



BREWOOD & COVEN PARISH COUNCIL

with Bishop's Wood & Coven Heath

Newsletter

July 2015

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The scheduled meetings of the Parish Council this quarter are:

30 July, 10 August, 10 &
24 September.

Council meetings are held
at 7.30pm in the Council
Chamber, 35 Stafford
Street, Brewood and
include a 15 minute public
participation session at the
start of each meeting,
members of the public are
encouraged to attend.

New Parish Council

Welcome to this first edition of your Parish Newsletter since the elections held on 7 May. The contact details for all Parish, District and County Councillors displayed alongside. The Parish is also served by two MPs: Rt. Hon. Gavin Williamson (Brewood, Coven and Coven Heath) and Jeremy Lefroy (Bishop's Wood).

Bishop's Wood Village Hall Anniversary

This year is the 50th Anniversary of Bishop's Wood Village Hall and to mark the occasion some special events have been organised. Some dates have already passed but there will be a **'Cake Bake'** on Saturday 18 July together with afternoon and evening events, finishing with a **60s Themed Disco** (fancy dress optional) and a **BBQ**.

St Paul's Church Coven Everyone is Welcome

St Paul's Church, Coven is holding a festival weekend from 17 to 19 July. On **Friday** evening the weekend will begin with a **flower festival** in the church. This will continue throughout the following week. On **Saturday** Fr Malcolm Lockey be holding a **garden party** with games and stalls in the vicarage garden. Come and enjoy a delicious afternoon tea and have some fun at the same time. On **Sunday** afternoon there will be a **treasure hunt**. Enjoy a leisurely walk with your family or friends around Coven village ending at the vicarage where there will be a **hog roast and entertainment**.

Brewood Cricket Club

This year is the 150th Anniversary of Brewood Cricket Club, based in Four Ashes Road.

The Anniversary celebrations run from 12th to 19th July with something for everyone. Sunday 12th July is **President's Day**. There is a 6-a-side tournament starting at 11.30am. Anyone is welcome to attend and admission is free.

Saturday night 18th July local covers band **The Copcats** will be performing. For this and a full list of all events you should visit the website at www.brewoodcricketclub.co.uk

The venue also hosts Brewood Acoustic Music Club where local musician provide entertainment on a Thursday evening and everyone is welcome!

Brewood Junior FC

Brewood Junior Football Club celebrates its 40th Anniversary this year. The club was founded in 1975 by Mac Webb MBE who is still heavily involved with its running today. There will be a fun day on 19 July at Brewood Cricket Club attractions include a marquee, music, food, children's entertainment and football matches. The entertainment 'kicks off' at 1.00pm. Players, managers, sponsors and their families who have been involved over the 40 years are invited to attend.

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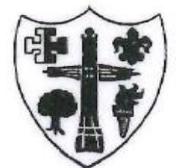
Activities are being provided **FREE** during the summer holidays for young people in the Parish aged from 5 to 12 as detailed below. To book, please call:
Codsall Leisure Centre on 01902 844032 or Penkridge Leisure Centre on 01785 714152

Date	Time	Activity	Age	Venue
Monday 3rd August	10.00-12.00	Cheerleading	6-11	Jubilee Hall in Brewood
Friday 7th August	10.00-12.00	Indoor Cricket & Hockey	5-12	Coven Memorial Hall
WED 12th August	10.00-12.00	Indoor Hockey & Basketball	5-12	Bishops Wood Village Hall
Monday 17th August	14.00-16.00	Street Dance	6-11	Coven Memorial Hall
Friday 21st August	10.00-12.00	Indoor Tennis & Hockey	5-12	Jubilee Hall in Brewood
WED 26th August	14.00-16.00	Indoor Athletics & Netball	5-12	Coven Memorial Hall

Bookings must be made in advance and proof of address will be required either on booking or on arrival at your chosen sessions.

Brewood and District Voluntary Car Scheme

The Brewood and District Voluntary Car Scheme exists to provide lifts for local villagers, usually the elderly or housebound, who have no transport of their own but need to get to doctors' surgeries, clinics or hospital appointments. The scheme is supported by wonderful volunteer drivers who, when available, take the clients to their destination and return them home later. Drivers incur no cost themselves, as they are reimbursed their expenses at a set mileage rate.



Why not give it a try? If you volunteer to support the scheme as a driver we promise:

- to only ask if you are available for a trip on the specific morning(s) or afternoon(s) of the week that you have stated you **might** be available;
- not to pester you for support at any other times;
- to receive your decision to decline a trip, for whatever reason, without question or pressure to accept.

If all of this sounds reasonable and you feel you **might** be willing to give it a try, then contact the Car Scheme Co-ordinator on **01902 851786**.

If you would like to know more, we can put you in contact with an existing driver who will tell you his or her own experience with the scheme.

Finally, please don't just put this article aside and think "I'll give it some thought", it's so easy to forget. Do something about it now. There is even an answer-phone, so you can leave a message and I'll get back to you. Remember, you might be just the person who can help. Thank you for taking the time to read this and please, if you possibly can, give it a go.

Audit Annual Return

The year-end accounts and internal audit have been completed and the Annual Return has been submitted to the external auditor. As soon as the details are returned they will be posted on the Council's noticeboards and website.

5 Year Plan

Now that the elections are over the Parish Council will be drafting a 5 year plan, outlining its proposed spending. You are encouraged to contact the Clerk with any ideas that you may have with regard to how you would like to see the Parish develop. We are restricted as to what we can spend money on. Please visit our website and follow the link- Parish Council 'parish council structure' in order to see what we are able to do.

Bishop's Wood Skate Park

In March the Parish Council's skateboard park at Bishops Wood was removed by the Village Hall Management Committee without permission from the Parish Council. The loss of one of the Council's valuable assets is regrettable. An article was placed in the Bishops Wood Bugle asking for comments from residents. The feedback received was overwhelmingly in support of replacing the equipment. It is hoped that we will be able to provide something for young people to use for example a youth shelter or MUGA (multiple use games area) in the not too distant future.

My Staffs App

Staffordshire County Council has launched a new app 'My Staffs App' which is a new mobile application that can be downloaded for free and is accessed using a smartphone or tablet. If you need to report an issue, make a transaction or require information, simply download the free app and access key services any time any where: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/MyStaffs-.../MyStaffs-App.aspx

New Car Scheme Co-Ordinator

The Parish Council is extremely pleased to announce the appointment of the new Car Scheme Co-ordinator, Mrs Sofena Phillips. Sofena has recently moved to the area and thinks it's a beautiful place to live and work. She has already settled in very well and is enjoying working with clients, drivers, the Parish Council members and staff.

Coven Christmas Lights

This seems like a strange article given the time of year and recent good weather but sadly the Christmas Lights Committee for Coven has folded. Would you please give serious consideration to becoming a member of this committee to organize the Christmas lights event for Coven this year.

You can contact Moira Alden-Court on 01902 703528 or Wendy Sutton on 01902 851682 for an informal chat about what is involved.

Swings at Bishops Wood Play Park

We have had a number of enquiries about the swings which were removed from the play park for safety reasons last year. The Council has agreed that they should be replaced and is in the process of getting some quotes from companies to supply and install new swings, both cradle swings and flatbed which should be in situ shortly. Some of the cost will be met from the Roseclaim grant.

Vandalism at Coven Changing Rooms

Sadly, the changing rooms at Coven playing field are continually being vandalized, particularly the guttering and soffits. It seems that they are being used as targets for football practice by a small minority. Each time they are repaired they are very quickly damaged again. This is at great expense to you as Council Tax payers.

If you see anyone damaging the guttering, please report it to the Police using the 101 number.

The Council may have to consider closing the playing fields as a preventative measure. Clearly we would like to avoid such drastic action as it is detrimental to the whole community.

Grant Funding Opportunities

If you are involved with a small community group you may be entitled to a grant from Staffordshire County Council. For more information, please visit:

www.staffordshire.gov.uk/yourcouncil/slcf/home.aspx

The following organisations have benefited from grants from Roseclaim, the organisers of the V Festival:

- St John’s Nursery and Out of School Care £500
- Bishops Wood BKV £500
- Brewood & District First Responders £750
- St John’s Church £1000
- Bishops Wood Women’s Institute £250
- St Mary’s RC School £100
- Brewood Tennis Club £100
- Bishops Wood Park (swings) £500
- Bishops Wood Village Hall £1000

If you run an organisation associated with Bishops Wood or if you have an idea for something to enhance the village, please contact the Parish Council to be included for possible funding from next year’s grant.

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Open 9.30am to 12.30pm
Monday to Friday.

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**Assistant Clerk:
Gemma Jones.**

Voluntary Car Scheme
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Open 9.30am to 12.30pm
Monday to Friday

**Car Scheme Co-ordinator:
Sofena Phillips.**

For details of Neighbourhood Policing Meetings open to everyone visit www.staffordshire.police.uk/local_policing/south_staffs/

Beware of Bogus Callers

We have been made aware of an incident in Brewood recently. A resident put some bags out to be collected for a Breast Cancer charity. The bags were placed on the doorstep the night before collection. At approximately 3.00am a neighbour witnessed a white transit van driving slowly along the street. When the resident got up the next morning the bags had gone. Later in the day the official van came along, so it appears that the bags were stolen during the night. If you wish to put bags out for charity collection, please be aware and put them out on the morning of the collection, or it may be advisable to take them to a directly to a charity shop as an alternative.

Email the Parish Council:
brewoodparish@btconnect.com

Website:
www.brewoodandcovenparish.org.uk

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Please report problems such as pot holes, street lights, blocked gullies to: 0300 111 8000, email: highways@staffordshire.gov.uk or report online at: www.staffordshire.gov.uk