



TOWN TALK

Broseley Town Council's Newsletter

Dec 2015/04

Transfer of Library and Car Park Moves On

Recent consultation undertaken on the future of the library service, customer service point and car park showed clear support for the Town Council taking on management of these facilities. 87.2% of respondents preferred this option, whereby library opening hours and services would be maintained and the Town Council office would move into the library building. The option of Shropshire Council continuing to manage the services with reduced library opening hours was preferred by only 5.4% of respondents.

Town Councillors have agreed to move to the signing of the necessary documents relating to the transfer from Shropshire Council to Broseley Town Council of the management of the library service, customer service facility and car park in the town. The legal documentation has yet to be finalised and this decision was taken subject to agreement being reached on the terms of the lease for the library building. Broseley Town Councillors will continue to negotiate with Shropshire Council to obtain the best deal for residents of the town and to provide services at best value.

Library Services

The Library doesn't just loan books, you can also borrow DVDs, audio books and musical scores, use the library computers for free, make photocopies, send faxes, pick up information on events, places to visit and a wide range of services, take part in activities for children and even hire the library for meetings when it's not open to the public. If you haven't visited the library recently, why not drop in and take a look around? The Library is open:

Monday:	2.00pm – 6.00pm	Friday:	2.00pm – 5.00pm
Thursday:	9.30am – 1.00pm & 2.30pm – 6.00pm	Saturday:	9.30am – 1.00pm

"The Big Conversation"

Shropshire Council is facing huge cuts to its budget from central government. By 2020/21 it is estimated that the budget will be £188m, of which £163m will be spent on core services. This will leave only £25m to spend on the remaining 150 plus services currently provided to the people of Shropshire and some will have to stop. Shropshire Council wants to hear which services are important to its residents and has started "The Big Conversation." For more information go to www.shropshire.gov.uk/bigconversation or call 0345 678 9077. There is a survey running until 22nd December which can be completed on-line or paper copies are available from the library.

Volunteers Needed

Broseley Youth Partnership works to raise money to fund and co-ordinate youth activities in the town, including the Youth Club and the annual Youth Day. The group is looking for more volunteers, particularly parents of young people, but also representatives of local youth organisations or anyone interested in helping to provide local youngsters with things to do. The next meeting is on Tuesday, 23rd February at 7.00pm in the Social Room at the Wilkinson Avenue Dwellings. For more details contact Kerry Rogers on 07990 085206.

Would you like to volunteer for a local charity? **The Friendly Bus** need new volunteer car and bus drivers. You can use your own car or one of theirs and if you would like to, you can also drive a mini bus (full training given). Even if you have just a few hours a month they would still love to meet you! Please call, e-mail or pop into the High Street office for a friendly chat. Call 01952 881145 or contact by e-mail on: friendlybus@hotmail.com

Fish and Chip Shop Update

At a recent Planning Committee Meeting Shropshire Council agreed to vary the conditions set for the rebuilding of the Fish and Chip Shop in Broseley High Street. This means that the way is clear for the owners to complete the work and get the business up and running again. Councillors hope that this will not take too long and that the construction site will soon be replaced by a completed building to enhance the High Street.

"We're Watching You" Campaign

Shropshire Council has just launched its latest campaign against dog fouling, beginning in Broseley. Shropshire Council is working with the environmental charity, Keep Britain Tidy, to tackle the persistent problem of dog mess on our pavements and public spaces. Although most dog owners are responsible and clean up after their pets, some use the cover of dark winter nights to leave messy piles on the pavements.

Special posters are being displayed across the county to encourage dog owners to scoop the poop and dispose of it properly. If you are one of those dog owners who can't be bothered, just remember, "We're watching you!"

To report a problem with dog fouling and street cleansing please contact Shropshire Council on 0345 678 9006 or visit shropshire.gov.uk/report.

Broseley Lit Up For Christmas

Another successful switch-on took place on 5th December, despite the blustery weather. Crowds looked on as a Simon Cowell look-alike pressed the red button and the High Street lit up for the festive season. Thanks to members of the Christmas Lights Committee for organising the events and to the Victoria Hall, Birchmeadow Centre and Social Club for hosting the festivities. If you'd like to help next year, please contact Hilary Nelson on 07534 305576 for more details.

Compassionate Communities (CoCo)

CoCo is a voluntary scheme run by the community with the help of a trained group of volunteers. The scheme helps those locally who are in need of extra support and enables people to remain independent within their own home and integrated in community life.

There are already many "Compassionate Communities" across the county - could Broseley be the next? A short presentation by Mr Paul Cronin, CEO of Severn Hospice, will be held at the Victoria Hall on Tuesday, 26th January between 11.30am and 12.30pm, with time for questions and answers. Interested? - come along and find out more.

For further information please contact Helen Fair, Community and Care Co-ordinator at Broseley Medical Practice on 882854.

Street Lights and Highways Faults

Now that the darker nights are upon us street light faults have become more noticeable. Ownership of the street lights in the town is split between Shropshire Council and the Town Council with Shropshire Council mostly responsible for lights on main roads and the Town Council looking after those on side roads and estates. Faults can be reported to the Town Council office or to Shropshire Council on 0345 678 9000 or via the website: www.shropshire.gov.uk

Highways problems can also be reported directly to Shropshire Council in the same way.

Council Meetings

Full Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at the Birchmeadow Centre at 7.00pm. Public participation is from 7.00-7.10pm. Forthcoming dates are 12th Jan, 9th Feb and 8th March. The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday, 17th March. Agendas for all meetings are available from the Town Clerk and are displayed on notice boards and on the web site.

Town Councillors		Town Clerk	
Mr Michael Burton	07980 419032	Mrs Trudi Barrett	
Mr Roy Childs	883510	Town Clerk	
Mr Andrew Cooke	884083	Unit 6,	
Mrs Lyn Garbett	883412	The Instones Building	
Mr Michael Garbett	883412	The Square	
Mr Simon Harris	882003	Broseley	
Ms Jean Jones	882650	TF12 5EW	
Mr Ian Pickles	882505	Tel: 01952 882172	
Mr Dilwyn Scott	884673	e-mail: broseleytc.clerk@btinternet.com	
Mr Peter Smith	884769	web site:	
Mr Alan Taylor	07889 939398	www.2shrop.net/BroseleyTownCouncil	
Members may be contacted directly or via the Clerk.		The office is open to the public on	
		Tuesdays, 10.00 am - 12.00 noon.	

Smartwater

The Council has a new stock of Smartwater. This property marking fluid can be used to mark your possessions so that if they are stolen and then recovered by the police, they can be traced back to you. The kits cost £20 each and are available from the Town Council office.

RAF Welfare Officer

Marilyn (Lyn) Addison works as a RAF Association Welfare Officer in South Shropshire and northern Herefordshire. She can provide help or advice for anyone who has ever served in the RAF, their spouse or dependants. The area office is in Birmingham on 0121 449 9356 or Lyn may be contacted direct on 01952 884016.

Outdoor Gym Equipment on Birchmeadow Park

The outdoor gym equipment has been installed and is available for use. The equipment can be used at any time by people of all fitness levels. Why not make a regular visit and get fit for the Spring?

Oh, yes it is!

The 2016 annual BroADS panto will be held from 28th January to 6th February at the Birchmeadow Centre. Sinbad the Sailor will be taking to the high seas with the usual cast of comic characters, some of whom may be known to you. Look out for publicity nearer the time.

MUGA Bookings

Enquiries about Broseley's multi-use games area can be made by calling 07528 754801 or 07887 498417 or by e-mailing: enquiries@broseleymuga.org Further information can be found on the website: www.broseleymuga.org

Birchmeadow Centre

For information about the wide range of events and facilities at The Birchmeadow Centre, visit the website: www.birchmeadow.org.uk

