

St Nicholas Church Fundraising

I am pleased to report, the on-going effort to raise funds for the Church, continues to be well supported by local businesses, locals and others. So far in 2014, we have raised £4945.54 from events such as a Ceilidh Evening, Gospel Choir, Indoor Picnic, Sunday Lunch, Open Gardens and a few other smaller events. And there's more for 2014.....

Friday August 29th Bagot's BBQ 7.00pm for 7.30pm £6 per head.

Saturday October 18th Jazz Violin Concert. AB School

Wednesday November 12th Quiz Night Coach & Horses.

Please come and support us and have a great night out too!!

If you have an idea for a fund raising event – let me know!!

Thanks, as always.

Martin Godfrey



Wild Flower Planting



The Parish Council would like to thank Abbots Bromley Ladies' Club for kindly planting the wild flowers near to the Rugeley turn.

The flowers were planted to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Ladies' Club and, with the support of the Parish Council and Abbots Bromley British Legion, to mark the start of the anniversary of WW1.

The flowers certainly make an eye-catching entrance to the village.

Particular thanks go to Mrs Ann Emmerson and family for preparing the ground and planting the seeds.

Other useful numbers

Highways Hotline To report any problems with Highways, Lighting, Signs: 0300 111 8000

ESBC waste management: To report full re-cycling bins at Schoolhouse Lane: 0800 26 90 98

ESBC Enforcement Team (Dog fouling): 01283 508576

ESBC Planning Enquiries: 01283 508570

Police: All non emergency calls: 101

Sustainable Staffordshire: 01785 277253

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The Royal British Legion

In recognition of the centenary to Britain's entry into the 1914-1918 Great War, the Abbots Bromley Branch of The Royal British Legion intends to hold a short commemorative service at the Village War Memorial on 4th August 2014.

All members of the community are invited to attend and witness this event, whilst reflecting on the terrible loss of life that was to follow.

Everyone attending should assemble at the Butter Cross from 10:30am in order for the service to be under way just prior to 11am.

Thank you for your support with this initiative.

Tom Wheeldon, Chairman

Abbots Bromley Branch The Royal British Legion

Abbots Bromley Hospital – or should that be Abbots Bromley Almshouses?

The Abbots Bromley Hospital – the eighteenth century, Grade II listed building, on Bagot Street – is an almshouse. Almshouses trace their history back to monastic times where the terms bedehouse, hospital, maison dieu, almshouse and others described the provision of accommodation for those in need. The name "Hospital" derives from Latin and Middle English words meaning "guest house". The first recorded Almshouse was founded in York in the 10th Century, and the oldest still in existence is thought to be the Hospital of St. Oswald in Worcester that dates from circa 990; there are around 1700 groups of almshouse charities today, continuing to provide homes in their local areas for those who need them.

Our Hospital underwent a major re-modelling in 2013 to bring the accommodation up to 21st century standards. The trustees of the trust that manages the Hospital are delighted to announce that the project has been awarded a Highly Commended certificate in the residential category of the RICS West Midlands Regional Awards and also a Highly Commended certificate in the Almshouse Association Patron's Award – the Patron of the Association being Prince Charles.

The trustee body is small and is always glad of the offer of particular skills are always welcome: financial, constructional, charity specialists amongst others. If anyone does have something to offer for the good of the Almshouse Trust, whether it be now or later, we would be pleased hear from you. Please contact John Blount, Administrator, via the Abbots Bromley Hospital Office postbox, telephone 07792 777346 or email 1705ABH@gmail.com.

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PC Meetings

7.00 pm Wednesdays

In the Village Hall:

- ◆ 30th July
- ◆ 24th Sept

PC Surgery

10-11am Saturdays in Church House

- ◆ 20th Sept

Jubilee Cup 2014



This year's Jubilee Cup was awarded to Mithra Tonking. The award was made in recognition for all her work for the village over the years. In recent years Mithra has dedicated many hours of her time to the management of the restoration project for the Almshouses.

Thank you Mithra



New Councillor

In July 2013 we were very pleased to welcome Phil Ryan to the council. From the work he has already done in the village, particularly the village hall and the new playing field project, we are sure he will make a valuable contribution.

Planning – The substantive or controversial applications this year have been:

Wood Processing at Bromley Park Farm. This is a County Council issue rather than one for the Borough Council, but in keeping with a lot of local planning issues the views of the local residents have been have been subjugated to those of the applicant.

Refurbishment of the Almshouses. This major project has now been completed, with the residents returning before Christmas. There are now 4 single occupancy and 2 double occupancy dwellings (previously 7 single occupancy), all now to a high standard. The 2 single storey dwellings remain.

Still rumbling on is:

Ivy House, High Street. Planning permission has been granted to convert Ivy House into 3 three terraced dwellings, but, contrary to Walton Homes requests, not to demolish Ivy House and start again. As we have seen, the developer has decided to remove most of the roof and windows, thus making the property very vulnerable and making total demolition a real possibility. ESBC cannot tell us what they will do to enforce the original planning conditions..

The Village Plan. ESBC are preparing a new Local Plan, which required us to come up with sites suitable for an additional 40 houses. This does not include sites that already have planning permission, such as Ivy House. From the options given to us, and following discussions at Parish Council meetings in June and July, our recommendations were submitted to ESBC. These were options which would cause the minimum disruption to existing residents, and continue the linear development of the village on both the Uttoxeter and Lichfield Roads. As publicised in our November Bulletin, this Local Plan has subsequently been available for comment.

Planning Appeal. Just over a year ago Hart's Farm, Radmore Lane, applied for planning permission for a 50 metre high wind turbine. We supported local concerns by making a personal submission to an ESBC planning meeting against this proposal. This in turn was supported by ESBC who turned the application down. Unfortunately this decision has been reversed at appeal. Also permitted on appeal is a similar sized turbine at just over the parish boundary at Dun's Field Farm – 1 ½ km N.E. of Hart's Farm. To gauge the visual impact, there has been a 50 metre turbine erected, again after appeal, at Purleyhill, just S.E. of the village. Obviously where renewable energy is concerned, local objections, even from Planning Authorities, are treated with contempt.

Best Kept Village – Unfortunately we did not win. We came second to Yoxall, but managed to beat Tutbury who came third. Keep our fingers crossed for this year. Once again we have a wonderful display of posters from Richard Clark.

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Christmas Tree – Once again our thanks to the Brandrick family for donating an excellent tree. As we have said before, our own tree on the Green is getting bigger, but it will probably be a couple of years yet before it can "fly solo".

Parish Council Surgeries. As with previous years, these bi-monthly surgeries have continued. Although the public attendance is not great, we hope that those that have needed to discuss a problem have found them useful.

Traffic, Parking, and Highways Traffic. Following our request the "20 is Plenty" signs in Bagot Street and High Street have been extended to include Abbots Bromley School for Girls.

Parking. We now have the "double yellows" at the junctions of Goose Lane, Church Lane, and Hall Hill Lane. It was considered that we did not need them on the Goat corner, as the single white line appears to be doing its job.

Highways. Two years ago I reported that it was hoped that, after much chasing, long outstanding pothole and pavement repairs will be undertaken "this summer", I also said do not hold your breath! Further to our March Bulletin only Bagot View has been repaired.

Bus Services it has come as a surprise to us that, in SCC's rearrangement of bus services, we no longer have a bus service to Lichfield. Although a consultation seems to have taken place the Parish Council did not receive notification of this.

Youth Project. – As previously reported, the Youth Club continues to be a great success. But the cut back on funds from the County Council for support workers could provide new challenges in the future. But well done to all the volunteers involved.

Other Projects. The Abbots Bromley Sports Association are making good progress on their fundraising for the Lichfield Road site. The progress on "Gallimores Field" appears to have momentarily slowed.

Jubilee Cup 2012/3. Last years worthy recipient was Jeff Bradbury, in recognition of all he has done for the village over the years, not least as a Firemen and Horn Dancer (but not at the same time!)

Cllr Roger Jarman

Parish Council Chairman

Dog Fouling

Although we have not mentioned it for several editions of the Bulletin, this problem has not gone away. The PC receives more complaints about this totally selfish and irresponsible behaviour than anything else in the village. A few of our Parishioners obviously believe that the Law does not refer to them. Perhaps this is the same arrogant and selfish attitude that drivers adopt when they are using mobile phones when careering down Bagot Street.

What is almost unbelievable is that one extremely thick individual left dog mess just 1 metre from the waste bin at the junction of Yeatsall Lane and Goose Lane. The lady whose son trod in it was not best pleased.

As a reminder, the rules re dog fouling **do not stop at the 30 mph signs**; they apply to all roads, and to any land that does not belong to you. Apart from being most unpleasant for ramblers "dog faeces can spread neosporosis, the most commonly diagnosed cause of abortion in cattle" (quoted from an article by Rachael Oakden – Country Living April 2014).

As a final point, now that the summer holidays are with us, if you have any children that enjoy taking the family dog for a walk, please ensure that they both carry "poo bags" and are prepared to use them.



Abbots Bromley Fire Station

If you are interested in joining the Abbots Bromley team of retained firefighters then please call in at the station on a Monday evening or direct message them via the Facebook

www.facebook.com/abbotsbromleyfirestation



Bus Services

Following the changes to the bus services in the village the Parish Council would be interested to hear any feedback, good or bad. If you do wish to make any comments about the bus service then please email parish.council@abbotsbromley.com or attend one of the PC meetings or surgeries.