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Chairman's engagements

Friday 1 July

Chairman and Mrs Halse to attend the Bicton FE Awards Ceremony and lunch.

Vice Chairman and Mr Newth to attend the Lammas Fair Celebrations in Exeter.

Wednesdays 6 July

Chairman and Mrs Halse to attend the Clinton Devon Estates Summer Event "Doing our part for our part of the world" at Bicton Arena.

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Meetings

Please note meetings shaded pink are **NOT** open to the public

Meeting	DSO	Date	Time	Location
➤ Licensing & Enforcement Sub Committee	CL	Tuesday 5 July	9.30am	Council Chamber
Standards in public life refresher - Code of Conduct training (also open to parish and town council delegates)	DM	Wednesday 6 July	2-4pm or 6-8pm	Council Chamber
➤ Overview and Scrutiny Committee	DM	Thursday 7 July	6.30pm	Council Chamber
Licensing and Enforcement Sub Committee	CL	Tuesday 12 July	9.30am	CANCELLED
Local Development Framework Panel	HW	Tuesday 12 July	2.00pm	Council Chamber
Task and Finish Forum - customer satisfaction with the planning service	DM	Tuesday 12 July	6.00pm	Committee Room
Budget Workshop for Councillors	DV	Wednesday 13 July	5.30-6.20pm	Council Chamber
Cabinet	DV	Wednesday 13 July	6.30pm	Council Chamber

Opening hours at Honiton Minor Injuries Unit

Honiton Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) is to change its opening hours for the next 3 months (from 26 June). The decision has been taken by Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust, and endorsed by NHS Devon as commissioner, because of staff vacancies. These are now being filled. The 3-month period will enable the new staff to undergo the rigorous training needed to run a minor injuries unit, with full-re-opening currently planned for 1 October. Until then, the unit at Honiton Community Hospital will operate daily from 7.30am to 11pm, rather than being open 24 hours.

Local people who suffer minor injury or illness overnight are advised to:

- Contact NHS Direct for advice – tel 0845 46 47 or click on: www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk
- Contact the out-of-hours GP service, Devon Doctors, which will arrange to see patients at the community hospital if require, but by appointment only. Patients will need to call the usual DevonDoc number: 0845 6710 270 or 01392 824600.
- See their own GP in the morning, if it can wait
- Use the minor injuries units at Tiverton, Exmouth or Exeter

Anyone suffering more-serious injury or illness should, as usual, go to A&E at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital or dial '999' for an ambulance.

South West Foundation report Crisis and Contradiction



This independent report was undertaken by the Foundation to look at how small local community organisations are coping with the current economic climate. The report highlights the essential role of Councils for Voluntary Service and the importance of the valuable service they provide to meet the needs of small community organisations. www.the-foundation.org.uk

Health Profiles

The new 2011 Health Profiles for all local authorities and counties in England have been released. There is a separate profile for each local authority, providing a snapshot of the current health status of the area, with tailored commentary, maps and charts. The 2011 profiles give up-to-date information on important health issues such as childhood obesity, skin cancer (malignant melanoma), deaths from smoking, hospital stays due to alcohol misuse, and early deaths from cancer and heart disease. A new indicator included this year shows the number of hospital stays due to self-harm.

www.healthprofiles.info

Win a monster trip through time



Families in Dorset and Devon have the chance to win tickets to the summer blockbuster exhibition "Age of the Dinosaur" now on at London's Natural History Museum. The Jurassic Coast has teamed up with the Natural History Museum and First Great Western to offer three sets of family tickets plus train travel to the lucky winners of an exciting kids' competition. By drawing their own dinosaur, designing a poster for a Jurassic journey or writing a dinosaur story, children in three age groups could win two adult and three child tickets to the exhibition as well as complimentary train tickets to London and back. The team is inviting entries from children and young people of different ages. For full details about the competition, go to www.jurassiccoast.com. The competition closing date is Friday **22 July 2011**.

In the national press

➤ Failure to reform elderly care will be catastrophe, charities warn Coalition



The system of care for the elderly will face 'catastrophic' breakdown if politicians are not prepared to work together to back painful long-term reform, experts warn. The warnings come from signatories to a letter sent to the Telegraph, from organisations including Age UK, the Alzheimer's Society and the National Care Forum.

➤ Don't rely on the state for care, elderly are told

Care Services Minister, Paul Burstow, says the elderly need to accept the "nasty truth" that care home fees and other help will not be paid for unless they are very poor. The comment comes ahead of the release of the Dilnot Report, which is expected to recommend that people take out insurance to cover the cost of aged care.

CRB call on taxis

Councils are urging ministers not to scrap enhanced Criminal Record Bureau checks on taxi drivers. The Local Government Association says running only standard checks will put women, vulnerable adults and children at risk. An enhanced check reveals whether someone has been accused but not convicted of terrorist activity, kidnapping, drug-dealing, rapes and organised crime. Sunday Express p29 26/6/11

➤ Dumpster nightmare

Residents in parts of Manchester, Bristol and Brighton use communal bins instead of having their waste collected from their home. Critics say the bins are a magnet for rats and often overflow due to fly-tippers. Local Government Minister, Bob Neill, says he will fight the introduction of the scheme in other councils. A Brighton and Hove Council spokesman said: "Residents say that the changes have made it easier for them to recycle and have improved how their neighbourhoods look."

➤ Rebellion over child shaped bollards

Parents have attacked plans to erect child-shaped bollards outside a school in Plymouth, complaining that they are expensive and scary. A Plymouth Council spokesman said: "The safety of children trying to get to and from school is the most important consideration."

➤ WI's campaign to save libraries

The Women's Institute is to use 200,000 members to campaign to save libraries, in what is described as a sign of Middle England's anger over imminent closures.



➤ Councils to be 'masters of their budgets'

The Deputy Prime Minister announced plans to let councils keep business rates at the LG Group Conference in Birmingham. The British Retail Consortium gave the plan cautious backing. LGA Chairman, Sir Merrick Cockell, described the move as "encouraging" and said: "The current system of funding local government is incredibly complex and does not meet the needs of all the people we serve."

➤ Bus services for the chop

A study by the Campaign for Better Transport has revealed that seven out of ten councils see bus services as a key area to make savings. Thirteen local authorities each plan to cut funding to unprofitable routes by £1 million.

