

## Road Safety in Abbots Bromley

As many of you may have noticed there has been an increased police presence in Abbots Bromley with drivers being stopped for driving offences including excess speed, use of mobile phones and safety of vehicles. These checks will continue over the coming months, however, our local police officers and the Parish Council would ask that if you do witness something that you feel is a risk to others then please do report it. This can be done to either the local officers (contact numbers on reverse of this newsletter) or to the Parish Council clerk.

The Parish Council is also looking for volunteers to help get the Speed Watch scheme back up and running. If you have a couple of hours a month free and would like to volunteer then please do contact Sarah Meads, the clerk to the council.



## HS2 Update, by Roger Jarman

The costs just keep on rising. It was recently announced that the expected cost has already risen by a third, to £42.6 **billion**. What the supporters have forgotten to mention is the cost of the trains- an additional £7.5 billion. As a country it is unlikely that we will see any of that business. The majority of European High Speed Trains are manufactured by Bombardier at a specialised factory in Germany (not Derby!). But miracles can happen. So far £234m has been spent, including £150m on consultants.

Several weeks ago about 700 people attended an anti HS2 convention at the Staffordshire County Showground (which itself is under threat by HS2). Speaking at the event was Stafford MP Jeremy Lefroy (who rebelled against the recent Paving Bill vote), declaring that whilst "Staffordshire is proud to be part of the national transport infrastructure.....HS2 is unnecessary".

As the weeks go by more influential people are either coming out against HS2, or at best doubting its economic viability. Adam Mills, the man who helped launch Eurostar/HS1, has declared that the economic benefits are "away with the fairies".

Whilst all these arguments are taking place, one indisputable fact is that, with the line running just south of the reservoir, this project will have a major negative impact on our village, both during construction, and in operation. For further information there is one very good local action group that can be accessed on - [www.coltonstaffsagainsth2.org.uk](http://www.coltonstaffsagainsth2.org.uk).

## Parish Council Information

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### 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

Phillip Atkins (County Councillor): 018895 90922

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# Bulletin

## Abbots Bromley Best Kept Village Competition

The Best Kept Village competition judging has been taking place throughout May, June and July and the results will be announced at the beginning of August.

Thank you to all those that have helped to keep the village looking so good and to all those that have displayed BKV posters or Children's posters.

Also, a big thank you to the children for producing the fantastic posters. Congratulations to the winners of the poster competition:-

<b>Under 5</b>	Harriet French	Roch House
<b>5 - 7 years</b>	1st Oscar Green	Richard Clarke
	2nd Susie Catterall	Richard Clarke
Highly Commended	Isabel Stevenson	Roch House
<b>8 - 11 years</b>	1st Ruby Kumar	Roch House
	2nd Matthew Jackson	Richard Clarke
Highly Commended	Hattie Lukeman	Roch House



10K RUN

2K Fun Run & Dog Walk



SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH

11.00am Start - Anglesey Cricket Ground  
Entry fees £15 10k / £5 Fun Run & Dog Walk  
Register [10k@abbotsbromleycc.co.uk](mailto:10k@abbotsbromleycc.co.uk)  
Tel : Ian Haywood 07710 732779  
Refreshments available  
Proceeds to new sports ground development

## PC Meetings

7.00 pm Wednesdays

In the Village Hall:

- ◆ 31st July
- ◆ 25th September

## PC Surgery

10-11am Saturdays in Church House

- ◆ 27th July
- ◆ 21st September

## New Councillor

The Parish Council has had a vacancy for a councillor since April this year. This vacancy has now been filled by the co-option of Mr Phil Ryan who has lived in the village for 17 years.

Mr Ryan is a very active member of the community and currently sits on the Village Hall Committee, and is involved with AB Youth Club, ABSA Abbots Bromley Sports Association and the The Friends of Gallimore's field.

We are sure that Mr Ryan will be a great asset and bring a variety of skills and enthusiasm to the Parish

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## Chairman's Annual Report

### Planning

Although the Parish Council does not issue planning approval, our comments are sent to the Borough Council for consideration, and they usually reflect the need to keep Abbots Bromley a pleasant place to live. In 2012 to 2013 the Parish Council responded to 44 applications.

### Best Kept Village

This year we missed out winning a third time by a narrow margin. This was due to a dog deposit on the village green, and we would again urge all dog owners to be responsible and clear up after their furry companions.

### Bulletin

We continue to issue the Abbots Bromley Bulletin on a regular basis (3 issues a year) and hope that residents find it useful.

### Surgeries

The surgeries are held in conjunction with the Police on a bi-monthly basis. Although attendance is not high, we have been able to help and reassure parishioners where needed.

### Traffic & Highways

With money being tight in the County, our efforts for highway maintenance usually take time before they are considered but we make every effort to keep roads in good repair. There are many pothole repairs currently on the waiting list. We have recently also been successful in securing another grit bin for the top of School House Lane which should be installed later this year. This adds to the six new ones which were installed in 2011.

### Village Facilities

We like to encourage local activity and have set funds aside for both the field behind the Village Hall and the Lichfield Road sports complex. Facilities provided for young people of the village continue to be well utilised.

### HS2

The proposed high speed railway line passes relatively close to the village, and although the Parish Council has to act non-politically we represent villagers where possible and point them in the appropriate direction whether in-favour or not.

Cllr Ray Bell

## Jubilee Cup—Congratulations!

Each year the Parish Council awards the Jubilee Cup to someone from the Village. This year the cup has been awarded to Mr Jeff Bradbury for all his work over the years as an Abbots Bromley fire fighter, as a Horn Dancer and also as a frequent volunteer when a job needs to be done.



## Abbots Bromley Patient Participation Group (ABPPG)

### End of Year Report 2012-2013

The ABPPG has been in existence for over three years. We have ten members, including two from the surgery staff, who attend meetings and also give their time to various PPG projects. Surrounding villages, as well as Abbots Bromley itself, are well-represented. Nonetheless we are always keen to attract new members, particularly from a younger demographic.

During 2012-2013 we met formally five times. However, there were ad hoc meetings to discuss specific issues. For example:-

- Development, delivery and analysis of the patient survey
- Improvements to the surgery environment
- Raising awareness of services
- Patient resource library



There has also been considerable discussion of NHS changes which could have an impact on patients. For example, the implementation of Clinical Commissioning Groups.

As last year, the most significant part of the group's work has been the Patient Survey. We circulated 450 questionnaires of which 343 were completed and returned. This is about 9% of practice population; a huge improvement on last year's 4%.

The results demonstrated overwhelming support for the practice's approach to healthcare delivery; very few clinical issues were raised. Responses focussed on the physical environment and access issues at the surgery. Some suggestions can be implemented quickly (e.g. waiting area facilities); some need more consideration (e.g. improving patient privacy, additional services on the website); and others are unlikely to happen (e.g. an increased parking area, a limited appointment service).

A summary of survey results is displayed in the main surgery waiting room, with an action plan responding to patients' suggestions. More complete information is available on the website:-

[www.abbotsbromleysurgery.nhs.uk](http://www.abbotsbromleysurgery.nhs.uk)

If you have any queries about the survey or the PPG please contact us or, better still, join us. Thank you, again, for your support

John Hough,

Bill Wheeler,

Tanya Howson,

Chairperson

Secretary

Practice Representative

## Notice of Thanks

Dear Abbots Bromley and Surrounding Areas.

We started in August 2012 with an idea or two to raise funds for St Nicholas Church. To coin a phrase, "If we build it, they will come" and you did! Thank you.

We have tried to entertain you, feed you, ply you with drink....(only joking), and we asked for your support. And support you did! And it is just good news that I want to convey.

St Nicholas Church is an expensive "old dear" to keep. But, I can tell you our church wants for nothing. St Nicholas is well maintained and in good order throughout.

Keeping the Church open all year, with our own resident Vicar, including all services is a very costly mouth to feed. No doubt, without your recent efforts over the past 9 months, the financial state of affairs for our church would be dire. Yes, that bad.

BUT.....together we made a difference, and that was always my objective when we formed a fund raising committee.....To Make A Difference.

I am so happy and pleased to announce that in 9 short months we have raised more than .....£9400. And there's more! We have a full programme of events for the remainder of 2013 and I am sure, together, we will move into 5 figures raised by the end of the year. So, on behalf of Abbots Bromley PCC, I THANK YOU!

Martin Godfrey

Also...

On Sunday June 2nd, the famed Horn Dancers gave of their time and goodwill to help with fund raising for St Nicholas Church, AB. In this one off special event, the village came together along with local businesses, Church teas, etc. and we raised a total of £1301.38.

The sun shone, the crowds came and we had a great village get together day.

THANK YOU

