

Maundown Water Treatment Works reconstruction

AROUND 50 local people attended an exhibition by Wessex Water at Wiveliscombe Community Centre on 6th July where its initial proposals for the rebuilding of Maundown Water Treatment Works were displayed.

Members of the project team were present to talk to visitors and talk about the scheme, which will see the construction of a new works, followed by the demolition of the existing facilities.

The works, which was built in the 1960s and extended in the early 1970s, treats water from the nearby Wimbleball and Clatworthy reservoirs and supplies around 200,000 people in central Somerset.

Now Wessex Water is investing £25m to upgrade the water treatment facilities,

improve the quality of drinking water and meet increased demand for water in the area.

The project has the support of the Drinking Water Inspectorate, the government organisation responsible for regulating public water supplies in England and Wales.

The scheme will involve increasing the number of treatment stages to further improve the quality of water. New treatment stages include dissolved air flotation, rapid gravity filtration and granular activated carbon treatment.

The capacity of the works will also be extended to meet peak demands in the west and north of the region.

The improved treatment processes will overcome

taste and odour problems arising from increasing algal blooms in the two reservoirs.

These blooms have increased as a result of changing weather patterns and produce geosmin, a naturally occurring and strong smelling compound.

Construction work is planned to commence in summer 2006, with the rebuilding of the works due to be completed by 2009. There will then be a period where both the old and new works operate together, before the old works will be taken out of service, demolished and the area landscaped.

Wessex Water aims to ensure any disturbance and environmental impact caused during the construction work is kept to a minimum.

This essential water quality improvement work will be planned carefully to ensure it has little impact on the local landscape.

The new works will be designed to ensure that it fits in with the surrounding landscape through careful use of new planting and choice of building styles and finishes.

When this element of the design has been developed further, Wessex Water intends to present its proposals to local people again. This will be towards the end of August or early in September 2005.

More information on the scheme is available from project manager Richard Thackeray, Wessex Water, Claverton Down, Bath BA2 7WW, telephone: 01225 526000 or e-mail Richard.thackeray@wessexwater.co.uk

Showing support on Live8 day



A HUNDRED Wiveliscombe people gathered in the churchyard of St Andrew's on the morning of 2nd July to mark MAKEPOVERTYHISTORY day.

They formed a white band around the church, carried posters and placards, took literature about the campaign to end world debt and free up trade for poorer countries and generally supported all that was happening globally to end this unfair situation.

On the same day as the Live8 concert, it was entirely appropriate that Wiveliscombe should have its own event and now that the G8 summit has happened, the pressure must be kept up on those governments who refuse to acknowledge the unfairness of international trade and crippling debt.

Continue to make your voices heard and let's hope that all these efforts haven't been in vain.



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concerns will continue to be addressed at all forums of local planning and decision making.

We are, however, able to ensure that the circus skills club will continue to run. This was one of the most successful and popular ventures the group was responsible for developing and we have been able to ensure that it will continue independently through the work of Polly Pring and her family.

The circus skills group hope to start up again in the autumn term, so watch out for news on this.

Meanwhile we wish to thank all groups and individuals that have supported Youth Matters in the past. Many young people were involved in facilitating meetings and campaigning for local resources and we were fortunate to receive support from the Parish Council and many other funders to be able to carry out some of our projects.

Sara Dove

St Andrew's re-ordering

FOR some time now, the St Andrew's Church Council has been debating the possibility of re-ordering the interior of the church, a process which would include the removal of most or even all of the remaining box pews and replacing them with wooden seats.

This is a complex issue because it means having to strike the right balance between conserving the old furniture and providing for the next generation of Wiveliscombe people.

No formal plans have yet been made as we are engaged in a full process of consultation with the church authorities and English Heritage and other amenity societies.

St Andrew's would now like to invite you to take part in the consultation by attending one of the following open mornings at the church when the reasons for the proposals will be outlined and everyone will have a chance to comment:

Saturday 17th September 10 am - especially for those who consider themselves to be a part of our worshipping congregation.

Saturday 24th September at 10 am - For anyone in the community of Wiveliscombe.

All ages are welcome!

the MONGOL MESSENGER

Recently seen in Mongolia

Youth Matters celebrates achievements and ends its work

YOUTH Matters has decided to formally 'dissolve' as constituted group. This was decided at a meeting of adults and young people who have been involved over the last three years and is seen as a positive move acknowledging the work we have achieved.

Youth Matters was originally set up in order to ensure that young people had a voice in the consultation process around the Market Town Initiative.

There has been extensive work done around this as a result of Youth Matters and several events/initiatives organised as a result of their work.

This has included the following:

- Securing a half pipe skate ramp for the recreation ground.
- Several arts/music/rap events.
- Two summer barbeque parties.
- An ongoing circus skills club.
- Theatre trip to Bristol to see circus skills performance.
- Dog mess campaign and new dog



mess bin!

- Development of young people's skills/knowledge of self organisation and campaigning work.
- Positive liaison and joint work with the County Youth Service.

This work has now moved on and a new Youth Action Group is in the stages of forming as part of the 10 Parishes initiative through the work of Paul Cottingham.

Youth Matters feel, therefore, that it is time to formally end its work in the hope that young people's issues and

Helena Trump

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