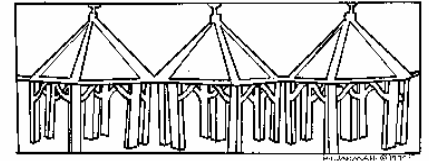


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Parish Annual Assembly

The Parish Council invites you to attend a restyled Parish Assembly on Wednesday 10th May 2006 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. This year there will be a different format. After the opening Chairman's report there will be a guest speaker from South Staffordshire Water who will outline proposals for the future of Blithfield Reservoir. An Open Forum will follow when questions may be asked of the Parish Council and other representatives of groups present. In place of the verbal reports from the various village organisations, written reports will be available for your perusal. This is an ideal opportunity to discover what has been going on in your village over the past year and to ask questions about the future. All parish residents are welcome to attend.

Best Kept Village Competition

The competition starts at the beginning of May and runs through to the end of July. Judging will take place in May and June for all villages competing and in July for those villages who make it to the final round. This year the organisers are running a countywide competition for the best Children's Poster in the age groups 4 years to 7 years and 8 years to 11 years. The best from each group in Abbots Bromley will be forwarded to the organisers for the county judging. This year the Parish Council is organising a competition to find the best front garden and the best display of hanging baskets or containers in the private dwellings along Lichfield Road, High Street, Market Place, Bagot Street and Uttoxeter Road. Prizes to be announced in the next Bromley Bulletin. Everyone can show support by ensuring that their area of the village looks cared for. Further information can be obtained from Alan Elkington (841011).

Dog fouling

There has been a significant increase in the incidence of dog fouling in the village. The Parish Council would like to remind dog owners that East Staffordshire Borough Council has adopted the "Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996". This act applies to any land to which the public have access and makes it illegal for dog owners to allow their pets to foul without cleaning up after them. Anyone who witnesses an offence can report the incident or the offender to the Enforcement Team by phoning 01283 508576. Wardens will be monitoring the village and identified offenders will be warned. If they persist in breaking the law they will be prosecuted. We all have a responsibility to ensure that public places remain dog fowl free and that the local environment is healthy and safe for all residents, particularly our children.

Mud on the road

There has been an increase in reports of mud being deposited on local roads throughout the village caused by farm vehicles. The Parish Council reminds all that this is illegal and incidents should be reported to the Police. Alternatively you can contact Highways by phoning CLARENCE on 0800 232323.

Project Playground –Under 5's

The fundraising for the Under 5's Playground is near completion and the small group of nine members of our community have managed to raise approximately £34K. This total could not have been achieved without kind donations from: the Parish Council; Staffordshire Environmental Fund (landfill tax credit scheme); Uttoxeter Plus; Staffordshire Community Development Fund; Trent and Dove Housing; Recycling Incentive Scheme in East Staffordshire (RISES); Abbots Bromley Cricket Club; the Village Show Committee; Tom Thumb Nursery and the Rainbow Guides. An even bigger thank you must go to everyone who has supported our own fundraising events over the past two and a half years. Without your support the project would have been a non-starter! With our target achieved we have put in an order for the play equipment and work will commence very soon. It is hoped the play area will be open for business to all our young children by the time summer arrives. Look out for advertisements for our grand opening. Louise Haywood (840869) Steve Coxon(840455).

Tree on the Green

Some of you may have noticed the arrival of a Western Red Cedar, *Thuja plicata*, planted on the Village Green to mark our win in the Best Kept Village competition last year. The cost of the tree was funded by a combination of the BKV prize money and a grant from the RISES committee. A small tree has been chosen to increase the chance of survival and eliminate the requirement for regular watering in dry periods. When mature the tree will provide a permanent Christmas tree for the village. Due to some confusion, the Parish Council would like to remind all that the Village Green and the car park in front of the Goats Head are owned by the Parish Council and are for the use of the general public.

Village Design Statement

The first issue of the Design Statement was delivered to East Staffordshire Borough Council in March and is now available for download from the web pages at www.abbotsbromley.com/vds When the ESBC Cabinet have formally recognised the VDS as a valid "planning statement", it is hoped to provide a printed copy to all in the village who would like one.

Village Action Plan

The Village Design Statement is a good example of a successful outcome from the Abbots Bromley Parish Action Plan published in 2004. While there has been movement on many of the actions identified in the plan, there are others where little or nothing has been achieved. A full report on each of the actions will be provided in the report to the parish assembly and this will be a good opportunity to see if there is an action that you could volunteer to help move forward.

Millennium Green

The Trustees would like to remind users of the Millennium Green of their rules. The play equipment is designed for use by children over 5 and under 13 years of age. Adult supervision should be present at all times and the play area should not be used after 8.00pm during June to September.

Abbots Bromley Village Hall

The AGM will be held in the Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th April 2006. Please support your local community and find out what has been going on at the Hall during the last year and what developments could take place in the future, all are welcome.

The Importance of Being Earnest

The Abbots Bromley Players will be presenting their next production by Oscar Wilde "in the round" at the Village Hall from 17th –20th May at 7.30pm. Tickets will be available from the Post Office or by telephoning 840409.

Community Transport Scheme

Following the retirement of Len Ferguson due to ill-health, the position of co-ordinator will be David Thompson with effect from 1st April. David, of Stablecroft, Hall Hill Lane, Abbots Bromley can be contacted on 07767 877439 and ALL ENQUIRIES FOR TRANSPORT should be made to this number. He will be supported by Clive Cook and all the existing drivers as usual.

Bromley Bulletin

The next Bulletin will be distributed in June, the copy date is 1st June. If there is anyone interested in producing a newsletter for the village or has ideas for improvement, please contact Kate McLoughlin.

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