

# PARISH NEWS

## HIGHLIGHT

The Councillors have been busy working behind the scenes over the last few months.

They have undertaken a survey amongst residents regarding the village green, held meetings with a proposed youth football team, continued to support the speed watch, along with attending various community events within the WI, the Church, and the Village Club.

## MEETING DATES

The Parish Council meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month in the sports pavilion on Rectory Close. Here are the upcoming dates for your diary for 2026 which all start at 7.30pm:

21<sup>st</sup> July 2026

15<sup>th</sup> September 2026

20<sup>th</sup> October 2026

17<sup>th</sup> November 2026

## COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The council still currently holds 2 vacant position.

If any residents within the Parish or nearby (within 3miles)\* would like to be considered, please reach out and speak to the Clerk or one of the current councillors.

\*Further eligibility rules apply

## BEST KEPT VILLAGE & COMMUNITY

We are delighted to be taking part in the Best Kept Village & Community Awards this year. A huge thank you to all the community groups who contributed to our application and continue to make our village such a vibrant and welcoming place to live.

Thank you to residents who helped with the planters ahead of the first round of judging.

## VILLAGE HANDYMAN

Since being appointed, Roger has been busy working around the village. His various jobs have included weeding the park flower beds, gathering leaves, fixing the cobbles on the green, and clearing the slippery moss on the pavement by the historic site. Thank you to Matt Bond, TGS Ltd, for the donation of a large water butt to assist Roger with the upkeep of the village flower beds and planter.

## PARKING

The council has received various comments about parking issues in the village. Residents are reminded that vehicles should be parked within the Highway Code and not block pavements or park across grass verges.

## SPEEDWATCH

Over the last 12 months, the group has undertaken 28 hours of surveying. 5079 vehicles have been recorded, of which 310 (6%) were speeding. This averages 181 vehicles travelling through the village per 1-hour session.

## WHAT'S ON

**27 June** - Free entry for armed forces members to Tamworth Castle for Armed Forces Day

**26-28 June** - Tamworth Tribute Festival, Castle Grounds

**27 June** - Hoedown event, Drayton Bassett Village Club

**4 July 2-5pm** - Picnic in the Park, Drayton Bassett Park

**until 10 July** - Staffy Trail, across Staffordshire

**10 September** - Tamworth Beer Festival, Assembly Rooms

**19 September** - Mayor of Tamworth's Folk Fundraising Concert, Drayton Bassett Village Club

**13 December** - Over 60s Christmas Lunch

**18 December** - Carols in the Croft

**Parkrun** - Every Saturday at 9am, Castle Grounds

**Junior Parkrun** - Every Sunday at 9am, Castle Grounds

## LADIES KEEP FIT

The group runs weekly sessions from the Village Club on a Wednesday afternoon. Please reach out to Georgina or the club to be placed on the waiting list for a space.

## LINE DANCING

Do you fancy giving line dancing a go? Classes are held every Thursday 7-8pm in the Village Club, £8 on the door.

## VILLAGE CLUB

The Village Club is open to any member of the public; membership is not essential. The committee has been working hard and has various events running, such as monthly quiz nights. Why not pop in for a drink and say hi?

## VEGGIES

Picnic in the park is back for another year! Grab your picnics, chairs and blankets and join the Village Entertainment Group for an afternoon of fun on Saturday 4th July from 2pm in the village park.

## MANOR PRIMARY

The school is looking for a co-opted governor to join the governing body. No prior experience is needed. For further information, please contact the school office at [office@manor.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@manor.staffs.sch.uk)



## VILLAGE GREEN CONSULTATION

We received 41 replies. The most popular replies were that residents liked the chains, posts, and bench, and the most disliked aspect of the green was the current tree. Many residents felt that the green did require some work on its appearance. The council will look further into what grants may be available to then hopefully enable us to make some improvements in line with the survey results.