

DRAYTON BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Winter 2018

Welcome to the Drayton Bassett Parish Council winter 2018 newsletter – here you will find updates and things to do over the festive season. Please sign up via the website so we can email you with regular updates draytonbassett.info/welcome.

Parish Council Updates:

Conservation Area – the historic centre of the village is being considered as a conservation area. Lichfield District Council submitted a report to the Overview and Scrutiny Meeting on 12th November and the proposals were well supported. A report went to Cabinet on the 4th December and then Council on the 18th December – following which, if approved, the new Conservation Area will be designated.

HS2 Funding – in the last newsletter we outlined some options on projects that may be suitable for funding. Thank you to those that responded with your preferred options. However, in order to demonstrate community involvement, we need more parishioners to respond before we can make a decision and begin the process of feasibility studies:

- 1) Create a multi-use sports facility at the recreation ground (including extending / improving car park facilities)
 - 2) Speed bumps in speeding hotspots
 - 3) Park and ride on Sutton Road
 - 4) Improve pedestrian access out of the village
- More information will shortly be available on the website.

Please do let us know which of the above you would prefer, or make any other suggestions by emailing parishclerkdbpc@gmail.com. Deadline 14th January 2019. Full guidelines on the funding can be found here: <https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/hs2funds/pages/community-application-notes-hs2>

Big Lottery Fund – the new playground equipment has been installed at the recreation ground. Thank you to all parishioners who gave up their time to help remove the old play equipment and prepare the site for the new equipment.

Chestnut Trees on the green – we have been advised that the two trees on the green are showing signs of ‘bleeding canker’ which may mean they have to be removed next year. In the short term, we will arrange for the worst affected branches to be removed. Before any longer-term action is taken, we would like to get your views on what you would like to see on the green instead (note because of the canker, we can’t replace them with new chestnuts). Please email the parish clerk with your thoughts parishclerkdbpc@gmail.com.

Parish Council Website – we’re reviewing our website in the new year. If you have any photographs (historic or new) that you think represent Drayton Bassett then please contact the clerk parishclerkdbpc@gmail.com.

HS2 Updates – National Grid will be working on the pylon near the end of Drayton Lane early in the new year. Updates will be added to the website.

Community Groups:

Friends of Manor PTA – Summer Circus

The PTA are delighted to announce they will be hosting a circus at Manor Primary School on Saturday 11th May 2019. This event will be advertised around the village and everyone is welcome.

The PTA do an excellent job of fundraising to ensure the children at Manor Primary have access to things they wouldn't ordinarily have. If you do any shopping on-line please support their fundraising activities by signing up to easyfundraising.org.uk and search for Manor Primary School, Drayton Bassett.

St Peter's Church Events

Carol service 6pm on Christmas Eve and Holy Communion 10.30am Christmas Day. Please note from the New Year there will be changes to the service styles and timings: They are as follows:

1st & 4th Sundays: **9.30am** "Morning Praise" - a more informal service with contemporary worship songs.

2nd Sunday: **6pm** "Evening Prayer" - a traditional service with organ music.

3rd & 5th Sundays: **9.30am** "Holy Communion" - a traditional service with hymns.

Village Entertainment Group

Carols in the Croft – after a very successful event last year, the Village Entertainment Group are once again organising Carols in the Croft on Thursday 20th December at 6:30pm in the courtyard at the Croft (next door to Drayton Bassett Village Club), and then afterwards at Drayton Bassett Village Club for free mulled wine, mince pies and a very special visit from Santa Clause.

Drayton Bassett Village Club

There are a number of events over the festive season:

15th December – children's disco (grown-ups welcome too!).

31st December – New Year's Eve celebration.

Diary Dates

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.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR from the Parish Council