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blocked gullies to: 0300 111 8000 and Minicom: 01785 276207Email: contactus@staffordshire.gov.ukOnline at: www.staffordshire.gov.uk

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Brewood Music Festival 2022

The Parish Council was proud to support the Brewood Music Festival with a grant of £1000, carried forward from 2019 when Covid struck and the 2020 Festival could not go ahead. Sadly the 2022 Festival was also cancelled. Many people however enjoyed the free entertainment on Friday night 1st July paid for by the local pubs and clubs. Thank you Brewood hostelries!

“SAVE THE DATE”**2022 Christmas Lights in the Parish**

Bishops Wood - Friday 25th November
Brewood - Sunday 27th November
Coven Heath - Saturday 3rd December
Coven - Sunday 4th December

Council meetings are held at **7.00pm** in the Council Chamber,
35 Stafford Street, Brewood.Please contact the Clerk if you intend joining the meeting which
includes a 15 minute public participation session at the start,
when members of the public are able to address the Council..
Scheduled meetings are: 8th & 29th Sept, 13th & 27th Oct, 10th &
24th Nov, 8th Dec,
For **2023**: 12th & 26th Jan, 9th & 23rd Feb, 9th & 30th March

**Due to not having a Clerk for several weeks this double
addition has been voluntarily compiled by your Parish
Councillors.**

*For details of Neighbourhood Policing Meetings open to everyone visit
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Your Councillors:

Bishop's Wood:

2 Vacancies

Brewood:Chairman TBA
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07809 475473
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Mac Webb MBE 01902 850671**Coven:**Maira Alden-Court
01902 703528
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Vacancy**Coven Heath:**

David Short 07931 032737

District Councillors:Joyce Bolton 01902 851079
Brian Cox 01785 840482
Ve Jackson 01785 840256
Anne Holmes 01902 850611
Wendi Sutton 01902 851682**County Councillor:**

Mark Sutton 01902 851682

For dates of scheduled
Parish Council meetings
please see the back page.

**BREWOOD & COVEN
PARISH COUNCIL
with Bishop's Wood & Coven Heath****NEWSLETTER****SUMMER /AUTUMN 2022**

In June this year Her Majesty the Queen became the first British monarch to celebrate a reign of 70 years. The Parish Council were proud to support the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations within the parish. Funding was available and grants were awarded to various bodies in the four villages who organized events and we extend our thanks to those who worked hard to ensure a good time was enjoyed by our parishioners.

Jubilee Beacon

On Thursday 2nd June a beacon was lit on Woolley Farm, provided by the Chillington Estate. Approximately 350 people attended, the vast majority walking from the Middle School car park. Three other beacons were visible.

Brewood Celebrations Sunday 5th June

In the morning there was a fancy dress and Scout procession from the Community Hub to St Mary and St Chad Church for a special service. The church also held an exhibition for the Queen's Jubilee with entries from the Civic Society, schools, clubs and village community. Both events were well attended. Due to the inclement weather in the afternoon, the street party was relocated to the aptly named Jubilee Hall. A packed and excited community was entertained by the South Staffordshire Community Pop Choir. Grateful thanks are extended to the small committee, who also ran the Christmas lights last year, for their hard work in organising this event.





Celebratory Bell Ringing

Long time Brewwood resident, Derek Knowles, rang church bells in celebration for the El alemein victory in 1942, a full peal (5040 changes in 3 and 1/4 hrs) for the coronation of the Queen in 1952 and repeated the achievement for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June 2022. Aged 94 this is a remarkable feat. It may be unique. Well done and thanks to Derek!

Brewood Library Exhibition –The Civic Society organised an exhibition of historical photos and artefacts at the library leading up to the Jubilee celebrations before it moved to St Mary and St Chad Church.

Coven

The Queen's Jubilee bunting at the village shops, the Memorial Hall and fencing along Penside was purchased, erected and dismantled by the Parish Council.

Sunday 5th June

Celebrations took place at Coven Memorial Hall in the afternoon. Unfortunately the weather was wet but this didn't dampen the festivities. Music still was provided by The Dirty Rocking Scoundrels who braved the elements on an outdoor stage. The aim of the organisers was to recreate a traditional summer farye with "the best of British stalls and games" including Punch & Judy and coconut shy. The event was well attended, the hall and outside buzzed with activity and laughter. The Parish Council would like to thank the small committee of villagers who put this event together. Your hard work was much appreciated by the community in Coven.

Darelyn Mobile Home Park also held their own celebrations on site. There was music, dancing, singing and a comedian to entertain the residents as well as a buffet. Umbrellas had to go up from time to time but an enjoyable time was had by all. Thanks go to Roy and Nancy the residents who organised this event.



Voluntary Car Scheme – VCS

Many local drivers give their time to take parishioners to medical appointments. Melvin Jones has been driving for VCS for a number of years and has clocked up approximately 37,000 miles. He willingly travels as far as the QE Hospital in Birmingham and does not flinch at the time of day he is asked to take people. We wish to extend many thanks to Melvin for the helpful hours he has given to VCS.

We could always do with additional drivers so if you are able to give a couple of hours a week to the Voluntary Car Scheme please contact **Co-Ordinator Sofena Phillips on 01902 751 786.**

Thanks to Mac Webb MBE

Brewwood Junior Club was founded in 1975 by Mac and has grown to be well established within the region. Teams have won League titles, the Staffordshire Cup and also the Jimmy Mullen Cup which was played at the Molineux. For the 2022/23 season they will for the first time have a Girls Football Team. This decision was taken well before the England Lionesses won the Euro Cup. Mac has also been the chairman of the BPSA for a number of years and has recently stepped down. We would like to thank him for his hard work and dedication.

Return to the High Street funding from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and Central Government. (HMG).

Hopefully residents have noticed and appreciate the beautiful floral displays in both Coven and Brewwood over the past year. Both villages have hanging baskets and Coven have some additional magnificent planters provided by this funding.

New Cricket Wicket at Brewwood Cricket Club

The Parish Council working with Brewwood Parish Sports Association (BPSA) and Brewwood Cricket Club have purchased and had laid a replacement cricket wicket this season. It is now entered on the council's list of assets.

Councillor Christine Smythe – Coven Ward

Chris sadly passed away peacefully at home on 23rd August 2022. As well as being a parish councillor she worked tirelessly for the local Speed Watch team and since 2019 for Coven Christmas Lighting Committee. We pass on our condolences to her family.

Coven Forget-Me-Not Club Community Project Award.

Coven Forget-Me-Not Club, which was established over 63 years ago, has won an award for its triumph in the community, supporting local people and making a long lasting impact.

The club provides a weekly meeting at Coven Memorial Hall for anyone over 55 years to come together in a friendly atmosphere. Each Tuesday afternoon tea, coffee and biscuits accompany chats, entertainers, activities or visiting speakers. The club arranges a monthly coach trip, occasional meals out and theatre trips as well as a Christmas lunch.

Without this club many older people who live alone may have no social interaction or opportunity to attend social events. The club will also arrange transport for those who would otherwise be unable to attend.

At present there are 53 members and the club is run by 7 volunteers. If you wish to attend please come along on a Tuesday afternoon from 1pm to 3pm as you will be most welcome.



Congratulations to **Brewood Dementia Support Group** for putting on a fabulous "Lazy Sunday Afternoon" at Chillington Wharf Cottage, thanks to hosts Anne Richards and Phil Humphreys. A very hot afternoon, but over £4,000 was raised. The group will be making a donation to Alzheimer's Research and also to the Brewood Community Hub since as a non-profit organisation, the BDSG does not pay for the room. The remaining money will help to continue keeping the group active and paying for trips and memory making experiences. Many thanks to the volunteers who work so hard to make things happen!

Wild Flower Project

We are all becoming increasingly aware of the importance of protecting the environment including the importance of boosting biodiversity. We received positive feedback to the article in our August 2021 newsletter in which we sought opinions on a project to create a wild flower meadow. In the coming months we will be taking steps to prepare the ground and sow the wild flower seeds. We should hopefully begin to see results in summer 2023. This is a long-term project which aims to bring about the environmental benefits whilst at the same time creating a wonderful floral display.

More information about such projects is available in the guide published by Plantlife UK, a British conservation charity at www.plantlife.org.uk.

**Bishops Wood Jubilee Celebrations - Two for the price of one****Saturday the 4th June**

The Village Hall Committee organized an afternoon street party to celebrate with music, buffet and traditional games for the children and also some fun for the adults. Due to the weather conditions the party was moved last minute into the hall where flags and bunting were in abundance. Music played and the community was also entertained by a local singer. It was a fabulous day where the community came together to share stories, catch up and enjoy each other's company over tea, cake, a buffet and the odd alcoholic beverage thrown in for good measure.

Despite the rain fun and laughter was had by teams and onlookers watching the human table football. There were two winning teams, a children's, made up of a skilled local group of lads, and an adult where skill went out of the window and sheer power shots prevailed.

After exhausting themselves there were continued endeavors to compete in a tug of war competition. Spirits were high and a good time was had by all.

Saturday 18th June

Not doing things by halves, Bishops Wood again celebrated the Jubilee when the bi-annual Party in the Paddock took place. Again the rain tried to dash the revelries, however, willpower and a few well placed gazebos saved the day!!

There were a variety of stalls selling cakes and a number of games including welly wanging competitions. During the afternoon there were performances by three local groups and singers and dancing in the field once again took place.

This was a fundraising event after which the organizers distributed funds between village groups. We thank our hosts for the day for their hard work and organization and give them three well deserved cheers!!!

Brewood Junior Football Club Football Festival

Brewood JFC held their Queen's Platinum Jubilee Festival at the BPSA Ground, Engleton Lane, Brewood on Sunday 10th July 2022. Over 500 boys and girls competed in this competition with ten teams from our parish. The completion was delayed by two weeks to allow for parking on the farmers field.

Brewood JFC under 12s were runners up in their section losing on penalties to Albrighton. County Councillor Mark Sutton and District Councillor Wendi Sutton presented the trophies which were sponsored by Brewood and Coven Parish Council. The competition was sponsored by South Staffordshire Building Company.



Coven Heath - Friday 3rd June

The Platinum Jubilee celebration street party was a great success, thoroughly enjoyed by approximately 100 people.

The event was opened at 4p.m. by Sir Gavin Williamson who inaugurated a new bench which had been donated by the Parish Council. Residents and visitors from all parts of the County enjoyed the (free) Hog Roast followed by an assortment of home-made cakes baked by members of the Community Association. More children than have ever before been seen in Coven Heath turned up and delighted in the freedom to play in the officially closed-off section of Ball Lane. Nostalgic music was provided by singer Tom Wenlock and DJ Andy Finch. A little after 7pm, andeejay switched into disco mode and some of the hardier residents got down-and-dirty with some inspired street dancing.



Local resident **Beccy Jones- Reading** was chosen not only to carry the Olympic torch in our locality but more recently the baton for the Commonwealth Games. An honour for her and those she represents with her many charitable organisations. Well done and thanks!

Parish Council Staffing

Welcome to Anne Fletcher our newly appointed Assistant Clerk who joined us in July and is settling into her new role. Natalie Lovell, our last clerk, was only with us for eight months but has decided to have a complete change of career and train to be a teacher. The post for a new clerk will be re-advertised in September.

We extend our thanks to Maggie Birtles, the previous clerk, who was with the Parish Council for a number of years before her retirement in 2021. She has very kindly stepped into the breach on a temporary basis as Responsible Financial Officer until the post of clerk is filled.

We welcome back Martin Smith our handyman/gardener after his illness. We thank Adriano Pupino for covering for this absence. We would like to extend our thanks to all the small team of staff who work to support the Parish Council and the community.



An exciting opportunity has arisen for you to become Parish Clerk to Brewood and Coven Parish Council.

- Salary NJC SCP 24-32 pro rata
- 25 hours per week
- Attractive Pension Scheme
- Training provided
- Professional fees paid
- 22 days per year annual leave plus statutory holidays (plus extra 5 days for long service)

Based at the Council Offices in the centre of Brewood, we are looking to recruit a proactive individual who is an excellent manager and ambassador to partner our elected members in delivering their priorities to the Community.

Further information is available from Chair of Staffing, Parish Councillor Jan Jeffries.

Please email jan.jeffries@brewoodandcoven-pc.gov.uk

Closing date: Noon on 30th September 2022

Retirement of Brewood Jubilee Park Caretaker

Elaine Gleed has recently retired as caretaker to Brewood Jubilee Park & playing field. She also was key holder for public access to the tennis courts. The Parish Council would like to thank Elaine for her many years of diligent service and wish her well.

PARKING - Please park with consideration for other residents in our parish.

