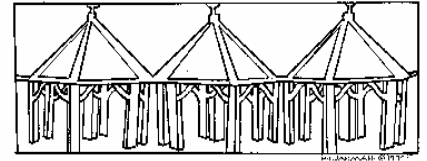


THE BROMLEY

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Winning Place in Best Kept Village Competition 2004

Abbots Bromley was awarded second place in the East Staffordshire District "Large Village" section of the 2004 Staffordshire Best Kept Village competition. Having gained first place in 2002, and second places in 2001 and 2003, this has been a remarkable run. It recognises the excellent efforts made by so many in the village to help improve the overall appearance. Amongst these, thanks must go to everyone along the main street who put so much effort into their hanging baskets, window boxes and planters this summer.

Complimentary comments from the judges were given for the excellent cleanliness of the village, well maintained communal buildings, well displayed notice boards and children's posters, the War Memorial and the public open spaces. Areas that required further attention were the churchyard, the children's playground, conservation area and the lack of directions to the recycling centre.

Next year marks the 50th anniversary of the Best Kept Village competition and the Parish Council are already working towards achieving an even better result. If you have any ideas on how the village can improve or would be willing to help Abbots Bromley win the 50th anniversary competition please get in touch with Alan Elkington (841011).

Wind Farm

No planning application has been submitted yet to East Staffordshire Borough Council for the erection of a wind farm on the Bagot's Park Estate, Abbots Bromley by AB Energy Ltd. However if you wish to find out more about the pros and cons of wind farms why not look at the village web site www.abbotsbromley.com.

Road Safety in the Village

Enforceable yellow bus stop markings will be provided in front of the bus shelter in Uttoxeter Road at the junction of Goose Lane. Due to frequent parking on this corner, it has been difficult for passengers of the service and school buses to use the bus stop with safety. It will also give drivers a clearer view when making an exit from Goose Lane.

It is hoped that three new street lights will soon be in place to illuminate the road up to and including the Nursery entrance on Goose Lane. The Parish Council had concerns regarding the safety of mothers and young children who regularly walk along this strip of road.

Parish Council Surgery in Church House

The next Parish Council Surgery will be on Saturday 27th November, between 10 and 11am in Church House. A Parish Councillor will be present to discuss informally any issues or concerns relating to your Parish. The next Parish Council meeting will be 7.30pm at the Village Hall on Wednesday December 1st.

The following Councillors are here to serve the community until May 2007:

Philip Charles - Chairman (840251), Clive Cook (840928), David Eatough (840061), Bob Esling - Vice Chairman (840778), Alan Elkington (841011), Linda Fox (840315), Roger Jarman (840678), Kate McLoughlin (840409) and Jean Needham (840481). Clerk to the Council is Eric Roy (840153).

GP Out-of-Hours Services

Your GP surgery is now only responsible for your health needs from 8.00am to 6.30pm every weekday (except bank holidays). If you need advice or to see a doctor outside of these times you should contact the GP Out-of-Hours service.

To contact this service ring your normal GP telephone number (840228) and your call will be automatically redirected to clinically trained staff at the Staffordshire Ambulance Service. They will assess your health needs and ensure that you receive the appropriate medical care. The options are: *Advice and self-help*, where the patient can treat him/herself safely and no action is required prior to normal GP services becoming available. *Home visit*, where the patient needs further investigation, a Community Paramedic Officer (CPO) or nurse will visit the patient at home. *Primary care centre appointment*, where the patient needs to see a doctor, an appointment will be arranged at Cross Street Primary Care Centre, Cross Street, Burton DE141EG. (If medically required, ambulance transport to and from the centre can be arranged). *Emergency ambulance*, where the patient has an emergency condition, the call will be upgraded and be dealt with as if you had dialled "999".

There is a doctor on duty 24 hours at the Staffordshire Ambulance Service to advise the clinically trained staff, to liaise with the CPO, or available to talk to callers. If you would like any further information pick up a leaflet at your local GP surgery.

Abbots Bromley Show

Despite another successful show in 2004, it is unlikely that there will be a show in 2005. Attendance at the show AGM was very poor and as a number of the committee have stood down there are insufficient people to organise next year's show. Part of the money raised from this year's show will be donated to the following organisations:- Children's Xmas Party, Cubs, Under 5's Playgroup, Evergreens, First Responders, St Nicholas Church and Air Ambulance. This leaves some money in the bank in case there is anyone interested in keeping the show alive in 2005. Any further information please contact Mike King (01889 500660) or Bob Heaver (840480) before January 15th 2005.

Abbots Bromley Community First Responders

The group have been very successful in securing funding from ESBC Community Development Fund £10,000, Uttoxeter Plus £10,000 and Staffs County Council £5,000. This has enabled the group to purchase a vehicle and order equipment and uniforms. The group would like to express their thanks for this support, as well as thanking RISES, the Show committee and WI for their donations. The volunteers are currently still undergoing training. Most have been out observing the work of the Ambulance Trust by accompanying Ambulance crews and Paramedics on their 12 hour shifts. If you wish to find out more about the group please contact Liz Palmer (840667) or Kate McLoughlin (840409).

Abbots Bromley Community Horn Dance Promotion Group

The Parish Council would welcome the interest of anyone wishing to form a new Group. Please contact the Parish Clerk (840153).

Recycling (RISES)

We can do better than this! We are being urged to throw away less and recycle, but the amounts collected from Abbots Bromley do not increase. For the sake of the environment and to bring money back into the village please use the skips provided on the Crown Car Park. *Get into the habit* and save paper, cans, bottles and plastic containers. The latest payment of £283 was presented to the Abbots Bromley First Responders.

Community Speed Watch

A minimum number of volunteers have been identified to enable this scheme to go ahead. Initial training has been completed and the volunteers will be monitoring vehicle speeds through the village with the aid of a speed gun. Details of those exceeding the limit will be logged for follow up by the Police. Additional helpers would be welcomed, if you are interested please contact Clive Cook (840928).

Contact the Police

There is a new non-emergency telephone number to contact the police on (08453 302010). Calls will be charged at the local rate.

"The Ghost Train"

The Abbots Bromley Players will be staging their next production "The Ghost Train" at the Village Hall, Wednesday 8th to Saturday 11th December. Tickets from the Post Office or tel (840828).

Tell Clarence

Problems with street lighting or blocked gullies? Please call 0800 232323 and quote the reference number on the lamppost.

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