

Dear Resident

There will probably be a few street parties over the Jubilee Weekend, but these aren't feasible for everyone. The Parish Council is, though, organising a family style party at the Bittell Road playing field between 2.30 and 5.00 on Sunday 5 June. There will be food and drink with some organised activities. Let's hope the weather is kind to everyone.

In previous issues I have written about the Parish Council's pursuit of lifts at the railway station. These should have been installed to comply with Equality Act legislation in 2015. I hope I don't regret saying this, but progress is looking promising.

Network Rail has now completed its detailed scoping and costings which are being submitted to the Department for Transport for approval. This should be granted in the next few weeks. Network Rail has already lined up its contractors to commence work in August 2022. Fingers crossed.

Robert Cholmondeley, Chair, Barnt Green Parish Council

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Parish Council Office Move and New Executive Officer

The Parish Council office has moved from the front of 80 Hewell Road to the rear office. The move has ensured that the office is more accessible for disabled residents, the front office had a couple of steps and also no rear exit. Tracy Bodley has left the Parish Council for pastures new and Eleanor Choudry was appointed as Executive Officer and started in the role in February. We are pleased to welcome back the public now that the office is open again. The hours of opening are Monday to Thursdays 10 am - 1pm, email exec@barntgreen.org.uk, call 0121 447 9893.

Bittell Road Playing Field

Due to the success and increased usage of the tarmac footpath at the playing field the timber play equipment has been used more frequently and this has resulted in the ground surrounding the equipment becoming wet and muddy. We are looking at alternative drainage options with guidance from Worcestershire County Council to ensure that a permanent solution is found so that the area can be used all year round.

Millennium Park

The Parish Council has received £2000 from Bromsgrove District Council Welcome Back Fund to spend on planting. £800 has been spent improving the appearance of the boundary fence in Millennium Park by planting laurel trees.

Annual Parish Meeting Update

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Monday 25th April at Barnt Green Cricket Club. Adrian Kriss (Worcestershire County Councillor) advised that the footpath at the front of Barnt Green Inn will have the kerb dropped and the kerb will be raised at Fiery Hill Road due to cars mounting the pavement. The pavement adjacent to the railway station will also have the kerb dropped to allow disabled access. A resident explained the difficulty of taking a case when catching the train due to the stairs. We are hopeful that the work to install the lifts will begin in August.

Electric Vehicle charging point in the commuter car park

With fuel prices increasing more people are being encouraged to move to an electric car and it is becoming more viable as more infrastructure is put in place. We are



pleased that Barnt Green has its own Electric Vehicle Charging Point in the Community Car park in Fiery Hill Road . The EV Charger is part of Bromsgrove District Council government 's funding scheme and we hope it will bring benefits to residents, taxi drivers, visitors to the area and to the environment.

Barnt Green Gateway Information Board

Gateway Information Boards have been located at the four entrances to the Country Park including at the Fordrough (opposite Barnt Green Station) The board is double sided with a map of the County Park on one side and information about the area on the other.

Troop Aid

Once again the Parish Council Office has offered to be a drop in Centre for donations to Troop Aid who are in urgent need of Shower Gel, single toothbrushes, toothpaste, stick deodorants and razors for their grab bags. When our military get injured or fall ill, Troop Aid grab bags are waiting for them on their hospital bed, whether at home or abroad in their Field Hospitals where we are still active.

Our nation has a military presence in many countries and whether in action, advising or training, injuries and illness still occur. We would like to thank everyone for their previous donations as your support enables us to carry on.

Brass Beatz Saturday 2nd July Millennium Park



On Saturday 2nd July Brass Beatz nine piece party band will again, as last year, be hosting a free afternoon of entertainment and delighting audiences with their popular music.

Refreshments will be available from local businesses Warwick Butchers and Village Vinyards. The Citizens Advice Bureau will have a stall to raise awareness of their independent organisation that gives advice to assist people with debt, housing, legal and other problems. Come along and enjoy the outdoor entertainment!





Hot Donuts

Inflatable Obstacle Course

WE'RE CELEBRATING!

Burgers

Family Picnic

**THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM
JUBILEE ON SUNDAY 5TH JUNE**

COME JOIN US AT BITTELL ROAD PLAYING FIELDS FROM 2.30PM TO 5PM

Inflatable Slide Games and Competitions Refreshments Music

Find out more www.barntgreenparishcouncil.org.uk Barnt Green Parish Council



**Come and join us for an afternoon of fun to
celebrate the
Queen's Platinum Jubilee!**

Jubilee Beacon Trail

Over 100 communities across the UK are taking part in this historic celebration and the official family story trail is in Barnt Green. 7 businesses along Hewell Road have posters in their windows where 7 whimsical characters can be found as they go on an adventure. Simply scan the QR codes to collect digital stamps and choose what happens in the story! You will be guided through the history of the Queen's 70 year reign.

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE BEACON TRAIL
30TH APRIL - 12TH JUNE 2022
A FREE, FAMILY OUTDOOR ADVENTURE
HELP for HEROES
Trustpilot ★★★★★
SCAN TO SEE ME IN AR
TAKE PART IN THIS HISTORIC CELEBRATION WITH THE OFFICIAL FAMILY STORY-TRAIL IN BARNT GREEN. MEET 7 WHIMSICAL CHARACTERS TO FIND AS THEY GO ON AN ADVENTURE. NOT ONLY THAT BUT SIX BARNT GREEN BEACONS WILL GUIDE YOU THROUGH THE HISTORY OF THE QUEEN'S 70 YEAR REIGN.
SIMPLY SCAN THE QR CODES, INSPIRED BY LOCATIONS NEARBY, TO COLLECT DIGITAL STAMPS. YOU'LL GET TO CHOOSE WHAT HAPPENS IN THE STORY AND SEE THE CHARACTERS COME TO LIFE IN AUGMENTED REALITY.
GO TO THE WEBSITE BELOW TO START YOUR FREE, FAMILY ADVENTURE.

JubileeBeaconTrail.com
Barnt Green, 30th April - 12th June

Beacon Lighting

On Thursday 2 June, more than 1,500 beacons will be lit across the country at 9.45pm to mark the 70th anniversary of the Queen's coronation. Worcester's beacon lighting event will take place at Fort Royal Hill from 7pm. It's free for all to attend and will host family friendly activities, refreshments and entertainment from Got to Sing choir.

Visitors to Bromsgrove's Sanders Park can commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee this June with a fantastic community event. On Thursday June 2, visitors to the park can enjoy the free event from 5pm until 10pm. Bromsgrove District Council are working alongside partners and community organisations to bring together a celebratory event with food, street entertainment, and music, finished with the ceremonial lighting of the beacons in the park with local choirs at 9.45pm.



Sign up to receive alerts from your local policing teams www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk



If you or anyone had a “Dashcam” in their cars and witness poor or reckless driving, this can be sent to:

<https://www.westmercia.police.uk//police-forces/west-mercia-police/areas/westmercia/campaigns/campaigns/2019/operation-snap/>

Community Speed Watch is an education tool and will only be allowed to happen on roads where speed data shows speeds to be below the enforcement threshold ie. 10% +2 (35 in a 30 limit). Also, it cannot take place in areas where the Roads Safety Tam (RST) already have sites.

Another important consideration is the safety of the volunteers – CSW cannot be conducted on “faster” roads – it is predominantly for use in villages subject to 30mph limits. If anyone from the community wish to take part in Community Speed Watch (CSW), please contact your local safer neighbourhood team at www.westmercia.police.uk by emailing

roadsafety1@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Barnt Green Parish Council has moved, relocating from the front office at 80 Hewell Road to the rear office of the same address. This has enabled facilitation of improved access for all users and incorporates a dedicated permanent meeting space seating up to 15 people.

If you would like to hire the meeting room please contact the office for terms of hire and a booking form. Email exec@barntgreen.org.uk or call 0121 447 9893.

Facilities include: set meeting style table layout for 8 people, toilet facilities, kitchen available upon request, internet provision with conference screen to enable power point presentation / video conferencing etc.

Community Mental Health – Volunteer Opportunity

ONSIDE is a charity working across Worcestershire and Herefordshire, established in 1993 stemming from a belief that everyone has the right to be a valued human being and to be treated in a just and fair way. In support of this belief we provide a range of support and services to ensure fairness and equality for adults who may be vulnerable, disadvantaged or discriminated against. This includes mental and physical ill health, sensory impairment, learning disability, drug and alcohol misuse, older people, and carers. In collaboration with Worcestershire Association of Carers and Springfield MIND we provide a range of support designed to address the wider social and practical needs of people living with mental ill health. Working within the neighbourhood mental health teams alongside clinical and other mental health services, Community Mental Health Link Workers guide patients through local health, social care and neighbourhood services.

Community Mental Health Volunteers support adults:

who have been signposted to community activities (e.g. walking groups, choirs, groups), information and advice in both individual and group peer support settings. This is the right role for you if you want to make a positive difference to someone's mental wellbeing. We are looking for people who can offer compassionate practical support to those living with mental ill health. All training required for this role is provided.

Please contact John Turner for more information John.turner@onside-advocacy.org.uk

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2022

BARNT GREEN COMMUNITY WALK

There will be a choice of 3 guided walks, 8, 5 or 3 miles long. Returning for food, drink and live music at approximately 5pm. More details to follow.