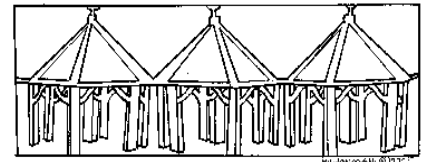


THE BROMLEY BULLETIN.....



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Village Design Statement

New building is inevitable in every town and village nowadays, and indeed communities need some change in order to live and grow. Proposals for new housing often arouse considerable worries about the form it may take and the effect it may have. A practical answer is for every community to create its own Village Design Statement to manage change positively for the benefit of the whole local community.

A Village Design Statement identifies what features are special or unique to the community and its built heritage. It then delineates these features and makes suggestions as to the kinds of building and change which will enhance the community. When adopted by a local planning authority, a Village Design Statement is a powerful planning tool for the authority and developers alike, suggesting acceptable forms of building and other development.

As this is essentially a statement by the whole community about where they live and work, we need to create a community group, drawing individuals from throughout the parish, and to invite the views of everyone. As a first stage, the Parish Council will circulate a very brief questionnaire to ensure that the village is keen for such a venture – if you care about how the village appears and may develop, your views are **vital!**

Without sufficient response we may have to accept what developers thrust upon us!

Congratulations, Abbots Bromley!

Thank you to everyone who helped Abbots Bromley win the Best Large Village category (East Staffordshire area) in the Best Kept Village Competition 2001. The judges felt that the village had “a very good feeling of community and facilities for all ages.....the Churchyard is very good with a lovely wildflower area” and that we have “very good public amenities”. There is no doubt that the village looked lovely with hanging baskets and window boxes and it appeared many people made a great effort to tidy up their own particular areas throughout the summer. The Chairman was presented with an individual certificate to celebrate our win.

Queen's Golden Jubilee

We want to make the Golden Jubilee weekend June 1st-3rd 2002 special for all residents of Abbots Bromley, both young and old. A committee has been formed to co-ordinate arrangements for this weekend. Plans for a Children's Tea party on the Saturday afternoon followed by a disco for the older children in the evening are already underway. An adult Dance has been suggested for the Monday night with hopefully some fireworks. The Show Committee has donated £200 towards the cost of a special Abbots Bromley Stamp for the back of the commemorative medals which can be bought via Jill Crooks. The British Legion have agreed to hold a fundraising disco on 25th May 2002 to support the Children's

Other village organisations have also offered their help, if you would like to help in any way please contact Jill Crooks on 840500 or come to the next meetings to be held in Church House 7.30pm on 16th October and 20th November.

Bonfire Night.

Everyone is warmly invited to join in the celebration of Bonfire Night at the Village Hall on Saturday November 3rd. If anyone can contribute material for the bonfire, please bring it to the area behind the Hall during the previous weekend October 27-28th, no metal or dangerous substances.

Gates open at 5.30pm, with some traditional family games in the Hall. Bonfire lit at 6.30pm with the fireworks to follow.

Entrance £3 adults, and £1.50 for

Use it or Lose it

Many people who visit or who move to Abbots Bromley comment on how friendly the village is, and on the community spirit here. This is not something that happens by itself, but it comes as a result of the attitudes and personalities of the people who live, work and relax here.

We have a variety of shops which serve many of our needs, and we are lucky to have shopkeepers who know us by name and can cater for many of our preferences. We need to give them our consistent support: most of us have heard the expression "Use it or lose it". If we spend even a small weekly amount in each of the shops, we will continue to enjoy the excellent personal and friendly service they strive so hard to provide.

Also, think of the benefits to the environment - no petrol used, no wear and tear on our cars and the air is not polluted.

War Memorial

The village war memorial has been cleaned and re-gilded. At the time of going to press, the surround is due to be finished by the end of October, so the project is on course for completion by Remembrance Sunday.

Recruits Urgently Wanted

Our local fire service needs to recruit new people in order to maintain its current level of availability. If you are physically fit and have time to commit to the service of the community, call in at the fire station in Goose Lane at 19.00 hours any Monday night for more information.

Planning

A number of planning issues have been raised with the Parish Council recently so it has sought clarification from the Planning Department at East Staffordshire Borough Council for some of the more frequently asked questions:

Lopping/felling of trees within the conservation area – no planning permission is required for these works but anyone intending to do such work is required to notify the Local Planning Authority of the intended works so that the Authority has the opportunity to place Tree Preservation Orders on the tree(s) if necessary.

Replacement windows in the conservation area – there is control of the materials of windows or doors in respect of Listed Buildings only. The Planning Authority can advise any property owner if their building is listed, and what permissions they might require.

Porch extensions – some porches do not require planning permission but any porch within 2 metres of the highway does require planning permission.

The Planning Department is always happy to offer help or advice to homeowners wishing to

to work on their property and it is always worth checking with them before commencing any work. Contact Annie Garfield, Senior Area Planning Officer; direct line telephone number 01283 508617.

Join the Celebration

"S. Nicholas 1000 in 2002" invites everyone to celebrate 1000 years of a church and community in Abbots Bromley. Join the first event of the year long festival on Sunday 2nd December with a procession throughout Abbots Bromley, calling at all known places of worship, past and present, and finishing at S. Nicholas Church. Meet at the Buttercross at 10.15am. Hot roll and punch lunch will be available afterwards at the Village Hall. Tickets for the lunch are £4 available from Simon Davis 840262 Gill Grundy 840208 Jill Foster 840522 and Peter Youngs 840934.

Danger to cattle

A local farmer appeals to the public not to discard plastic bags where they may be swallowed by cattle. Cases have been discovered where such bags contain excrement collected by dog walkers, but, whether or not this is the case, plastic is clearly a material which constitutes a serious danger to cattle.

The Richard Clarke First School has vacancies for:-
A KS1 Basic Skills Support teacher required ASAP i.e. November 01.
0.3 FTE November 2001- March 2002=5/12ths on a maximum of point 9 of the teacher's salary scale- mornings x 3 to be negotiated.
Foundation Stage/ Classroom Assistant NNEB/NVQL3 required for January 2002 to work as part of a well established Early Years team in an excellent Pre-Reception / Reception setting.
For further details please apply to: Mrs P Potter (Headteacher)