

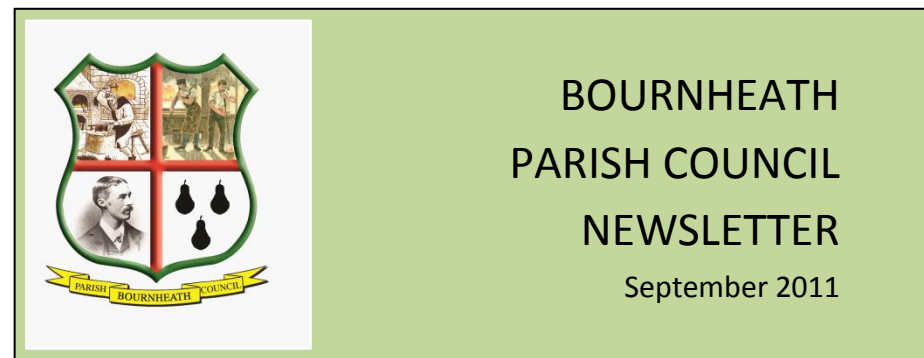
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Current information is posted in the Parish Council's two notice boards which are situated at the crossroads of Fairfield Road with Dodford Road and outside the village hall in Claypit Lane.		

USEFUL DATES

PACT meeting – Thursday 22nd September 2011, 7.30pm
Fairfield Village Hall, Stourbridge Road, Fairfield

Parish Council meetings – usually last Wednesday of every month
21st September / 26th October / 30th November
No meeting in December



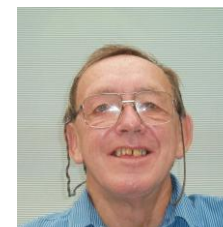
This is your new Parish Council! Parish Council elections were held in May for the parishes in the Bromsgrove District; here in Bournheath it was an uncontested election which resulted in the Parish Council pictured below.



Chairman, Cllr Karen May



Vice-Chairman, Cllr Stuart Hall



Cllr Brian Lodge



Cllr Keith Drew



Cllr Hazel Feeney



Cllr Martin Millinchip



Cllr Steve Westwood

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE – Cllr Karen May

In February of this year Mr Eugene Elijah retired from his role as our Parish Council Clerk. We would like to thank Eugene for his work on behalf of the Parish and we wish him every happiness in his retirement.

We have been very fortunate in finding an experienced new clerk, Mrs Gill Lungley. Gill has many years of experience working with Parish Councils in this district and is currently also the clerk to Catshill and North Marlbrook Parish Council. Her experience is invaluable to this parish and we warmly welcome her to Bournheath.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Sarah and Gary Davies who both served as parish councillors for a number of years; we thank them most sincerely for their valuable contribution.

The past twelve months have as always involved a lot of hard work! Bournheath Parish council hosted the last PACT meeting (Police and Communities Together) at the chapel in October. This PACT meeting involved Fairfield in addition to Dodford and Bournheath and speeding was again raised as a major concern. The next PACT meeting is to be held at Fairfield Village Hall on 22nd September 2011 at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome, please come along and air your views / concerns!

Your Parish Council has also been involved in overseeing the Lengthsman scheme which involves keeping the ditches and culverts running freely, the planting of daffodils around the parish and we once again have had the services of the Probation Service monitored by Cllr Stuart Hall, so a big thank you to Stuart.

Bumble Hole Foods again sponsored the Christmas tree on Tuppenny Cake for which we were most grateful. The Parish Council would also like to thank Mr Nigel Lewis who throughout the year ensures that the flag on Tuppenny Cake is raised on the appropriate dates.

We continue to work very closely with the Village Hall committee on the refurbishment of our village hall. Eric Jenkins of Whitford Construction kindly donated his services and those of his team to install the new kitchen towards which the Parish Council gave a £2k grant. We are most grateful to Eric and his team.

The Parish Council was advised by the Police that a lockable gate to the village hall car park would help to deter anti-social behaviour. Bromsgrove District Council (BDC) supported the idea but could not fund it, so we purchased the gate based on plans drawn up by Bournheath resident Mike Batchelor and approved by BDC. The locking and unlocking of the gate was initially carried out by only three residents Mrs Janet Donnelly, Mrs Janet Morton and Mr Roger Davies – a big thank-you to them. We now have a few more volunteers but we do need more please. **If you are prepared to help then please contact Cllr Keith Drew**, details on page 5.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLANNING

Without wanting to be alarmist, have you ever thought how we would cope should there ever be a full-scale crisis on our doorstep? Thankfully we are blessed with an excellent emergency 'blue-light' service which will spring into action when needed, wherever possible. However think back to the floods of 2007 and the way in which the emergency services were tied up with the more immediate calls for help reducing their effectiveness elsewhere.

As a result of this Worcestershire County Council and Bromsgrove District Council are helping parish councils to complement the emergency services actions by producing a plan for local people to deal with major emergencies. Whilst hoping it will never be used here Bournheath Parish Council would like to have a Community Emergency Plan in place, just in case.

We would be very interested to hear from anyone who would like to help us put together this plan and from anyone who has experience of such a document who could give us some tips!

Please get in touch with Cllr Karen May – tel 01527 575836

PARISH FOOTPATH WARDEN

Phil Grierson recently stood down as the man with the role of ensuring our public footpaths are regularly maintained and walkable; this role has now been taken over by Warren King who will be guided by the county council's environmental services officers!



We are happy to welcome Warren to this challenging position and would like to thank Phil for his efforts over the last few years.

A map of all Bournheath's footpaths is available to view in the Village Hall. If you are aware of any public right of way in the parish that needs attention, please contact Warren on 07985 364632.

Conkers Children's Centre is run by Action For Children and is located on the site of Hagley Primary School, Park Road, Hagley.

All families with children aged 0 – 5 years old are welcomed. A range of activities is offered to help children develop and to support families, new parents and child-minders. Conkers is committed to ensuring the well-being of all children and believes that families should have access to the support they need. Family Support Workers offer help and advice both at the Centre and through home visits.

Conkers Children's Centre works in close partnership with other organisations to provide a range of services at the centre which include a Health Visitor Clinic, Antenatal Clinic, Breastfeeding Support Group and Citizens Advice Bureau.

For more information about activities on offer and the support that can be provided to families please call Centre Lead, Kerry Cullen on **01562 883750** or call in at the Centre where a member of the team will be able to help you.

Environment Matters – Cllr Stuart Hall

Hi fellow parishioners. How time flies! It's a year since our last newsletter however your Parish Council continues with village environment improvements such as the Recreation Ground boundary to Claypit Lane where the hawthorn hedge is getting established and the adjoining bank is grassing over.

The entrance to Bumble Hole Foods has been completed which complements the village entrance and it appears that our traffic problems with heavy lorries passing through the village has all but disappeared which is good news. The entrances to the village should stand out so that visitors are made aware of our village as being something to be proud of and it helps to make motorists aware of housing, hopefully reminding them to regulate their speed accordingly.

Your Parish Council will continue to improve the environment with on-going schemes such as the planting of more bulbs and bench maintenance. It's nice to see the footpath by the Nailers Arms being re-surfaced at last after a long period of lobbying. Let us know of any ideas for future improvements to our village.

As your tree officer I would like to bring to your attention the importance of hedge maintenance. If you own a hedge next to a footpath or highway then you are responsible for looking after it. Worcestershire County Council will provide information about hedgerows and property maintenance - call 0845 607 2005.

Bournheath Village Hall – Cllr Keith Drew

Bournheath Village Hall was built in 1975 primarily for the use of the Parish and Parishioners in the village. In recent times however use by residents has declined somewhat, together with the building itself. Hopefully this will now be a thing of the past and with the renovation of the building parishioners, together with the current life blood of the Hall, will make more use of the facilities on offer.

The Hall has seen a large transformation in the last 12 months or so, with the application of a new quality roof membrane, new double-glazed window units and entrance door to make the building more welcoming. The old kitchen has been gutted and re-fitted with a new range of units and appliances to meet the needs of all those using the Hall. Though very much in keeping with the original, new electric heating has been fitted, together with more up to date control and new coats of paint have been put on the walls. The interior will be brightened further in the not too distant future with more modern lighting.

These improvements have been brought about through the endeavours of the Village Hall Committee, the Parish Council, Veolia Environmental Trust, a £500 gift from Bumble Hole Foods and the generosity of local builder Eric Jenkins of Whitford Construction. Eric has done work on the Hall at cost and his running of the London Marathon this year contributed a further £1066. Thanks to all.

A number of groups use the Village Hall on a regular basis for a wide variety of activities, ie playgroup, mother & baby group, bridge club, dog club, Parish Council etc as well as private functions for the general public. This is however **YOUR** village hall so make the most of it and do consider it for your next social venue, with what are very competitive rates reduced by a further 10% for Bournheath residents. More information is available by telephoning **07843 006412** or online at www.hallshire.com/halls/view/788/bournheath-village-hall.

Many of you will know a lockable gate has been fitted to the Hall's car park to deter travellers, ASB and litter etc. which is proving to be a benefit to the parish as a whole. It is the hirers' responsibility to lock these gates if they are there after 6pm and we have a rota to open and close them when the Hall is not in use. We shall be closing the gates at 5pm when the clocks 'go back'.

Should any Parishioner wish to help on the gate rota this would be very much appreciated: please telephone me, Keith Drew the village hall's parish council representative, on **07850 022027**.



Here's a great way to raise funds and have fun at the same time!

WORCESTERSHIRE LADIES ASKED TO PUT THEIR HEELS ON MARIE CURIE'S WHEELS!

Ladies, ever wondered what it's like to drive an ambulance, a police car or even a lorry? Well now is your chance to find out...

Marie Curie Cancer Care is launching the 2011 Ladies Driving Challenge – the ladies-only driving experience day taking place on Sunday 23rd October at Throckmorton.

Whether you are registering yourself or friends, mums, grandmothers or aunts as an alternative gift for birthdays, anniversaries or hen parties the Ladies Driving Challenge is a fun day out for all the family.

By signing up and raising a minimum amount of £100 you can ensure the Marie Curie Nurses in our local area can continue to offer free and specialised care to terminally ill patients and their families.

To register today you can visit www.mariecurie.org.uk/events or call 08700 340 040.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

We are fortunate in Bournheath to have the ever-vigilant Bryan Hewett and his team to watch over the community and warn us of any incidents that have occurred in the area. There is also the opportunity to purchase SmartWater – come along to the PACT meeting on Thursday 22nd September, details on page 8, to find out more.

KNOW YOUR VILLAGE

DID you know:-

- that up to 1799 Bournheath was a large area of heathland including Lickey and Wildmoor situated in the Manor of Bromsgrove?
- Tuppenny Cake, the grass triangle at the cross roads with Doctors Hill and Fairfield Road (pictured on page 3) was probably named after a cake of similar shape sold at Bromsgrove Fair for 2d?

We are still working closely with the Highways Agency (HA) regarding the public footpath off Wildmoor Lane where there are concerns that children have been accessing the motorway and residents have been experiencing anti-social behaviour. I have been told that the HA have referred the problem to the Board for special consideration.



Regarding the highways we have been told that the parish grit bins will be replenished by October this year – please note this grit is for community use to benefit us all and is not to be used on private driveways! The Parish Council also reports any fly-tipping as soon as it is noted.

In February we were made aware of a leachate (pollution) issue in the Doctor's Hill water course where the culvert goes under the road. The Environment Agency allocated a national incident number for this and they are looking into the cause of the problem; we are hoping legal action will be taken against the culprit. Your Parish Council continues to monitor the situation closely with all the relevant bodies.

So what of the future? Going forward your parish council is aiming to achieve Quality Parish Status. This will provide greater opportunities to help the parish develop and more forward. This will take a lot of extra work and dedication on the part of our parish councillors and clerk.



We all live in a lovely part of the country – let's work together to enhance and protect it; there's more about our environment in this newsletter.

Please remember you are always welcome to attend parish council meetings, the notices for which will be displayed on the parish council notice boards. Meetings start at 7.30pm and are usually held on the last Wednesday of the month in Bournheath Village Hall.

Thank you for your continued support.

Cllr Karen May