

## HS2

Ridwares Against HS2 recently held a meeting in the Village Hall re the above and its likely impact on our immediate area. To recap, phase 2 of HS2 will run just 3 miles from our village, just south of the Reservoir. That 3 miles is to the line itself, not any associated ground works. This was due to follow on from phase 1 (2017 – 2026), with completion by 2033. Sir David Higgins, chairman of HS2, has now said that he wants the line through Staffordshire built six years earlier and operational by 2027 instead of 2033.

The meeting, as well as covering the likely local impact, also covered the economic arguments against the whole project, but those arguments can be researched elsewhere, rather than this Bulletin. Some of the relevant local issues raised were:

Phase 1 does not finish at Birmingham, but Handsacre, bringing any disruption sooner than we might have thought. The reason for this appears to be the establishment of a link from Handsacre to Stoke to link with the West Coast Main Line.

Although final details will be released early in the New Year, there will be both permanent maintenance depots and temporary “workers encampments” built not many miles from us, with all the social and traffic problems these may bring.

Obviously increased traffic through the village is a very real concern. Because of the political clout behind HS2, any local protest may well be either ignored or overridden.

During the lengthy construction period, travelling south from Abbots Bromley is going to be both difficult and time consuming.

Slightly further afield, the potential commercial vehicle traffic movements generated by the building of HS2 is considerable. It was quoted that one solution was to reduce part of the A38 to single carriageway for ordinary traffic, leaving the other carriageway for HS2 traffic.

Those addressing the meeting seemed to be suggesting that there were three fundamental errors that those in Abbots Bromley might make:

- ◆ Assuming that it will have no impact on our village. The preceding notes why this is not the case
- ◆ Assuming that HS2 will happen whatever we do. They believe that the rank and file of the main political parties do not support the rush to HS2 and would much rather see the money spent on the NHS, roads or other rail improvements. Lobbying therefore does have the potential to see HS2 abandoned.
- ◆ Assuming that if HS2 does proceed we cannot influence how it is built. Although many of the details of the route past Abbots Bromley will not be published until some time in 2015, understanding and petitioning during the ensuing consultation process could make a significant difference to the amount of damage we suffer.

Contact addresses are: – facebook – Ridwares-against-HS2, and e-mail – ridwaresagainsth2@gmail.com.

### 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

Greg Hall (Borough Councillor): 01283 840836

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# Bromley Bulletin

## Proposed Changes to the School System

Some of you may have heard about the proposed changes to the school system in Uttoxeter which are currently being considered.

In brief, Uttoxeter is expected to need considerably more school places in the next 10 years and the County Council has selected two possible options to ensure this provision.

**Option A** is to retain the 3 tier system, build new first schools in the town and extend Oldfields and Thomas Alleyes:

**Option B** is to adopt a 2 tier system, adding two extra years to each first school, building a new first school and extending Thomas Alleyes:

The County Council is asking for people in the local community to respond to these proposals by **5th December**. To find out more about the two options visit : <http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/PlanningSchoolPlaces/Uttoxeter-School-Review/Home.aspx>

To add your view visit: <http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/PlanningSchoolPlaces/Uttoxeter-School-Review/Tell-us-what-you-think/Home.aspx>

The greater the response, the more representative it is of people's feelings and the greater the chance that the right solution will be found.

## Royal British Legion

Thank you to everyone who attended the wreath laying and church service on Remembrance Sunday. A big thank you also, to those residents who met to pay their respects at the war memorial on Tuesday 11th (Armistice Day).

The following groups / organisations / individuals who laid a token of their respect at the War Memorial are, in no particular, order as follows:

Women's Institute	Football Club (Stags)	Guides
Women's Section RBL	Village Hall	Bagot Arms PH
Fire & Rescue Service	Sue & Harry Burrows	Ruchi
Bowls Club	Top Shop	Crown PH
Rainbows	Community Transport	Mr Alex Fox
Parish Council	Tennis Club	Foresters Arms PH
Goats Head PH	Coach & Horses PH	Scout Group
Royal British Legion	Navy	Army
RAF	Richard Clarke School	AB Girl's School
Aircrew Association	Cricket Club	

The total so far for the '2014 Poppy Appeal' collection is £5,567, a magnificent achievement for those that donated, and the British Legion members who made it happen.

The display in church, relating to the early part of the Great War for 1914, will be developed each year in order to commemorate the individual centenaries of those horrific times in our history. We are intending to represent information of those men associated with Abbots Bromley and Blithfield.

Tom Wheeldon, Chairman. Abbots Bromley Branch Royal British Legion

## Abbots Bromley

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### PC Meetings

7.00 pm Wednesdays

In the Village Hall:

- ◆ 26th November
- ◆ 28th January

### PC Surgery

10-11am Saturdays in Church House

- ◆ 22nd November
- ◆ 24th January

### Best Kept Village

This year we managed to take the title again as Best Kept Village.

A big thank you to all those that helped to keep the village looking great.

Particular thanks to all those that put up BKV posters in their homes and also to all the children that help to create such a wonderful display of posters.

Let's try to do it again next year!



# Abbots Bromley Family Fun Day and Craft Fair!

Come down and support our youth club on the  
7th of December at the Abbots Bromley  
Village hall.  
10:00am - 4:00pm

Handmade  
Crafts

FOOD

Raffle

Candy floss &  
Popcorn

Face Painting

Bouncy Castle



## St Nicholas Church Fundraising

As we near the end of 2014, it is time to give thanks to all those who have made this year such a success. We have had a fantastic time meeting friends, neighbours, visitors and casual acquaintances at the many events held. It has been a lot of good fun and laughter whilst the reason behind the fund raising remains serious. Our Church needs funds to keep going as it is - in a state of good repair. Without our/your efforts, the Church and what we expect from it - weddings, funerals, baptisms, worship, services and a place for quiet and thought, could be very different indeed. Disrepair, vicar-less, cold, dank and heartless. Thank you for your help and support!! Thank you to those behind the scenes, local businesses, donators, but especially to those who actually come to the events and support so generously.

**This year we raised, so far, £9000. Wow!!**

I expect this figure to increase further before year end... We have a full 2015 programme planned - see Parish Magazine. Thanks again, let's keep it going!! I will if you will.....

*Martin Godfrey*



## Dog Fouling

This is being written with total frustration. The situation has improved over recent years, but there is still a hard core of selfish, and perhaps stupid, people that we just do not seem able to get through to. We can only guess that they are fellow villagers who have no consideration for anybody else that walks our streets and lanes. This is on the assumption that dog owners from outside of Abbots Bromley do not come into the village to "exercise" their dogs. Perhaps they are so arrogant that they believe our many articles do not mean them. To repeat, the responsibility to clean up after your dog **does not stop** at the 30 mph signs, or if you ask your child or friend to walk the dog for you.

The latest "hot spots" reported are - in no particular order:

- Harley Lane
- School House Lane
- The Zebra Crossing
- Hall Hill Lane
- Both the Lowers and Anglesey
- Paget Rise
- Goose Lane - I trod in that one - many thanks.

As the Bulletin goes through every door, and if you take the trouble to read it, you will be able to say re the above - "oh yes, my dog did that. Sorry it will not happen again".  
I wish!!

Roger Jarman



## 2015 Elections

Parish Council elections will be held next May. If you live or work in the village and are interested in becoming a parish councillor then please do speak to one of the current councillors or contact the Clerk for more information.

## Bus Services

There are two sites on the Staffordshire Web from which to access bus route maps and timetables. The links are:

[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/busmaps](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/busmaps)  
[www.staffordshire.gov.uk/bustimes](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/bustimes)

You can also access these through the village website

[www.abbotsbromley.com](http://www.abbotsbromley.com)

Feel free to comment on them as well - the email address is:

[publictransport@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:publictransport@staffordshire.gov.uk)