

# Welcome



Drayton Bassett Parish Council

**A WARM WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY**



*Sir Robert Peel Coat of Arms*

People have lived in Drayton Bassett since at least 1100 AD as we learnt from 1980's building excavations when remains of a moated house were uncovered. For many, Drayton Bassett is principally known as the village of Sir Robert Peel (1788-1850), the Prime Minister who introduced the police force or "Bobbies" to Britain and whose resting place is in the vault at St Peter's Church.

It is also known as being next door to Drayton Manor Theme Park, one of the country's major amusement parks built on the site of Sir Robert's former home, Drayton Manor.

But those who have chosen to come to live in a small village, rather than in a large urban area, will want to know about community life, amenities and activities. The village population at the 2021 Census was 1075 and includes a rich blend of residents; old and new housing and the outlying farming area which gives the district much of its character.

There is a strong sense of community here which we hope you will become an active part of and that you find the practical information in this booklet provided by the parish council, useful to you.

We look forward to getting to know you and wish you a happy future in Drayton Bassett!

## SCHOOLS

### Manor Primary Academy

A school was established by Lady Julia Peel, the wife of the Prime Minister in 1830 for the poor children of the village and housed in Old School Row. In 1905 this was replaced by a public elementary school, now Manor Primary Academy. It is a small friendly school located in heart of our delightful village. The school caters for around 100 pupils of ages 3-11, including a small Nursery. There is wraparound care available, with before and after school clubs.

The school converted to academy status in 2022 and joined the local Fierté MAT. It is committed to working closely as a trust to develop the best possible learning for all children in all their schools.

With 4 classrooms, plus a Nursery class, the school is organised into mixed-age classes: 'Robins' are Nursery and Reception class; 'Swans' are Year 1 and 2; 'Owls' are Year 3 and 4 and 'Penguins' are Year 5 and 6. Reception year is typically oversubscribed with applications.

The school enjoys very supportive Governors, staff and parents, which contribute to a happy, safe and secure environment. Every child is valued as an individual, is recognised for their unique talents and accepted for who they are. Learners are happy, motivated, capable, enthusiastic, well-behaved children and are willing and eager to learn.

The Headteacher Mr Simon Robson is always pleased to see parents. Please ring the Office Manager on 01827 213820 for an appointment.

Email address: [headteacher@manor.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@manor.staffs.sch.uk)

Website: [Home | Manor Primary Academy](#)

## SECONDARY SCHOOLS

There's a selection of State and private schools in the area. School buses take students to and from **Rawlett AET Academy**, Comberford Road, Tamworth (01827 57178).

## PRE SCHOOL

**Little Acorns Nursery**, Oak Farm, Drayton Lane, Drayton Bassett, Tamworth B78 3EF (01827 289537). 53 places from birth to pre-school. Age ranges from 3 months to 8 years. Owner: Margaret Kinson. Manager: Sarah Jones.

## ORGANISATIONS

### Women's Institute

General meetings are at 7.30pm in the W.I.Hall, Heathley Lane on the second Wednesday of the month. Members of all backgrounds and ages. Wide range of speakers and activities, including crafts and talks of general interest. New members always welcome. Contact their President Anne Foley 07745 630427 or [afoley3@sky.com](mailto:afoley3@sky.com)

The hall is available to hire for functions - children's parties etc. Contact Linda Shears, Hall Booking Secretary on 01827 280551 or [linshears@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:linshears@hotmail.co.uk)

### St Peter's Church

- ❖ Morning Worship Service every Sunday at 09:30.
- ❖ Holy Communion the first Sunday each month at 09:30
- ❖ Parish Prayer every Thursday 09:15 - 10:00.

The Church tower, dating from 1300's, was commissioned by Ralph Lord Bassett. The rest of the building was replaced in 1790's by the first Sir Robert Peel. It was enlarged later in memory of the famous Sir Robert Peel who died in 1850 and is entombed here.

Today the church still thrives, with a warm friendly atmosphere. It is part of the Peel Group of Parishes with Rev Jonathan Iddon as minister and the help of excellent lay readers and clergy.

If you would like to learn more or talk about any problems or concerns, please contact:

Jean Jennings - 01827 261278

Judith Haden-Homer - 07770892615

Bookings for baptisms, weddings and funerals are made through the Peel Parishes Office located in St Paul's Church, Fazeley. Contact 01827 289414 between 09:00 to 12 noon or email: [admin@peelparishes.org](mailto:admin@peelparishes.org)

## **Village Club**

Offers a friendly local licensed club for the village. Opening hours: Monday - Thursday 6pm - 10pm; Friday 5pm - 12pm; Saturday 12 noon - midnight; Sunday 12 noon - 11pm. Joining and annual membership fee applies - children are welcome.

Regular events take place during the year: Karaoke nights, Quiz nights, BBQ's and outside entertainment for adults and children during the summer months. Bank Holiday events are open to members free of charge.

Room hire is available for birthday parties, funerals and weddings. Priority bookings for members.

Contact Carla on 01827 250031 or call in.

## **Art Class**

The Art Group meet each Friday 09:30 to 12:30 at the W.I. Hall. Contact Ruby Walker on 07817 510437.

## **Leisure/Sports Facilities**

Those locally include Belfry, Lea Marston, Drayton Manor, Snowdome, Banantyne's and Strikers Bowl.

## **Other Services**

### **Book Exchange**

A good selection of books available from:

- ❖ The porch of the W.I Hall, each Friday between 10.30 - 12.30

### **Mobile Library**

Every other Tuesday outside the church 10:25 - 11:25 (approx).

### **Refuse Collection**

Tuesday's alternate weeks:

- ❖ domestic refuse (black bins)
- ❖ garden (brown) & recycle Bin and Bag (blue)

Note: Lichfield District Council charge an annual fee to empty brown bins. The charge for 2024 is £36.00.

## Shopping

Nearby Fazeley shops include Tesco Express, pharmacy, post office, fish & chip shop, Cantonese and Indian restaurants /takeaways and fuel station.

There are two retail parks between Fazeley and Tamworth with major stores such as M & S, Boots, Asda, Aldi, Lidl, Sainsbury, and many others:

- ❖ Ventura Park
- ❖ Anchorside

There is also nearby Sutton Coldfield for many other other stores.

## Local Doctors and Dentists

To find a GP or dentist that serves Drayton Bassett, go to the NHS web pages at <https://www.nhs.uk/> and use the search facilities.

## Hospitals

**Sir Robert Peel Hospital**, Plantation Lane, Mile Oak (01283 593110). Facilities include Minor Injuries Clinic, though no resident doctor. This does not provide A & E services.

**Good Hope Hospital**, Rectory Road, Sutton Coldfield (0121 424 2000), with accident and emergency services.

**Police** - Police Community Support Officer - Davina Hickman PCSO 6642

Email: [Davina.Hickman@staffordshire.police.uk](mailto:Davina.Hickman@staffordshire.police.uk)

Tel: 07890 317765

Your PCSO exists to support your community and make it a safer place to live. Do not hesitate to contact him if you need assistance with any policing issues or you know someone who does.

Visit Staffordshire Police website for advice and information on police related issues:

[www.staffordshire.police.uk](http://www.staffordshire.police.uk)

Use the 101 number for all non-emergencies and use the 999 number for an emergency or a crime in progress.

## PARISH COUNCIL

### Councillors:

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The Council deals with a range of matters of practical concern to villagers, including local amenities, facilities, and will work with other organisations and agencies to represent the views of Drayton Bassett.

Council meetings are held monthly (except August and December) at 7:30pm on the third Tuesday of the month in the sports pavilion, Rectory Close and the public are always welcome.

The agenda is posted on the Parish notice board outside the Village Club car park, on the wall of the sports pavilion and also on the Parish website which also contains other useful information.

Contact the Parish Clerk if there is anything you feel would help improve the quality of life in Drayton Bassett

Email: [parishclerk@draytonbassett-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@draytonbassett-pc.gov.uk)

Website: [Home - Drayton Bassett Parish Council](#)

Facebook: [facebook.com/DraytonBassettParishCouncil](https://facebook.com/DraytonBassettParishCouncil)

The information contained in this booklet is correct at time of publication. If you have any comments or suggestions for additional information, please contact: [parishclerk@draytonbassett-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@draytonbassett-pc.gov.uk)

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