

# Bromley Bulletin



## JELLY TOTS EASTER FAYRE SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

The Village Hall,  
Abbots Bromley.



10am – 3pm

Craft Stalls

Pop up tea room  
with cake!

Usborne Book  
stall

Raffle and many  
more stalls, come  
along and have a  
look. Raising  
money for Jelly  
Tots

**JELLY TOTS**  
Pre-school playgroup  
Manager  
Clare Ashmore

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Mon – Fri  
9.15 – 12.15

### Abbots Bromley Neighbourhood Development Plan

The Neighbourhood Development Plan Group has now been formed and the process is underway. The enclosed newsletter gives information on members of the group, the timescales for the development of the plan, progress so far and also a short questionnaire. This questionnaire is going out to everyone in the parish so it is your opportunity to have your say and become a part of future plans of the village and surrounding area. Further updates will be provided by the group via newsletters, events and shortly a new website link at [www.abbotsbromley.com](http://www.abbotsbromley.com)



### PC Meetings

7.00 pm Wednesdays  
In the Village Hall:

- ◆ 24th February
- ◆ 30th March

### PC Surgery

10-11am Saturdays in  
Church House

- ◆ 26th March

### Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

A very big thank you to the village for being so generous once again in supporting the 2015 Poppy Appeal. The amount collected from door to door, schools, shops, pubs, the Remembrance Day Church collections, and the purchase of wreaths, was a magnificent £5,742.94.

Looking forward to 2016!

### Abbots Bromley Fete

Abbots Bromley School is proposing hosting a fete and the Parish Council very much supports them in this venture.

The school is looking for advice and willing volunteers to help with this. There will be a meeting in the Abbots Bromley School Refectory on Wednesday 24th February 2016, starting at 7:00pm. Please try and attend if you can.

You can also contact the school:

Sandra Slater,

Commercial Manager, Abbots Bromley School

Tel: (01283) 841859

E-Mail: [Saundra.slater@abbotsbromleyschool.com](mailto:Saundra.slater@abbotsbromleyschool.com)



### Best Kept Village

It's that time of year again when we start to think about the Best Kept Village competition. If you would like to become involved in this campaign and help us to win back the trophy then please do contact one of the Parish Councillors or the Clerk.



### Councillor Tel no.

Caroline Ashton	841903	
Philip Charles	840251	
Paul Greenwood	841740	
Roger Jarman	840678	(Chair)
Michelle Moore	840280	(Vice-Chair)
Rosamund Robb	840599	
Phil Ryan	840019	
Adele Wakefield	840128	
Bryn Walters	840976	



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PC Richard Boulter 0300 123 2345 04407

### 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

Greg Hall (Borough Councillor): 01283 840836

Phillip Atkins (County Councillor): 018895 90922

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## Highways Repairs

### Repairs to Narrow Lane

The Parish Council has been pressing Staffordshire County Council Highways for some time to look at the persistent flooding problem on Narrow Lane. We are pleased to confirm that a Highways team came out in November and comprehensively removed and replaced a section of the drains between the St Nicholas Way and Friary Avenue ramps.

Despite the heavy rains we've had in recent weeks the lane hasn't flooded as it would have done previously. We would like to thank residents for their patience whilst the work was carried out and temporary closures/diversions were in place



### Potholes & Pavements

Potholes are unfortunately becoming more and more commonplace but the Parish Council does regularly raise the issue of potholes in the village as and when they come to our attention. We are pleased to announce that in January the significant pothole near to the Abbots Bromley School crossing was duly repaired by Staffordshire County Council Highways. If you do find potholes while you are out and about in the Parish please do report by calling the Highways Hotline on the back of this newsletter or contact the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council is pleased that after many years of reporting by the Council and by residents the pavements on Needwood Grange have now been resurfaced. There are still many other pavements that are in need of repair and the Parish Council will continue to lobby Highways in order to get this work done.

### New Post Box

You may have noticed that we have a new street scene edition to Abbots Bromley. After many, many requests for a large post box in the centre of the village we are pleased to announce that we finally have one. The box is a very traditional Royal Mail design and so blends well in the Conservation Area. We hope this improves postal access for residents and saves travelling to neighbouring towns to post larger letters.



## Parish Council Grants 2016

At the March Parish Council meeting the councillors will consider grants to be awarded to village charities and organisations. If you run or are involved in a non-profitmaking village organisation and think that a grant could be used for the good of the community then please do get in touch.

In the past grants have been awarded for projects such as new play equipment for Jelly Tots, irrigation for the Bowls Club, display equipment for the Nostalgia Group to name but a few.

To apply for a grant please contact the Parish Clerk on [parish.council@abbotsbromley.com](mailto:parish.council@abbotsbromley.com) and provide outline details of your organisation and how the grant would be spent so that requests can be considered at the March meeting. If you wish to discuss the process please call the Clerk on 01283 840891.

All applications to be received by the Clerk by Friday, 25th March 2016.

### Dog Fouling

Sadly certain dog owners anti social behaviour is still plaguing the village. You can see from the photograph some of this clan have resorted to a new and imaginative way to tell residents that they could not care less about vandalising our village. This is the stile going from Hall Hill Lane onto the Lower. How nice for the residents by the stile, and anybody using it. It is difficult to know how to get through to people who are so selfish, particularly when there is a litter bin located towards the bottom of Hall Hill Lane, so surely not too far to carry the bag.

Letting your dog loose to perform on the Anglesey where children play, not clearing up mess on Bagot Street where people can decorate their shoes in the dark, and using Goose Lane as a dog's toilet, just because people have grass verges outside their houses. These are just some examples, I am sure there are many more.



Poo bags left in the hedge!



Abbots  
Bromley  
Sports  
Association

The work towards the new sports ground is moving at a pace now as the challenges that stood in our way are being overcome one by one. There are still huge obstacles but the Trustees of the new ABSA Charitable Trust are hopeful that Phase 1 of the project will start in spring this year.

The phase 1 costs will be in the region of £180,000 made up of grants and match funding found and sourced by ABSA and the trustees. We are close to raising that match funding provision. However, this gives us no cause for sitting on our laurels as match funding for Phase 2 and 3 means that we have to find a further amount of approximately £175,000 i.e. 50% of the cost of development of Phase 2 and 3.

As mentioned above Abbots Bromley Sports Association is now a charity and work is underway because of that to convince HMRC that our VAT charges should be reduced or even zero rated if we are truly lucky in our discussions.

The work goes on, so wish us well and please do help us in any way you can.

Trustees of ABSA

### Satellite Dishes



The Parish Council has been made aware by a resident that some satellite dishes have appeared on homes located in the conservation area or on listed buildings without planning permission. This is just a gentle reminder that it is worth contacting East Staffs Borough Council to check if planning permission is required. For listed buildings then consent will mostly likely be required. For homes not listed but located in the conservation area then it may be that permission isn't required but this will depend on the location of the dish so worth checking beforehand.