



# TOWN TALK

Broseley Town Council's Newsletter

Sept 2017/3

## New Councillors

The Town Council is now up to its full strength of 11 Councillors. Mark Garbett was co-opted to the Council to fill the vacancy remaining after the local election in May. Following the resignation of John Pearce, a by-election was held and Tarlochen Singh-Mohr was elected. Both new Councillors represent Broseley East.

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## Birchmeadow's Sunshine Power!

The Birchmeadow Centre is now the proud location of one of the biggest solar panel installations in the town. This important sustainable energy project was initiated by the Birchmeadow Centre Management Committee (BCMC) and was only able to go ahead thanks to a generous grant of £19,040 from the Postcode Local Trust, a grant-giving charity funded entirely by players of the People's Postcode Lottery.

The 51-solar panel system will now provide electrical power to the Birchmeadow Centre and, as the owners of the Centre, Broseley Town Council will earn revenue from the electricity generated by the system and by the surplus energy exported to the grid.

The Town Council would particularly like to thank Simon Milan of the BCMC for overseeing this project.

## And there's more....

Whilst we're on the subject of the Birchmeadow Centre, visitors may already have had the pleasure of visiting the new loos upstairs. Both gents' and ladies' facilities have recently been refurbished to a high standard. Gents no longer need to watch their step as a much safer, level entrance to their facilities has been created. It is hoped that the new loos will not only benefit existing visitors to the Centre but will make the venue more attractive for new customers.

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## Citizen of the Year

We are pleased to announce that the Town Council's Citizen of the Year for 2017 is Helen Vickers. Some of you may know Helen through her work at the Butcher's Bar in the High Street. Helen is the local co-ordinator for the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund and has raised thousands of pounds for this charity over the last few years. She has also raised funds for many other good causes including the Christmas Lights, Help for Heroes and The Broseley Festival. In addition, Helen previously volunteered for Broseley Brownies as Brown Owl.

## Young Citizen of the Year

Councillors were especially pleased to have several nominations for Young Citizen of the Year. This year Bailey Evason was chosen to receive the award. Bailey was nominated for the help and support he has given to the Youth Club. Bailey is now too old to attend Youth Club himself but has continued to stay on to support younger members.

Councillors would also like to commend Luke Norwood, Hal Pritchard and Rebecca Sankey. All three were nominated for their involvement in community activities in the town.

Both awards will be presented at the Council meeting on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> October.

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## Christmas Lights Switch-On

Put the date in your diaries now: this year's switch-on will be on **Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> November**. The lights will come on at an earlier time of **6.30pm** this year – don't miss it! During the afternoon there will be entertainment at the **Birchmeadow Centre**, a craft fair, stalls and Santa's Grotto at the **Social Club** as well as various attractions and food stalls in the **High Street**. Visit the fair on the **Library car park** and watch the procession through the town prior to the switch-on. Look out for more details nearer the time.

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## Food for Thought

The next in the series of expert presentations with discussion will be held on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October. The theme is "Need Homelessness be a premature death sentence?"

The following presentation will be on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> November and is entitled "Islam, what it is and what it isn't."

Sessions are held in Broseley Library and start at 7.30pm. Light refreshments will be provided.

## How We Used to Live

Broseley Local History Society will be holding an Open Day on Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> October in the Victoria Hall, from 10.00am to 3.00pm. They will be displaying some of the artefacts, old photographs and documents in their possession which are not normally on public view. There will be much of interest to local people and you are invited to share your memories, documents or objects with others. For further information, please contact Gillian Pope by phone: 01952 883960 or email: gill.h.pope@googlemail.com.

## Blooming Broseley!

This summer Broseley in Bloom once again organised well-supported garden competitions in the town. Congratulations to the winners, who were: Chris Knight - Best Garden, Tom McDonough - Best Frontage and The Albion - Best Business. Second, third and highly commended places were also awarded.

Broseley in Bloom Chairman Carol Cooper thanked the judges, Ironbridge based Sue Halford and Pam Sheldon, for their time and for the feedback they had given to each individual garden.

If you would like to help to keep Broseley blooming, contact Carol Cooper on 01952 882715.

## Broseley Camera Club

Broseley Camera Club has a reputation for being an informal and friendly group of people who meet once a month to share their photographic experiences. As well as monthly and quarterly competitions, the programme includes both workshops and focus points aimed at helping members improve their photographic abilities. The Club also runs a mentorship scheme where newcomers are encouraged to ask help and advice from more experienced members.

New members are welcome and anyone interested should contact John Horton on 07711 696031, Jan Lancaster on 01952 884766 or visit the website [www.broseleycameraclub.org](http://www.broseleycameraclub.org).

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> October, 14<sup>th</sup> November and 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017. 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: <a href="mailto:broseleytc.clerk@btinternet.com">broseleytc.clerk@btinternet.com</a>
Mr Tarlochen Singh-Mohr	07832 337305	website: <a href="http://www.broseleytowncouncil.co.uk">www.broseleytowncouncil.co.uk</a>
Mr Alan Taylor	07889 939398	The office is open to the public on
Mr Ian West	882448	Thursdays, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon.

## 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: 25<sup>th</sup> September – Foreign Travel, 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Family and 27<sup>th</sup> November – Animals. Just come along and join in.

Rhyme Time, a fun session for pre-school children and their carers, is held on Thursday mornings at 10.30am.

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

## HGV Routes

Together with Barrow and Much Wenlock Councils, we have been able to press Shropshire Council to implement improved routes to direct HGVs around the towns. The new routes should be implemented before the end of this year.

## Birchmeadow Centre

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

[www.birchmeadow.org.uk](http://www.birchmeadow.org.uk)

There's something for everyone: live music, plays, exercise classes, discos, films and even an adult pantomime...

## Multi-Use Games Area

The MUGA, in the grounds of Broseley CofE School, is available for hire by teams or for private parties. For more information please contact Kirsty Jones on 07746 913170.

## Birchmeadow Park

### Changing Rooms

Facilities in the changing rooms on the Birchmeadow Park have recently been improved with the fitting of a new kitchen. The changing rooms can be hired for use in conjunction with the MUGA or separately. For more information contact Trudi Barrett.

## Memorial Bench

The memorial bench for Derrick Pountney has been installed on Maypole Green. Passers-by can sit and enjoy a view over the green to the hills beyond.

## Visit Broseley Website

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

[visitbroseley.co.uk](http://visitbroseley.co.uk)

