



TOWN TALK

Broseley Town Council's Newsletter

Dec 2017/4

A Neighbourhood Plan for Broseley

The Town Council has opted to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the future of the town. A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led framework document that can control the future development and growth of the town, including the community's vision and aspirations for the area. The document can include issues like: health, housing, employment, education, heritage and transport.

In Broseley a steering group has been set up to guide us through the first steps. One of the group's first actions was to ask Barrow Parish Council if they wished to work with Broseley on the project.

Former Broseley Councillor Phil Revell has agreed to chair the steering group; we are also looking for volunteers, anyone with an interest in the future of our town.

Over the next 18 months we will be devoting a significant amount of time to this project. This will include public meetings as part of a detailed consultation process. The final hurdle will be a public referendum, which, if passed, will allow the Neighbourhood Plan to be formally adopted by Shropshire Council.

Traffic Calming

In response to concerns about speeding along Bridgnorth Road near Wilkinson Avenue, a number of road platforms are to be installed towards the junction with the B4373. These will help to slow traffic entering the town and near to the junction. The work is scheduled for February 2018.

The Town Council has also been working with Barrow Parish Council, Much Wenlock Town Council and Shropshire Council to devise improvements to the HGV route around the local area. Significant additional signage is proposed to mark the route more clearly, along with some work to junctions. Delivery vehicles will still be able to reach their drop-off points but large vehicles passing through will be directed around our town centres and narrow roads. The work is expected to commence in the spring of 2018.

Friendly Bus

This indispensable local service provides transport for local clubs, schools and other non profit-making groups, taking passengers to meetings and events or out on day trips. The Friendly Bus is seeking additional volunteer drivers and would be pleased to hear from anyone with a driving licence and a few hours to spare. Either call into the office at the top of the High Street or call 881145 for more information.

Broseley in Bloom

Would you like to help brighten up your community? Broseley in Bloom are looking for a volunteer to help with their IT, publicity and photography needs. You don't have to have green fingers but a creative eye would be great!

If you are interested in finding out more then please contact Chairman of Broseley in Bloom, Carol Cooper on 882715.

Telephone Box in Quarry Road

The Town Council is now the proud owner of the K6 telephone kiosk located at the top of Quarry Road. The telephony equipment has been removed but the kiosk remains as an attractive historical feature in Broseley Wood. Currently the box is standing empty, but the Council is considering options for its future use; in other areas similar kiosks have been used for pop-up shops, mini-art galleries, defibrillators, tourist information points, book exchanges and much more.

If you have an imaginative idea for the future use of the telephone kiosk, please contact the Town Council office at the address overleaf.

Recent Grant Awards

Broseley Town Council has recently awarded grant funding to the Broseley Joggers and Ironbridge Walking Festival.

The Joggers have gone from strength to strength and needed funding to purchase equipment to use in their club and Couch to 5k sessions. This programme has been very successful in encouraging local people to become more active and improve their fitness levels.

Ironbridge Walking Festival is an annual event and around 50 guided walks are planned for next spring, with at least 10 passing through Broseley. The walks help to raise the profile of the area and encourage people to learn about the locality while enjoying fresh air and exercise.

Library Events

Time to Listen, an opportunity for adults to share their enjoyment of reading, is held between 2.30 and 3.30pm on Monday afternoons. Forthcoming dates and themes are: 22nd January – Adventure, 26th February – School and 26th March – Time. Just come along and join in.

Rhyme Time, a fun session for pre-school children and their carers, is held monthly on Thursday mornings at 10.30am. Dates available from the librarian.

A craft club for adults is held weekly on Friday afternoon, 2.00 – 4.00pm. Bring along any portable craft and spend a couple of hours being creative in friendly company.

Further details about these free activities are available from the library on 01952 884119.

Broseley Food Bank

The Food Bank continues to provide emergency support for people who are in temporary financial difficulties. They are very grateful to all who make donations of either food or money. Donations can be left in the library, the Co-op or any of the churches. Because of the issues of storage, only dry goods can be accepted but donations of toiletries, soap, toothpaste, washing powder and disposable razors are also welcome. Do not forget to look out for people who might be entitled to support. We suspect that there are many people in Broseley who are too embarrassed to ask. The easiest way to access support is to phone Yvonne Silk of STAR Housing on 07582 003490. She is happy to offer financial advice as well as passing on a request to the Food Bank.

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 9th January, 13th February and 13th March 2018. Agendas for all meetings are available from the Town Clerk and are displayed on notice boards and on the website.

Town Councillors		Town Clerk
Mr Michael Burton	07980 419032	Mrs Trudi Barrett
Mr Roy Childs	883510	Broseley Town Council
Mrs Lyn Garbett	883412	The Library Building
Mr Mark Garbett	883412	Bridgnorth Road
Mr Michael Garbett	883412	Broseley
Mr Gavin Goodall	884502	TF12 5EL
Mr Simon Harris	882003	Tel: 01952 882172
Mrs Ann Maltby	882061	e-mail: broseleytc.clerk@btinternet.com
Mr Tarlochen Singh-Mohr	07832 337305	website: www.broseleytowncouncil.co.uk
Mr Alan Taylor	07889 939398	The office is open to the public on
Mr Ian West	882448	Thursdays, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon.

Christmas Lights

A big thank you to the Christmas Lights Committee and all those involved in the organisation of this year's switch-on day. We were able to enjoy the parade, entertainment, stalls (this year at the Social Club) and gifts from Father Christmas before Nick Downes and family flicked the switch to trigger the lights and fireworks. And did you notice the carefully chosen music for the display?

Food for Thought

The next in the series of expert presentations with discussion will be held on 16th January when the theme will be "*How talking counters depression.*"

On 20th February the recycling officer for Veolia will explore "*How we deal with waste in Shropshire*" and on 20th March we consider "*What is Humanism?*"

All sessions are held in Broseley Library at 7.30pm and are free.

It's Panto Time!

BroADS presents The Pied Piper of Hamelin between 27th January and 3rd February at the Birchmeadow Centre. With comedy, singing, dancing and well-known, local folk in the cast, expect another triumph. Tickets are £9 and £7 From Downes Greengrocers or phone 884842 for more information.

Birchmeadow Centre

For information about events at the Birchmeadow Centre, visit the website:

www.birchmeadow.org.uk

There's live music, plays, exercise classes, discos, films and more.

Visit Broseley Website

To find out what's happening in the town, don't forget to check the website:

visitbroseley.co.uk

Christmas Closure

Please note the Town Council office will close on Tuesday, 19th December and re-open on Wednesday, 3rd January 2018.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all at Broseley Town Council.

