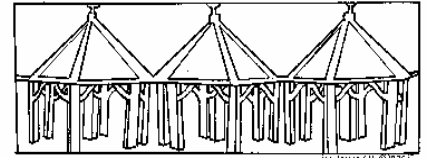


# THE BROMLEY

## BULLETIN.....



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### *Abbots Bromley Parish Council Newsletter Autumn 2003 Number 22*

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#### **Vital Villages Scheme**

The questionnaire process of the Parish Plan is now complete and the results have been analysed. The return rate was 67% for the Bagots ward which is a very pleasing result and thanks go out to everyone who took time and interest in completing questionnaires.

Action groups in each parish are being asked to review the results. The content of the returned questionnaires provided many good suggestions that can be developed into future community projects.

This stage is by no means the end of the consultation process and any further contributions or views are most welcome. As stated before, the Parish Plan will be designed to reflect the views of the community, with a time scale of between October and December 2003.

To ensure the Parish Plan reflects the views of those people who live and work in the Parish, a series of public meetings are to be held, in which the results of the questionnaires will be discussed. There will be an opportunity to allow people to give their views on local issues. The meeting for Abbots Bromley residents will be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday 4th November at 7.30pm.

If you are unable to attend but wish to make a suggestion please contact Paul Sweetman ( 01889 272627).

#### **Community First Responder (CFR)**

Those of you who went to Show Day will probably remember some paramedics standing at a stall. Some of you will also remember writing your names down as "interested". Well, now is the time for anybody and everybody who wants to give service to our community to book Wednesday 22nd October, Village Hall, 7.30pm in their diary. This is when we will be holding the inaugural meeting of the Abbots Bromley First Responder Group.

Just to briefly remind you, the purpose of a CFR group is to supplement the Staffordshire Ambulance Service in rural areas where the reality is that response times are at their longest. The CFRs therefore support their local community by bringing trained assistance more quickly. They are all volunteers from the community they serve and will be trained to an appropriate standard by the Ambulance Service. The Abbots Bromley group will be based in the village and probably cover something like a 5 mile radius.

We're sure that as you think about it, you will appreciate the benefit of a CFR group in our community. If you're interested in being part of either the operational side or the support/fundraising team then please come to the meeting. If you want to talk about any aspect of CFRs before the meeting then please contact either Kate McLoughlin (01283 840409) or Bob Esling (01283 840778).

The Parish Council is in support of this initiative as is the Vital Villages project but it cannot work without the active support of the community so please come and find out more on 22nd October.

#### **Under 5's Playground**

The under 5 children of Abbots Bromley desperately need somewhere safe to play. To address this problem a group has been set up, "Project Playground U5's", to raise funds and support for an under 5's play area within the village. The Parish Council has offered an area for play equipment and other offers of help and support have already been received. The project group are now starting to look at further ideas and options. Can you help, would you like to get involved?

Please come along to the next meeting at The Goat (bar) on Monday 13th October 8pm, or contact Steve Parton (01283 840768) or Wendy Coxon (01283 840455).

Thanks to those who are already supporting the project.

### Abbots Bromley Show

The Show committee was delighted to report that, following a very successful day, it was in the position of having to decide how to use the profit made. As a result of requests received, the following donations were agreed at the Annual General Meeting:-

The Evergreens £100 and First Responders £150.

These are in addition to the Christmas parties which are being provided for the young and not so young residents of the village on December 13th at the Village Hall. A ticket only Christmas disco will take place during the evening.

As the committee wants the money to benefit the village community, it was decided that the remainder of the profit should be held over to allow further requests for donations to be received throughout the coming months. Should anyone feel that the fund could make a contribution to any worthy cause, a simple note to any committee member will ensure that the request is addressed at the next scheduled meeting. Plans for next year's Show are already under way. Look out for news of pre-Show events in the New Year. Next year's Show is on **Saturday 12th June 2004**. Remember, we are always happy to see new faces who would like to be involved. The next committee meeting is on Wednesday 26th November. For further details please ring Tina Scanlan on 840072.

### Postal Addresses

Mrs Enid Ferguson has been working towards getting "Abbots Bromley" officially added to our postal addresses as generated by the Postal Address File. This is a multi-stage process that will include a poll of the affected addresses.

You can help in two ways: check that your post code is correctly included in (or excluded from) the list below and when you receive the poll form, indicate your agreement to the change and **return it**.

We shall ask for "Abbots Bromley" to be included for the following WS15 postal codes: 3AA, 3AB, 3AD, 3AF, 3AG, 3AH, 3AJ, 3AL, 3AN, 3AP, 3AR, 3AS, 3AT, 3AU, 3AW, 3AX, 3AY, 3AZ, 3BA, 3BB, 3BD, 3BE, 3BG, 3BJ, 3BL, 3BN, 3BP, 3BS, 3BT, 3BU, 3BW, 3BX, 3BY, 3BZ, 3DA, 3DB, 3DD, 3DE, 3DF, 3DG, 3DH, 3DJ, 3DL, 3DN, 3DP, 3DQ, 3DR, 3DS, 3DT, 3DU, 3DW, 3DX, 3DY, 3DZ, 3EA, 3EB, 3ED, 3EE, 3EF, 3EG, 3EH, 3EJ, 3EL, 3EN, 3EP, 3EQ, 3ER, 3ES, 3EU, 3EW, 3EX, 3EY, 3EZ, 3LX, 3PZ.

### Donna Louise Trust

The Parish Council have recently made a donation to the Donna Louise Trust. Their aim is to provide respite and terminal care for those children who, as a result of illness or accident, are not expected to live beyond their teenage years. The new state of the art Hospice is now up and running. The catchment area is Staffordshire and South Cheshire. The Trust hope to create a safe, supportive and above all happy place where sick children, their brothers and sisters, parents and grandparents can have time to rest and relax, knowing that they are being cared for by a skilled and professional team. Very little funding, if any, will be provided by the NHS or other statutory channels. If you would like to learn more about this worthy cause or make a donation please contact Clive Cook (01283 840928) or The Donna Louise Trust, Treetops, 1, Grace Road, Trentham, Stoke-on-Trent ST4 8FN.

### Village Grass Cutting Contract

The existing contract for grass cutting (and other maintenance work) in the village is about to end. Tenders from potential contractors for a three year period starting in April 2004 must be with the Parish Council by the end of November 2003. Further information and tender documents are available from the Parish Clerk, Eric Roy (01283 840153).

### Dates for your diary

*Millennium Green AGM* will be held on Tuesday 28th October at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

*Abbots Bromley Players* production of "Comfort and Joy" a comedy by Mike Harding from Wednesday 26th to Saturday 29th November

*The National Blood Service's* next blood donation session is on Sunday 18th January 2004.

All the above events are to be held in the Village Hall.

*A Bulk Waste Collection* will take place in the Crown car park, Schoolhouse Lane on 25th October from 11am to 2pm.

### Gardener of the year

Congratulations to Di Fryer on reaching the finals of "Gardener of the year 2003". The televised broadcast will be on BBC2, Friday 19th December at 9pm.

### Make money for your village

Are you re-cycling your newspapers, bottles and plastic containers? The proceeds are given back to the village. Recently £260 was allocated to Richard Clarke First School for their environmental scheme. A can bank has now arrived. Please keep re-cycling.

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