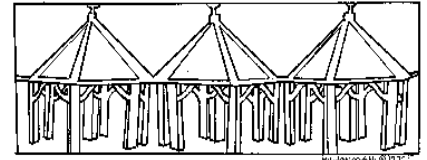


THE BROMLEY BULLETIN.....



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Kerbs and Pavements

New kerbs are being put in place along the main street by SCC Highways Department. Regrettably this means the removal of the granite setts that have been a feature of the village for some 40 years but the new conservation kerbs do allow reinstatement of pavements that have seriously deteriorated. Once the section from the School of S.Mary and S.Anne to Ashbrook Lane is complete, work will begin along High Street back towards the Green.

It is to be hoped that the higher kerbs will also deter the considerable number of motorists who drive on the pavement unnecessarily to get past oncoming traffic. Such behaviour is dangerous, and very unpleasant for pedestrians. Similarly, parking on the pavement not only damages the pavement but also causes a serious obstruction for prams, wheelchairs, and pedestrians who are then forced to walk in the road where the pavements are especially narrow. Please be considerate when parking - parking on the pavement, especially on Bagot Street, actually encourages cars to try to pass each other as it makes the road look wide enough to do so.

War Memorial

The War memorial has now been "listed" and so is subject to special protection. As a result of this status, the Parish Council is able to apply for a grant to contribute to necessary restoration work; subject to certain minor conditions, a grant has been awarded by English Heritage.

The memorial has been inspected by a specialist conservator, and it is proposed to have it professionally cleaned, the lettering re-gilded and repairs carried out to the surrounding posts and chains, in order to make it a monument for the village to be proud of into the next millennium. It is hoped that the English Heritage grant, together with grants from the British Legion and Parish Council, will allow the work to be undertaken early in the summer.

Website

On the Internet? then visit www.abbotsbromley.com. We now have have a village website

developed with the help, expertise and patience of Eric Roy, where you can find information about the village, and follow the link to the Parish Council pages. Here you can browse the Parish Council Minutes and past copies of the Bromley Bulletin from the comfort of your home. There is also the facility to join a list to receive advance information about village matters.

Best Kept Village Competition

It was most encouraging to see people "out and about" on the evening of Monday 23 April, collecting litter and helping to tidy verges and gardens bordering the village streets.

Judging takes place this year between 1 May and 30 July so let's all pull together over the next three months and try to improve on the third place gained last year.

Thank you to all the children who entered the poster

competition. The winners were Laura Brownhill, Lucy Boynton, Rhiannen Hollyoake, Helen McKenzie and Asako Ueno. The youngest entrant was James Godfrey aged 5. The posters will be displayed throughout the village during the summer months.

Millennium Green

It is splendid to see the Millennium Green being enjoyed by local children and visitors, Sadly, there are some thoughtless individuals who frequently abuse the facilities and create a serious nuisance to the neighbours. The play equipment has been provided for 5 to 12 year olds, and is insured for that age group only. The Millennium Green is also for use during the day until 8.00 pm only so that nearby residents are not continually disturbed by noise, bad language and other unpleasantness. Please encourage everyone to make proper use of all the facilities or risk losing it altogether.

Neighbourhood Watch

What are the aims of Neighbourhood Watch?

- To deter criminals who may be in the area
- To reduce the fear of crime
- To encourage people to be caring neighbours
- To reduce the opportunities for crime.

These are just some of the aims of Neighbourhood Watch which is a system that works and works well. Abbots Bromley has a low crime rate and we want it to stay like that, but there are areas of the village which are currently not covered by the Scheme. What is involved is a commitment to receive and distribute Neighbourhood Early Warning System messages to 12 neighbours. If you are in part of the village not covered by the Scheme and would like to volunteer please contact Jan Barrett Cook and Clive Cook 840928.

Abbots Bromley Police Station

It has been possible recently to open the village Police Station manned by Community Volunteers. There is a team of three people and they will be at the station on : Monday 12noon - 2pm, Wednesday 2pm-4pm and Friday 10am - 12noon.

The Data Link Pack which is a Free Medical Information Scheme is available to anyone who needs it from the Police Station or the Doctors Surgery.

Parish Assembly

The annual Parish Assembly was held at Church House on Thursday 12 April. This meeting, which is traditionally hosted by the Parish Council, is the opportunity for all village

village organisations to report on their activities over the last year, to which village charities by law must report, and where any elector can raise matters of concern, which may subsequently be pursued by the Parish Council. Reports were followed by a lively debate on various matters of interest, and the proceedings ended in a welcome glass of wine!

This year, the Jubilee Cup was presented to Ken Webb in recognition of his outstanding work in the village.

Dog fouling

With the present foot and mouth restrictions making exercising dogs difficult, it is vitally important that dog owners act responsibly both in where they exercise their dogs and in clearing up their mess.

The closure of footpaths and bridleways has concentrated dog walking activities to lanes and public areas such as the Village Hall and churchyard. As a dog owner you have a duty of care to your pet and to your fellow villagers. Please scoop the poop. It only takes a second to do it but it will prevent disease and discomfort, inevitably increasing the quality of life in the village. If you do not bag it and bin it you may be prosecuted.

Footpaths and Foot and Mouth

Following discussions with appropriate bodies, some access lands and public paths in Staffordshire are being re-opened where they meet with specific criteria. Consultation has taken place with Parish Councils and amenity bodies and some priority public paths are

being re-opened after the relevant field inspection assessments. No paths are proposed for re-opening in this area yet.

Richard Clarke First School

Have you visited the school web site at <http://atschool.eduweb.co.uk/richardclarke.staffs?> The Head Teacher, Mrs Pam Potter, invites you to learn more about what the school has to offer. On Thursday 6 April UMBRO sponsored a PE/Games event to promote healthy living and physical fitness. The Comic Relief charity fund raising event realised £72. Well done to all concerned! On Tuesday 1 May P.C. Hall worked in school with year 4 on "Drug Awareness" and with year 3 on "The Five Senses".

Planned for the near future are the following three events:-

1. A local Geography study at Blithfield Reservoir for years 3&4, subject to lifting of restrictions caused by the Foot and Mouth epidemic.
2. Between 4 and 5pm on 23 May a year 4 PE Activity Fun Session is arranged at Oldfields School, Uttoxeter and deputy head teacher Kay Nevison would appreciate offers of volunteer transport to this event.
3. Midsummer's Day 21 June will be highlighted by a Cultural Day when children are invited to dress up for the day as a person from another country.

Finally a plea from the Head Teacher for all parents in the village of children under 5 to contact the school and put down their child's name for admission-regardless of how young. This will be of considerable assistance in planning for the future.