

# Spring Newsletter Issue 3

## DRAYTON BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

Welcome to the spring edition of the Drayton Bassett Parish Council newsletter – here you will find updates and things to do over the next few months.

**Please sign up via the website so we can email you with regular updates**

[www.draytonbassett.info/welcome](http://www.draytonbassett.info/welcome)

### Parish Council Updates Conservation Area

We are delighted to announce that the historic centre of the village has been designated as a conservation area. It received some great coverage in the Tamworth Herald. Please contact the Parish Clerk if you would like a copy.

### Best Kept Village Competition

This year we have decided to enter the village the Staffordshire Best Kept Village competition and would like all parishioners to get involved.

The competition was originally started to encourage village residents to take pride in their communities. This aim continues to this date, and it is worth noting that villages find equal benefit in building community spirit, as they do in improving the aesthetics and desirability of their villages.

The judging takes place in rounds from 1 May to 19 July.

The competition is not about finding the most beautiful, old, or picturesque village, and the winners are more varied and diverse than one might think. The most successful communities are often those that achieve the greatest involvement and community spirit from their residents.

**PLEASE JOIN THE**



### The Drayton Bassett Village Entertainment Group

The Village Entertainment Group would like to say a big thank you to everyone who attended both Carols in the Croft and the Over 60's Christmas lunch.

Last year the group managed to recruit 7 new members, Sue H, Sue S, Helen, Alice, Kerry, Karen & Donna. We would like to thank each and every one of them for their support and enthusiasm.

We are always looking for more members, therefore should anyone wish to get involved or simply suggest new events for the village, contact Paula on 07880 573223 or 01827 250535.



### Diary Dates

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



### 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



# HS2 Funding

In previous newsletters we outlined some options on projects that may be suitable for funding. Thank you to those that responded with your preferred options.

We are still in the process of getting community feedback prior to beginning the process of feasibility studies.

So please take the opportunity to let us know which of the below you would prefer, or make any other suggestions by emailing [parishclerkdbpc@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerkdbpc@gmail.com). Deadline 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Full guidelines on the funding can be found here:

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

### Current Ideas under evaluation

- 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

## Parish Council Website

We are in the process of reviewing our website.

If you have any photographs (historic or new) that you think represent Drayton Bassett then please contact the clerk



### Drayton Bassett Community Group

The Group meet for lunch once a month, either at the Beefeater Restaurant at Ladybridge Island or at Drayton Bassett Village Club. The group has 30 members. This event has proven to be very popular for the over 60's and provides them with an ideal opportunity to make new friends and socialise with neighbours. Should anyone over the age of 60 wish to attend, contact Paula on 07880 573223 or 01827 250535.



## 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://easyfundraising.org.uk)

and search for Manor Primary School, Drayton Bassett.

## St Peter's Church Events

Join us on Easter Day (April 21<sup>st</sup>) for a service of Holy Communion at St Peter's.

From May our service pattern is changing to as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Sundays - 6pm Evening Prayer (no Morning Service)

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays - 9.30am Morning Praise

3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays - 9.30am Holy Communion.

We also meet to pray for the church and village every Thursday morning, 9-9.30am. All welcome.