

## St Nicholas Church Fundraising

What a start to the year!!

February 8th saw our first event of the year. We held a Ceilidh evening at the village hall with no fewer than 107 attending. We had a great band, great hog roast, with raffles and auctions to help keep the funds rising. We raised £1255!! Sincerest, grateful thanks.

Gospel Choir Evening....We raised £1440!!

Forthcoming events....

*Open Gardens Sunday 6th July*

*Bagot Arms BBQ Friday 29th August*

*Jazz Violin concert Saturday 18th October*

*Coach & Horses Quiz Night November tba*

*Martin Godfrey*



## First World War Commemorative Dinner

**The Goat's Head, 4th April 7.00pm for 7.30pm**

A three course meal plus entertainment, £20/head (includes donation to The Legion). Tickets available from the Goat's Head after 17th March.

Period costumes welcome—Think Selfridge, Downton Abbey, British Army Costumes.



HOST FAMILIES Required in Abbots Bromley for students attending  
Abbots Bromley Ladies College, July and August.

Would you like to earn some extra money whilst enjoying a cultural experience?

24 hrs emergency contact and full support from established language school

Full activity programme, Students aged 11-17. Good Rates of Pay

For more information please contact Christine Leech 07581725546 Email clpiggy1@gmail.com

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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

# Bromley Bulletin

## Satellite Dishes

The Parish Council has been made aware by ESBC that a few properties in the Conservation Area have had satellite dishes installed without planning permission. This may well be an oversight or a case of owners not being aware that permission is required. The PC has therefore agreed to work with ESBC to raise awareness of the regulations around these installations and have agreed to publish the article below which provides information and links that home owners may find of use.

## Abbots Bromley Conservation Area

The Abbots Bromley Conservation Area (CA) is a well established area that was designated in 1969. A Conservation Area is an area where it is "of special architectural or historic interest the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance". Abbots Bromley also contains significant amount of listed buildings that contribute to the quality of the conservation area.

ESBC is responsible to preserve and enhance the character and appearance of the Abbots Bromley CA through appropriate development. Any change should be managed positively where development proposals and alterations may be permitted if it doesn't affect its special character or appearance. New installations such as satellite dishes have started to appear during the last 20 years and it is recognised that such installations could potentially be harmful to the character and appearance to a Conservation Area, either to an individual building or to a complete street-scene. Abbots Bromley has a distinct linear appearance with the building line forming predominantly adjacent to the highway. Therefore such installations are always going to be very prominent in the street-scene.

Planning permission may be required for satellite dishes in a CA and Listed Building Consent on listed buildings. Erecting satellite dishes on prominent front elevations, including chimneys, are not considered appropriate and planning permission for such locations may be refused. There may be opportunities to locate such satellite dishes on areas of the building that would not be harmful to the character and appearance of a building in CA. Rear elevations of buildings or discretely locating them in the eaves are potential solutions. Affixing a satellite dish any part of a listed building will invariably always require listed Building Consent. It is also recognised that technology is improving and that new dishes are smaller and more discrete than older ones, so replacement units are encouraged. Residents may also want to consider other television solutions such as 'Freeview' that are available to use through traditional antennae/aerials where planning permission is not required. Disused units should be removed and any damaged fabric of a building resulting from removal should be made good (such as re-pointing).

Residents should be mindful that satellite dishes that are erected without planning permission, or listed building consent, may be subject to Enforcement action by the local Planning Authority. Therefore, if residents are in any doubt then they should check with East Staffordshire Borough Council's Development Control Support team on 01283 508606, dcsupport@eaststaffsbc.gov.uk or consult the following webpage for further guidance: <http://www.eaststaffsbc.gov.uk/Planning/PlanningPermission/Pages/default.aspx>

## PC Meetings

7.00 pm Wednesdays

In the Village Hall:

- ◆ 26th March
- ◆ 30th April

## PC Surgery

10-11am Saturdays in  
Church House

- ◆ 22nd March

## Parish Assembly

Wednesday,

14th May 2014.

6.00pm for 6.30pm

Village Hall

All are welcome to come  
to the Parish Assembly.

The meeting will be a  
chance to find out more  
about the PC's work this  
year and also to ask  
questions.

There will also be a  
display of information  
by the Abbots Bromley  
Sports Association and  
the new sports field  
development.

Coffee & Tea served  
from 6.00pm.



# Abbots Bromley

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Hi Everyone,

We are so grateful for the fundraising efforts made in support of the new sports ground that we wanted to tell you about them.

### Fundraising

The last two fundraising events in support of ABSA received full support. A staggering £9044 was raised to bringing the fundraising total to £11,000+.

Last November Members of the Association; with the support of Mr Tim Munton and Mr Mark Foster of Wormsley Cricket; organised the 'Ashes Dinner and Auction' at St George's Park. We are thrilled to announce the evening was huge success, it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience and we raised a handsome figure of £8624!! We are extremely grateful to those who generously donated items to the auction and thankful to those who attended and embraced the event.

For the full overview of the evening visit <http://absasport.co.uk/news.html>.

On 28th February Abbots Bromley Football club kindly organised a Sports Quiz; to get the local community together in support of this cause. It was a sell out! £420 was raised and everyone had a great evening. We are grateful to those who gave their time to organise this event and to Mr David Cowell and Ms Lisa Osborne at The Bagot Arms for their exceptional generosity and hospitality!

The next event, to be hosted by Abbots Bromley Cricket Club, is the 10k Run, 2k Fun run and Dog walk. This is to be held on Sunday the 27th April 2014; details will be available on [absasport.co.uk/events](http://absasport.co.uk/events) or at Top Shop (Cash Stores).

### Other sources of Funding

A large number of people have already started to put strategic plans together to put funding in hand. Sport England have given £50,000 towards this development and many applications have been submitted to other bodies. We have the full support of the Parish Council and the County Council and are now a Registered Charitable Company seeking Charitable status. This should give us further credibility in our applications.

We are doing our very best, so please do continue to support us!



We Thank Mr Donald Rudd and Mr Bill Jones; who kindly donated over £1000 on behalf of Abbots Bromley Sports and Recreational Association; who had the same vision over 30 years ago!

Want to know more about the plans? Visit [www.absasport.co.uk/news](http://www.absasport.co.uk/news) for our most recent update..

### Highways Improvements

The Parish Council is continuing to work with Staffordshire County Council Highways to improve the roads in the parish. It is not an easy task as often our requests fall a long way down the list of priorities, particularly when it comes to pot hole repairs. However, the PC can report that there should be some improvements to Goose Lane, Seedcroft Lane and Port Lane as well as Bagot's View. Other pot hole repairs will be undertaken throughout the area. We can also report that the Yellow Lines at Goose Lane, Hall Hill Lane and Church Lane are now in place so hopefully this will help to reduce the risk caused by cars parking at these junctions. Could the PC also remind all drivers that they should not park within 10 metres of any junction or opposite a junction as given in rule 240 of the highway code. There have been several reports of parking opposite to Paget Rise which obstructs vehicles turning out on to the main road..

One issue that has come to light in recent months is that some of the road conditions are being caused by water run-off from fields. Much of this is due to the very heavy rain but some damage has been caused in areas where ditches are not being cleared. We would therefore request that if you do have ditches on your property then clearing of these will help when requesting road repairs. If water is standing in roads then it is particularly difficult to get Highways to make any improvements.

If you do spot pot holes or areas where road repairs are required then please do contact the Parish Council or Staffordshire County Council Highways Department [highways@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:highways@staffordshire.gov.uk)



### Abbots Bromley Village Hall

Sadly, some months ago, the Trustees of the Village Hall were forced to take the difficult decision not to take bookings for 18<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> birthday parties. This was due to problems which occurred during an 18<sup>th</sup> birthday party where, although there was parental supervision, a number of young people under the influence of alcohol not purchased from the Village Hall caused distress both to other party-goers and to the volunteers manning the bar. They also made a great deal of noise outside thus upsetting our neighbours and resulting in official complaints from them.

Following representations, the Trustees have recently reviewed that decision and would now welcome bookings for 21<sup>st</sup> birthday parties which are adequately supervised.

It also appears as if there are some misapprehensions about the cost of hiring the Village Hall. The Trustees have worked hard to amend the pricing structure for casual bookings and we feel that a charge of **£50 for both Hall and Bar for an evening function run between 6pm and 12pm** and a **Children's Party charge of £30 for 3 hours** is very competitive and of benefit to both the community and the Village Hall Charitable Trust.

We are happy to consider any function so why not call our Steward, Rose, today?

Rose can be contacted on 07794422996 between the hours of 9am and 9pm.



### Best Kept Village Competition

The judging of the Best Kept Village Competition is fast approaching with the first visit from the judges in early May with a further visit in June and possibly July. The Parish Council will be organising a tidy up nearer the time but if everyone can help by keeping the areas around their homes tidy it would be greatly appreciated. Also a call to all dog owners to clear up after your dog, not just in the centre of the village but on all highways and footpaths.

Let's try to get the trophy back this year!