Neighbourhood Policing and Neighbourhood Watch schemes. New PACT meetings for the whole of Keynsham successfully took place giving a one

Keynsham view of policing and solutions for any community problems in our town. Police and Crime Commissioner Sue Mountstevens addressed our Annual Town Meeting in April while our new Police Inspector Sarah Treweek succeeding Tim Stuckes will speak at this year's meeting on Monday 28 April. Finally police facilities will be enhanced this year with the completion of the centre in Ashmead Road and an operations base in our exciting new Centre. Overall, the past year has seen a dramatic increase in the pace of development in Keynsham. The new Centre is on schedule for this Autumn complete with a clock, K2B residential development continues and K2A off the top of Charlton Road is in process with B&NES Planners. The Somerdale 106 Agreement has unlocked the development of this super site which will deliver an exciting range of homes and employment. Progress continues as we prepare to welcome Avon Fire & Rescue to a new build Head Office at the fire station in Temple Street with the operational units moving to Hicks Gate. This will form a further stage of the redevelopment of this side of the street to be followed in due course with the swimming pool and current B&NES Council buildings.

Things don't stop here given further likely residential growth to meet a new B&NES Core Strategy and exciting ideas for the corridor of the River Avon. Critical to all of this will be a pressing need for an enhanced traffic system given the sensitive location of Keynsham between Bath and Bristol on the heavily used A4. A B&NES town traffic survey is underway to provide data for improvement plans councillors are determined to achieve. As always we welcome your ideas, comments and support – together we can continue to achieve great things.



The new Centre is on schedule for completion this Autumn



ROUNABOUT ART TRAIL

Working with
Keynsham Music Festival
28th-29th June 2014

CALL FOR ARTISTS!

Looking for artists who
would like to take part in
this years event

Roundabout Art Trail is building
up a brilliant selection of artists
but we need more, so if you
haven't already applied, look at
the website

www.roundaboutarttrail.co.uk to
download an application form or
make enquiries. You don't
need to live in Keynsham to join
the art trail, and we have
several venues available for
exhibiting your work. Closing
date is middle of April.
For more information please
take a look at the website
www.roundaboutarttrail.co.uk

Public Art Commission for Keynsham Regeneration

For latest news on the Public Art
Piece for the new development in
Keynsham please take a look at the
information on the Town Council
website – www.keynsham-tc.gov.uk

One amazing week of music!



30th June-1st July

Booked so far are a wide range
of Keynsham Musicians and
the list is far from complete,
and makes the basis for
another exciting and
all-inclusive line-up, which this
year should include acts from
Australia and Italy and our first
glimpse of professional ballet at
the Festival.

Keynsham bands, musicians
and performers: Through Your
Eyes, George Jones Band,
Emily Hutchinson Band,
Foreign Affairs, Too Close to
Hate, Welcome to The Family,
Slapface and the Hoagies,
Adam Purnell (classical guitar),
The Riverside Choir, ChoirJam,
Key Voices, Klogs, Keynsham
Orchestra, Keynsham's Young
(B&NES) Musicians, The
Keyford School of Dance,
Stagecoach Theatre School,
and booked so far from Bristol
and Bath:

From Bath: Bohemian
Embassy, Meeghan Shilling-
ton (Opera), B&NES Youth
Dance Co.

From Bristol: Meet Your Feet,
Makala Cheung.

From The Isle of Eig: Alistair
McIntosh (eco activist).

To find out where and when all
of these are performing watch
for details on our website.

www.keynshammusicfestival.co.uk





Newsletter – Spring 2014

KIB WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Keynsham in Bloom Community Group are now a fully constituted resident led group. We are looking to work with residents, local businesses, schools and institutions or community groups within the Keynsham boundary. We will again be entering the South West in Bloom Regional In Bloom competition and we have set our sights of achieving Gold for Keynsham. Judges will be visiting Keynsham in July and we want to showcase our town and our aim is to put Keynsham well and truly on the floral map. We have received a small grant funding from Keynsham Town Council and will be working in partnership with them. However, we are actively looking for sponsors to come forward to help us achieve Gold status for Keynsham.

At the meeting on 22nd January, Denise James local resident, was elected Chair of the group, along with local resident Jim Bernard as Vice Chair. The group are still seeking new members to take up the post of Treasurer and Secretary, at the moment these posts are being covered by Dawn Drury - Deputy Town Clerk. If anyone would like join the group or would like to consider the posts of Secretary or Treasurer they should contact Dawn Drury on 0117 9868683 – deputytownclerk@keynsham-tc.gov.uk Members of the group will be available to talk to anyone who would like to be involved with our group at the Scout Plant Sale (Ashton Way Scout Hut) in the morning on Saturday 17th May 2014.

We will be organising various competitions which residents, businesses, schools and community groups can take part in.

Application forms for the main In Bloom competition will be available from the Town Council office and the library from mid-March 2014.



Thank You Keynsham Wombles

Keynsham Wombles is a Transition Keynsham Project aiming to reduce the amount of litter on our streets. They are busy in the following areas:

- Albert Road
- Bitton Station
- Caernarvon Road (part of)
- Cameroons Close
- Chandag Road (part of)
- Charlton Park Road
- Cleve Road footpath behind Charlton Road to Tesco
- Constable Close to Park
- Cut through from High St to Park
- Dapps Lane and footpath through to St Clements Road
- Downfields park & footpath
- Dragon's Hill Court area
- Durley Lane and some footpaths in area
- Evenlode Way and area
- Firs Court, Longmeadow Road
- Footpath from Charlton Road to Scout Hut in Ashton Way
- Footpath from Lock Keeper in Swineford direction
- Fox and Hounds along main road to Temple Street
- Gooseberry Lane
- Holmoak Road
- Home Avon House and Talbot area of Bath Road to Unity Road Underpass

- Lockingwell Road
- Lower half of St Ladoc Road
- Manor Road (part of)
- Old Vicarage Green
- Park Road by Elim Church to Sterling Way
- Park Road (Play area off)
- Princess Close, Queen's Road shops & church
- Queens Road from Co-op, Park Rd, Coronation, Tenby Rd loop
- Rock Road
- Sherwood Road/Hawthorns
- St Cadoc House/Dapps Hill area
- St Frances Road and footpath from St Frances Rd to Stockwood vale
- St Johns Church Yard
- St Ladoc/Milwood/Culvers loop
- Steel Mills to bridge at Dapps Hill
- Stirling Way
- Stoney Lane
- Waveney Road

Thank you Wombles for everything you do, however much or little, it all makes a difference.

If you feel able to help pick up litter in a small area near your home or work in Keynsham please email womble@transitionkeynsham.org and we will love you for ever!!

Planning & Development Committee Report



The Meadows, Keynsham

By Chairman, Councillor Clive Fricker

Given the amount of urban development in Keynsham it's not surprising that last year has seen a great deal of activity in this council committee. One great uncertainty has been the efforts by B&NES to secure a Core Strategy that will control the required expansion throughout the county. After considerable consultation a limited and reluctant release of green belt to the east and south of the town was agreed by B&NES Development Committee to facilitate national requirements for more housing. It is now intended to secure a Planning Inspectorate approved Strategy by Autumn 2014 that will provide a stable environment in which planned development can proceed.

The recent past has seen support for the K2A site off Charlton Road currently with B&NES Development and the completion of the B&NES negotiation of the Section 106 agreement for the initial part of Somerdale. Our Committee has expressed concern at the 'escape clause' in the 106 agreement that might permit finance for employment to be used in areas of the county other than Keynsham albeit after a period of five years.

The Committee has also taken steps to comply with the requirement for 'paperless planning' by selecting the necessary equipment to meet county standards. When this is combined with our facilities in the Civic Centre it will be a much more effective experience for both councillors and members of the public. Recent experience has seen a much higher level of public involvement in our committee meetings which is welcomed.

The Committee has considered 140 applications (as at 24th February 2014) during the year. B&NES Development Control Committee have made decisions on 116 of the 140 applications and the Town Council is still awaiting decisions on the remaining 24.

Nine applications were withdrawn after the Committee made its decision. The Committee objected to 25 of 140 applications considered. These objections were due to: Development in the Green belt 6, site overdevelopment 11, creating potential traffic & access problems 9, out of keeping with the character of the area 6, outside the building line 4, highways 9, effect on the conservation area 3, loss of ecological habitats 2, no environmental impact assessment presented with the application 1, health and safety – noise or air pollution 2, lack of flood planning or flood mitigation plans 1 and objections without comments 4.

87% of our decisions to support or oppose applications coincided with subsequent decisions to approve or refuse by B&NES Development Control Committee.

Allotments Working Party Report

By Chairman, Councillor Tony Crouch

The Allotment Working Party was resurrected for the year 2013/2014 and met with the representatives of the Allotment Association twice during the municipal year. The Association continues to run the Allotments on a day to day basis very successfully. There has been the obvious problem of too much rain and some drainage problems which together we will continue to look at. The development of K2 has produced a problem with the entrance gate and the alignment of the road. Taylor Wimpey have moved the gates to improve this situation.



Arts Working Party Report

By Chairman, Councillor Clive Fricker

Despite the strict limits on local government spending the Working Party has continued to function enthusiastically with Arts newsletters to record the diverse artistic activity taking place in Keynsham. Grants were also awarded to support a limited number of organisations in their artistic activities.

A new Arts Plan will be drawn up by Spring 2014 to cover various activities including further grants and bandstand performances. It has also been agreed that



the Working Party will become a Committee of the Council, which will facilitate its decision making. A further improvement will be attained by an invitation to more members from the artistic community to join the Committee.

Reflecting amazing events like the Music Festival to be held this year on 6 July we were delighted to receive an enhanced 2014 Arts grant from B&NES Council.

Grants Working Party Report

By Councillor Tony Crouch

Once again in 2013 the Town Council allocated £20000 of its budget to grants for local groups that benefit Keynsham residents. The working party met in May 2013 to consider applications for a grant and recommended that grants of £19655 be awarded to 33 groups. The groups who were awarded a grant were:

1st Keynsham Scout Group	1000.00
2386 (Keynsham) Squadron	500.00
Age UK B&NES	500.00
Avon Wildlife Trust (Keynsham Branch)	45.00
Baby Comes Too	500.00
Bath & District Citizens Advice Bureau	500.00
Bath Mind	300.00
Butterflies – Haven	1000.00
Community @ 67	650.00
Focus Counselling	500.00
Friends of Manor Road Woodland	750.00
Friends of St. Keyna Primary School	1000.00
Frys Bowls Club	540.00
Fry Club JFC	500.00
Fry Club Netball	500.00
InTandem	500.00
Keynsham & District Mencap Society	1000.00
Keynsham Baptist Church	1000.00
Keynsham Explorer Scout Unit	600.00
Keynsham Film Works	500.00
Keynsham Food Bank	1000.00
Keynsham Life Saving Club	500.00
Keynsham Light Opera Group (KLOG)	420.00
Keynsham Rugby Football Club	300.00
Keynsham Town Junior Football Club	650.00
Keynsham Wombles – Transition Project	650.00
Keynsham Youth Theatre	500.00
Key Voices Keynsham	750.00
Queens Road Church Pre-School	250.00
St Dunstans Church	1000.00
St Francis Church - Community Crafts	300.00
St Johns Church	600.00
Transition Keynsham	350.00

In addition to this Dial a ride, Keynsham Farmers Market, Keynsham Music Festival Association, the Community Bus and SWAN continue to receive grants from the Town Council. In July 2013 the Town Council held a Grants Presentation Evening in St John's Church Hall at



which the successful groups were able to receive their awards and give a short talk about the work of their group. The diversity and professionalism of the voluntary groups that goes towards making Keynsham the great place it is to live never fails to amaze me.

The grant giving process will again take place in 2014 with application forms being available from the Town Council Office and website www.keynsham-tc.gov.uk

from Monday 21st April to Friday 2nd May with the closing date for completed applications being Friday 23rd May.

Creative Industries Working Party Report

By Chairman, Councillor Clive Fricker

The past year has seen a frustrating lack of activity by the Working Party entirely due to the slow progress in the development of Somerdale. This progress to planning approval running over a year behind schedule due to the scale of the site has slowed the possibility of employment opportunities being introduced. However the initial plans and associated 106 Agreement are now agreed and we anticipate faster progress. The prime objective is to secure a main employer onsite with plenty of space for smaller employers and start ups.

To further support the creative sector in Keynsham a survey with B&NES Economic Development is about to be carried out. This is intended to establish the size and requirements of these small companies in the town while encouraging growth and employment prospects. The project will fit well with the promotion and development of site opportunities for smaller enterprises on the



Somerdale site.

Victorian Evening Working Party Report

Once again, due to the regeneration of the Town Centre site, the fun fair had to be relocated to Ashton Way which proved very successful, as it not only alleviated the density of the crowd in the High Street but enabled the town to have more fun fair rides which were appreciated by the town's young people.

The Town Crier, Stilt Walkers and the Keynsham Air Cadet Marching Band formed part of the procession that lead the sleigh with Santa and the winner of the Christmas colouring competition on board. They were followed by children carrying their fantastic willow and tissue



Christmas bells, which they had made in a special workshop. The beautifully dressed Stilt Walkers entertained the crowds during the rest of the evening – a popular favourite was the snow queen with her illuminated dress.

The winners and runners up of the colouring competition were presented with their prizes and certificates before the overall winner, Eleanor Burston, helped by the Chair of Bath and North East Somerset Council, Councillor Neil Butters and the then Vice Chair of Keynsham Town Council, Councillor Clive Fricker, switched on the Christmas lights.

It was wonderful to hear the bells at St Johns ring out as the lights were switched on. On the community stage we were entertained by some carols sung by St John's Junior and Teen Choir, this was followed by music from Keynsham Brass Band, Keynsham Light Opera Group, Riverside Singers and the 2386 Squadron Air Cadet Band. A special thanks to all performers and our compere for the evening, Jimmy Mack.

Young Peoples' Liaison Group Report

By Chairman, Councillor Roy Staddon

As is customary the Liaison Group met four times in the last year.

The Young Peoples' Liaison Group was set up when B&NES ran the Youth Service and was a meeting where reports were made from different organizations etc. Now that the Youth Service is run by the Town Council and reports are made directly to the Town Council it was decided to change the remit and format of the Group making it a more "pro-active" group. The change is now a work in progress. One exciting piece of work in process is the forming of a Keynsham Town Youth Council which will give the young people of Keynsham a place for their voice to be heard and an official body of young people for any future consultations regarding Keynsham.

Keynsham Youth Service continues to provide an excellent service for the young people of Keynsham and especially so for those with special needs.

