

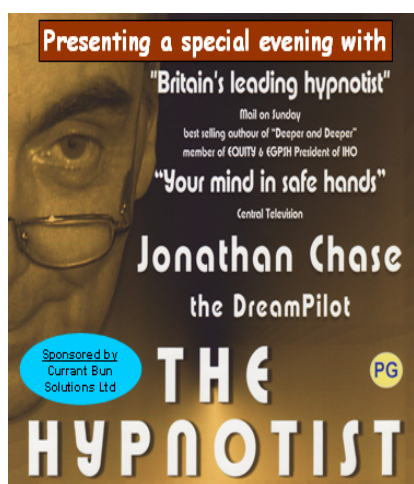
Bromley Bulletin

Abbots Bromley Council 4 Youth

After a few false starts, the Abbots Bromley Council 4 Youth held its inaugural meeting in June, establishing key roles drawn from parents, supporters and teenagers in the local community.

The group, supported by the Parish Council is trying to establish facilities for teenagers in the village, whether this is somewhere to meet or structured activity such as a youth club, but have also set up the forum to represent their views in the community.

The group has already successfully secured a grant of £2000, from the Staffordshire Youth Service Youth Bank. This is provided towards funding for a youth shelter and work is underway to agree a suitable location. However, help is still needed, whether this is with further fundraising, direct help and support or donations (e.g. materials or services).



They are also looking for a potential youth club venue, this will also need long term funding, but the main requirement is helpers - that is, adults able to supervise and help with activities. The more support available, the easier it will be for everyone involved.

The group's first formal fundraising event has been organised for Monday, 14th July. Through a very generous donation, Jonathan Chase (renowned hypnotist) will provide an evenings entertainment in support of the group. Doors open at the Village Hall - 7.30pm until 9.30pm. Advance tickets are available from the Crown Public House or James (07969 268155) or on the door.

For more details on Abbots Bromley Council 4 Youth, contact James (as above) or Karen Johns (01283 840381)

PC Meetings

7.30pm Wednesdays

In the Village Hall:

- 23rd July
- 24th September
- 29th October
- 26th November

PC Surgery

10-11am Saturdays in Church House:

- 19th July
- 20th September
- 22nd November

Streetlight Replacement

The County Council has a contract with ABB to review all street lighting throughout Staffordshire. The time is approaching when work will begin in Abbots Bromley. Contact has recently been made with all residents with wall-mounted streetlights to request their permission to replace the fittings and to date most have replied agreeing to this. The work will include the installation of four new columns on and around the Crown Bank and Staffordshire County Council has provided additional funding to provide more appropriate columns for the village centre than the standard galvanised ones.

Parish Council Finances

In the year to 31st March, 2008 the Parish Council receipts were £22,732 with payments of £25,383, giving an overall deficit of £2,651. This compares to a budgeted shortfall of £5,701. The clerk's full report on the Parish Council Finances is enclosed within the Annual Report.

The Parish Council tries to encourage and support initiatives that will benefit the community and during the year a grant was made to the AB Community First Responders. For the year to March 2009, the Council has earmarked funds to assist in the Youth Initiative once a project is established and work underway in achieving its aims. If you or any organisation has a project or idea that will benefit the community of Abbots Bromley, then please talk to a Parish Councillor to see if the council could provide any support.

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Parish Council Annual Report 2008

The Annual Parish Assembly was held on 21st May, 2008, chaired by the outgoing Parish Council Chairman, David Eatough, and was attended by some 25 parishioners, most Parish Councillors and PC Richard Boulter who was one of the guest speakers. Unfortunately, our other guest speaker, Mr Mark Koszak from the Staffordshire Council of Voluntary Youth Services was unable to attend at the last minute.

The Annual Parish Assembly is a meeting for all electors in the parish. It provides an opportunity to ask questions and raise issues through the Parish Council.

The first item of business was the presentation of the Jubilee Cup. This year this was awarded to Mr Ron Hareford in recognition of his unstinting work as lollipop man in Abbots Bromley over many years, and whose work always goes on undeterred by rain, snow, traffic or children!

Commemorative certificates were also awarded to last year's winners, Colin Palmer and Helen Wilson.

PC Boulter gave an informative talk on his current role as Beat Officer for the Bagots Ward, Crown Ward, Leigh and parts of the Uttoxeter Rural Ward – a huge geographical area. In the previous 6 months he had been on secondment to immigration, which had taken him away from his work in and around Abbots Bromley. He has no regular additional help as a Beat Officer, as the area is not considered to be in need, however, if required there is the support of a PCSO available through Barton.

There was a feeling from the meeting that although the statistics may show that there is not a major problem with crime in Abbots Bromley, this was not necessarily the perception of some residents, who see considerable problems.

Both PC Boulter and the Chairman, stressed that it is important that residents notify the police of all incidents, as without this information a true picture is not drawn up and many incidents go unrecorded.

A number of reports for the meeting by local organisations had been submitted prior to the meeting and had been available for residents to read in advance. As last year a number of organisations are finding it hard to recruit volunteers to continue their role in the village. In particular, the Village Hall Management Committee is seeking new recruits to the committee as both the Chairman and the Treasurer will be standing down at the next AGM.

All the reports submitted to the Annual Parish Assembly, along with the draft minutes of the meeting, a full copy of the Parish Council Accounts and a report from Mark Koszak from SCVYS, have been compiled into an "Annual Report – version 3. This report is available to all to view or download from the website – www.abbotsbromley.com, and for anyone without internet access a printed copy is available from the Post Office, butchers and top shop. A copy will also be put in both Church House and the Village Hall for reference.

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A vacancy for a parish councillor currently exists, contact the Clerk for details before the next meeting, when the PC intends to make a co-option to fill the role.

Other useful numbers

Clarence: To report any problems with

Highways, Lighting, Signs: 0800 23 23 23

ESBC waste management: To report full re-cycling bins

at Schoolhouse Lane: 0800 26 90 98

ESBC Enforcement Team (Dog fouling): 01283 508 576

ESBC Planning Enquiries: 01283 508 570

Police: All non emergency calls: 08453 30 20 10

Sustainable Staffordshire: 01785 277253

Horn Dance Day

This year the Horn Dance will take place on Monday, 8th September. If you or your organisation would like to book a stall on the green, please speak to Councillor Roger Jarman on 840678.

And Finally

Many thanks to David Eatough for serving the Parish Council since 2003, initially as a councillor and in his last year as chair.

David stepped down at the end of May, due to increasing personal commitments.

His contribution to the local community is very much appreciated.

For a version of this newsletter in larger print please contact the Clerk

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