

Drayton Bassett Parish Council



NEWSLETTER

September 2018

This is the first copy of a newsletter from the Parish Council which aims to keep you all informed of activities in the village and surrounding areas

Parish Council Updates

HS2 Funding – a pot of money has been made available to benefit the quality of life for individual communities disrupted by HS2. There are specific criteria regarding how the money is used and the Parish Council has selected three possible projects:

- 1) Create a multi-use sports facility at the recreation ground
- 2) Improve pedestrian access out of the village
- 3) Develop the historic site

It is important that we have community involvement in the final decision so please do let us know which of the above you would prefer, or make any other suggestions by emailing parishclerkdbpc@gmail.com.

Full guidelines on the funding can be found here:

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/hs2funds/pages/community-application-notes-hs2>

BIG LOTTERY FUND – after an extensive application process we are delighted to have been awarded £10,000 for new play equipment at the recreation ground. Work on this will start very soon, we hope all of the children in the village will enjoy it.

Tree Survey – we are undertaking a review of the trees in the village, and will take professional advice on clearance and a new planting scheme.

Speed Awareness Campaign – households on the main road through the village have been supplied with wheelie bin stickers. Please support us with this campaign by displaying them prominently.

HS2 Updates

HS2 are introducing security and safety support vehicles to ensure that the public and those working on the project, as well as property and sites along the route, remain safe and secure. They will be on patrol 24/7 and can be identified by their high visibility jackets with HS2 branding and identification cards. Should you wish to check if a vehicle is representing HS2, call the 24/7 Freephone Community Helpline on 08081 434 434.

Community Groups – Village Club, WI, St Peter's Church, Scouts, Manor Primary School, Friends of Manor PTA, Village Entertainment Group

If you represent one of the community groups in the village and would like to include a news item or event, please email parishclerkdbpc@gmail.com.

Village Entertainment Group

Recently we witnessed the very sad loss of Viv Patchett. Viv was a well-known and much loved and respected person within the Drayton Bassett community who was extremely proactive within community events, activities and social groups. In addition to being the treasurer for the Drayton Bassett WI for many years, Viv also served as chairperson of the Manor Primary School Board of Governors, organiser and judge of the Best Kept Village Competition and was a co-founder of the Drayton Bassett Village Entertainment Group (VEGGIES); to name but a few.

For those who are new to the village, the Village Entertainment Group is a team of individuals focused on organising events for the local village community. We plan, organise and run community events such as the Christmas '*Carols-on-the-Green*' and the Pensioners Christmas Party with the support of the WI ladies.

In the past we have also organised The Annual Village Fete, Barn Dances, Cinema evenings (Mamma Mia etc.), Halloween Dances for adults and children, 'Y' Factor nights (X-Factor style), car boots, etc.

The dwindling number of members, now just Paula Acton and Linda Hayes has meant that the Annual Village Fete ceased to run in 2011. It is hoped that with some new, like minded individuals recruited to the team, the Annual Village Fete and other community events that no longer run can be resurrected.

If you would like to join the group and volunteer a few hours each year it would be very much appreciated. Please contact Paula to chat about what the group offers and how you could get involved on 07880 573223 or 01827 250535.

Finally, there is a monthly 'Lunch Club' run by Paula Acton and Gerald Watson that provides partly sponsored lunches for the over 60s within the village. We meet once a month and if you would like to join us for lunch, please let Paula or Gerald know.

Diary

Parish Council meeting dates are available on the website and notice board – all parishioners are welcome.

If you have a news item you would like included please email parishclerkdbpc@gmail.com. We would like to encourage as many people as possible to subscribe to receive the newsletter via email, you can subscribe here draytonbassett.info/welcome.